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Extremadura 14 – 22 March 2023

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Our base for the holiday was Martin and Claudia Kelsey's Casa El Recuerdo in San Clemente <a href="https://www.casaruralelrecuerdo.com/">www.casaruralelrecuerdo.com/</a>

Report and wildlife lists by Martin Kelsey

Photos were all taken on the holiday by Ruth Dow (RD) and Martin Kelsey.

Cover: great spotted cuckoo and Italian man orchids.

Below: group photo, taken at Casa El Recuerdo.



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# DAILY DIARY

Return to Madrid with stops on plains west of Trujillo and near Valdecañas dam.

#### 14 March 2023: Pick-up Madrid and transfer to Casa Rural El Recuerdo

22 March:

The group arrived half an hour ahead of schedule at Terminal One Madrid airport, with Martin only just arriving when they had retrieved baggage and entered the arrival area. It was a warm, sunny afternoon, a great contrast to wintry Britain. We set off along the southern ring road of Madrid and then onto the motorway for Extremadura. A group of Monk Parakeets flew across the road, a common exotic species in the city.

We crossed the vast arable plains of La Mancha, and about halfway started to see holm oaks and dehesa landscape with livestock. At that stage we were travelling parallel to the great Gredos Mountain chain, with just tiny patches of snow visible at the highest peaks. Birds such as White Stork and Red Kites were seen. We made a stop for refreshments, watching Barn Swallows nesting under the awnings of the windows. A Great White Egret flew majestically past. The final leg of the journey went very smoothly, and we arrived at Casa Rural El Recuerdo just after 7pm.

### 15 March 2023: The plains west of Trujillo and near Santa Marta de Magasca.

A beautiful cloudless sky greeted us in the morning, and so it remained all day. With hardly any wind, it became quite warm by midday. As we headed out of the village, we were treated by a pair of Great Spotted Cuckoos which perched on the wires beside the road. We skirted around Trujillo and made our first stop at the edge of the plains. On a walk along a sandy track, we were accompanied continuously with the song of Calandra Larks and Corn Buntings. We also obtained excellent views of both Crested and Thekla Larks. A group of Great Bustards were seen almost straightaway in flight and then rather distantly on the ground. We saw a party of Little Bustards in flight, rather closer to us. An adult Spanish Imperial Eagle was perched on a tree in excellent light and we also saw Red and Black Kites. Three Iberian Grey Shrikes were in a territorial dispute along the track. The winter drought and long period of very cold weather meant that the botany was hard work, as most plants were yet in flower. However, we found clusters of Hoop-Petticoat Narcissus and Sand Crocuses.



Little bustards over the plains.

After a coffee in the friendly little village square of Santa Marta de Magasca, where House Martins were building nests on the town hall, we made a stop overlooking the Tamuja River, with both Griffon and Black Vultures drifting overhead.

North of the village, we had our picnic beside the River Magasca, watching Spanish Terrapins, Crag Martins and Sardinian Warblers.



Sawfly orchid

Back on the plains, we walked along an ancient Drovers' Trail, seeing a group of Little Bustards. Larks were surrounding us with their song. Three Short-toed Eagles appeared together. Sawfly Orchids were starting to come put into flower as well as Star of Bethlehem, and we had views of a very obliging Western Psammodromus lizard (others quickly scarpered for cover, thanks to the warm sunshine, as we approached).

We then made a stop in the area of granite outcrops near Trujillo, with White Broom in flower and some Yellow Toadflax, but again other species which we were hoping to find were simply not yet in flower.

We made a final stop beside the old grain silo at the edge of Trujillo where we had wonderful views of perhaps a dozen Lesser Kestrels, including a male carrying a lizard and a pair mating. The sunshine and blue skies made for excellent conditions to watch them.

### 16 March 2023: Monfragüe National Park

It was another fine sunny day and as we assembled at the van, we watched a pair of Short-toed Eagles gliding and hovering over the hillside. We headed north across a vast landscape of *dehesa* on our way to the Monfragüe National Park.

At Monfragüe we stopped at the viewpoint looking across the Tagus River to the enormous Peña Falcon cliff. A Subalpine Warbler sang at the top of a holm oak in front of us. Numerous Griffon Vultures were nesting on this vast quartzite rockface and soaring over the cliff. They dwarfed a Peregrine as it soared above the pinnacle. Black Vultures glided overhead and two Egyptian Vultures passed the rock as well. We had superb views of Black Stork in flight and at the nest. Smaller birds included several Blue Rock Thrushes and Black Redstarts. Growing on the rock face close to us were Spanish Adenocarpus bearing yellow flowers.

We stopped beside the Tagus River, just where the bridge crosses to admire the huge House Martin colony and several Alpine Swifts. Taking a walk in the shady edge of the mixed woodland, we looked at some of the deciduous trees coming into leaf, such as Montpellier Maple and Portuguese Oak. At some Nettle Trees, still in bud, a Nettle Tree Butterfly was settling nicely. We also watched a Short-toed Treecreeper there.

Stopping for a welcome coffee at the hamlet of Villareal de San Carlos we were rewarded as we returned to the van with the sight of four Common Cranes passing over on migration.





Monfragüe National Park, overlooking Peña Falcon; Moorish gecko.

Our picnic was in a grove of Southern Elm trees beside the Tiétar River. Here too a Subalpine Warbler was singing and at last all of us were able to get good views.

Better was in store at our next stop at the Portilla del Tétar where a Subalpine Warbler sang and fed, quite oblivious to our presence. Magnificent. At the same viewpoint we saw a pair of Spanish Imperial Eagle and the top of the head of a brooding Eagle Owl, ensconced at its nest site. Angel's Tears Narcissus graced us with their beauty on the bank beside the road.

We continued to visit a cork oak dehesa and then turned around to make our return through the park. We stopped to admire more Angel's Tear Narcissus and then again beside the Tagus River where three Moorish Geckos were enjoying the afternoon sunshine on a slate notice board.



Cork oak, Barbary nut iris (RD).

# 17 March 2023: Campo Lugar plains, rice fields and Alcollarín Reservoir

There was fresh wind that continued through pretty much the whole day, it remained dry (apart from a short shower as we were driving) and there were periods of sunshine with some cloud. We travelled southwards, crossing into the basin of the Guadiana River, through the town of Zorita and onward to the plains of Campo Lugar. Calandra Larks and Corn Buntings were in full song. Griffon Vultures cruised overhead and at one stop we saw two male Little Bustards in hot pursuit, making a wide circular flight.

We made a brief detour to see the rice fields south of the village, all dry as witness to last year's lack of water to cultivate a crop. After coffee in a friendly bar from which we could watch a large House Martin colony, we headed to the relatively new reservoir of Alcollarín. We stopped first downstream of the main dam, getting lovely views of Cetti's Warbler, Spanish Sparrows and Red-rumped Swallows. A juvenile Bonelli's Eagle soared overhead.

We then moved to small subsidiary reservoir, beside a picnic area. There were Mallard, Teal and Gadwall on the water. Along the edge of the water, a feeding party of Spoonbills and Great White Egrets standing beside Little Egrets, affording us an excellent comparison in size. A Greenshank and Green Sandpiper were also present. Most interestingly were the number of Vagrant Emperor dragonflies, including a mating pair which settled and stayed put for all of us to see.

After our picnic we explored the eastern shore of the reservoir, adding plants to our botanical list and timing it perfectly to see freshly opened Barbary Nut Irises, this curious afternoon-flowering species. We also saw a Common Cuckoo (which had been calling during our picnic).



Alcollarín Reservoir

We spent the rest of the afternoon on the western shore, finding a juvenile Common Crane, seeing more Spoonbills, groups of Wigeon and having good views of Lesser Kestrels and Black Kites.

We dined in Madroñera and, after dinner, stopped to listen to the Scops Owl calling in the small town park.

18 March 2023: Plains east of Cáceres, Arroyo de la Vid, River Almonte, Jaraicejo and Trujillo town. It was a fresher morning, with low cloud and a cool wind. We spent the morning on the plains just east of Cáceres city where at our first stop we enjoyed the wonderful sight of a displaying Great Bustard, along with over thirty other birds present. We then took a dirt road for a few kilometres across the plains. Our search was for sandgrouse, but we managed only views in flight of Black-bellied and Pin-tailed Sandgrouse and then a group of the latter on the ground, but by which time despite the rather cloudy weather the heat haze made viewing through the telescope difficult. A group of ten Little Bustards were seen on the ground and a distant male Hen harrier. On our return we saw two Short-toed Larks. We had coffee nearby and watched a Booted Eagle circling nearby.

We then headed back towards Trujillo, swinging north to Jaraicejo where we stopped at the pretty Arroyo de la Vid. A Sardinian Warbler sang in view and we heard a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. South of Jaraicejo we enjoyed a picnic close to the River Almonte. Vultures passed overhead and Iberian Water Frogs were in the river among the water's crowfoot.





River Almonte; Geniez's Wall Lizard.

We spent the afternoon visiting the historic town of Trujillo, moving from the 16<sup>th</sup> century Main Square up to the oldest part, the Moorish castle at the top of the town, working through the early medieval walled city and then back into the Main Square. Our journey through history, embracing two continents was accompanied by Crag Martins and White Storks, a Geniez's Wall Lizard, a Fire Bug and wonderful views of the surrounding landscape.

Returning to Pago de San Clemente we stopped to look at Champagne Orchids.

# 19 March 2023: Cultivated land and rivers near Madrigalejo, Puerto Peña, Moheda Alta, Sierra Brava Reservoir

A warm, sunny and mainly windless day and we started in good form again with the pair of Great Spotted Cuckoos on the wires as we left the village. We returned to the area south of Zorita, making a first stop along a near near Madrigalejo. Here we had an outstanding morning, with superb views of a pair of Blackwinged Kites, in flight and perched, two pairs of Great Spotted Cuckoos in territorial dispute as well as great views of Iberian Grey and Woodchat Shrikes and a gorgeous Great White Egret in a pool covered with water's Crowfoot.

We then stopped beside the River Ruercas to watch a throng of Common Chiffchaffs feeing on insects close to the water's edge. A male Marsh Harrier was engaged in a wonderful sky dance. There were Grey Wagtails, Green Sandpipers and Snipe, as well as Tree Sparrows. Distantly, Collared Pratincoles were heard but they could not be located.

After coffee in Madrigalejo, we stopped beside the River Gargaligas, where a White Stork was nesting on a pole, with House Sparrows using the nest as their own colony. We then drove east to the gorge of Puerto Peña, where the River Guadiana enters its floodplain. There were vultures and Alpine Swifts, and plants such as Mastic Tree and Junipers to look at whilst we had our lunch.

We spent an hour or so walking through the dehesa of Moheda Alta. It was very dry and quite warm, so there was not much to add botanically, but we finally got some views of Western Dappled White butterflies. We completed the day beside the Sierra Brava reservoir, where there was another distant Collared Pratincole, the Barbary Nut Irises were coming into their afternoon show and a group of three Common Cranes was unexpected.

# 20 March 2023: Alange, Jabata Valley and Mérida

A warm and sunny day throughout, with no wind, so we enjoyed wonderful spring weather. We stopped first in the pleasant little park in Madroñera to search for, unsuccessfully, Scops Owls. There were, however, a few Pallid Swifts flying overhead.

Then it was the long drive down to Alange, stopping at the dam and taking a walk beside the rocky outcrop. We had excellent views of a male Black Wheatear. A Willow Warbler sang quietly, Spanish Festoons flew past and we found some interesting plants, but especially were delighted by the amazing show of Asphodel Lilies.

Following coffee in Alange, we repaired to the Jabata valley, a wonderful setting full of flowers, noteworthy especially were the Iberian Fritillaries and Green-winged Orchids. There were numerous Yellow Anemones, and also Narrow-leaved and Sage-leaved Cistus in flower. Thekla Larks sang tunefully above us





Iberian fritillaries; Jabata valley.

We then returned to the Alange reservoir, eventually finding some rather distant Collared Pratincoles. Onwards to Mérida where we visited the Roman Bridge. Here we had excellent views of Pallid and Alpine Swift, a wonderfully concealed Little Bittern, as well as Black-crowned Night Heron, Glossy Ibis and Purple Swamphens.

#### 21 March 2023: Arrocampo Reservoir, Almaráz Hill, Miravete Pass and Jaraicejo

It was another day of perfect weather, hardly any wind, clear skies and warm temperature. We spent the first part of morning at the Arrocampo Reservoir, near the village of Saucedilla. It was a superb visit, with excellent views of roosting Black-crowned Night Heron, a Squacco Heron, several Purple Herons and

Purple Swamphens. We also had good views of a Savi's Warbler, saw Bearded Tits briefly, a dark phase Booted Eagle glided over and an Iberian Grey Shrike showed itself wonderfully.

Following coffee we visited the Almaraz Hill and enjoyed the superb show of orchids there, including Naked Man, Woodcock, Conical and Mirror Orchids. There was a strong supporting cast of flora, such as Tassel Hyacinth and Grey-leaved Cistus.

We had lunch on the pass at Miravete, looking in one direction over Arrocampo Reservoir with the Gredos Mountains behind and to the south, the dehesas towards Trujillo. Serins in song accompanied us.

We completed the afternoon visiting an area of heath near Jaraicejo where we had several sightings of Dartford Warbler and Thekla lark, as well as butterflies such as Western Dappled White, Bath White and Queen of Spain Fritillary. We wandered down to a beautiful cork oak grove to complete the afternoon, where Angel's Tears Narcissus were in flower.

# 22 March 2023: Return to Madrid with stops on plains west of Trujillo and near Valdecañas dam

The holiday ended as it had started, in wonderful sunny weather. We bade farewell to Casa Rural El Recuerdo and made a stop west of Trujillo on the plains. Here we had good views of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse on the ground and a wonderful male Little Bustard. We were embraced by the song of Calandra Larks throughout.

We then visited the area near the Valdecañas dam, adding Kermes Oak to our *Quercus* list and watched a Short-toed Eagle perched on a pylon. Following a coffee stop affording us a spectacular view across to the Gredos Mountains, it was a straight and easy run on to the airport which we reached with plenty of time for the check-in.





Sage-leaved cistus (RD); mirror orchids.

# Wildlife sightings of the week (and other highlights), as nominated by group members

Michelle: Blue Rock Thrush, Short-toed Eagle with a snake Julia: Woodcock Orchid, Queen-of-Spain Fritillary

Nick: Night Herons

Ruth: Black-winged Kite, French Lavender

John: Displaying Great Bustard, being in Extremadura

Pam: Black-winged Kite, the chicken following Martin every evening

Martin: Watching Black-winged Kites, Great Spotted Cuckoos and a Hoopoe all at the same time.

Annotated list of bird species seen

Little Grebe Seen on two days on s	
	mall pools and reservoirs.
Great Crested Grebe Several on large reser	
	large rivers and reservoirs.
Little Bittern. One seen at Mérida.	
Black-crowned Night Heron Seen at Mérida and Ar	,
Squacco Heron. One seen at Arrocamp	0.
Cattle Egret. Seen on several days.	
Little Egret. Seen on most days.  Great White Egret. Seen on four days, es	pocially Alcollaría
Grey Heron. Seen on several days.	Decially Alcoharm.
Purple Heron. Seen at Arrocampo.	
Black Stork. Seen at Monfragüe.	
White Stork. Seen every day.	
Glossy Ibis. Seen on three days, e.	specially at Mérida
Spoonbill Seen on three days.	poolarly at Morida.
Egyptian Goose. Seen on three days.	
Wigeon. A flock at Alcollarín.	
Gadwall. Seen at Alcollarín.	
Teal. Seen at Alcollarín.	
Mallard . Seen almost every day	·.
Pintail. Seen at Alcollarín.	
Shoveler. Seen at Moheda Alta.	
Black-shouldered Kite Excellent views of two	near Madrigalejo.
Black Kite Seen every day.	
Red Kite Seen almost every day	
Egyptian Vulture. Seen only at Monfragü	
Griffon Vulture . Seen on all but one da	
Black Vulture. Seen almost every day	
Short-toed Eagle. Seen almost every day	
Marsh Harrier. Seen almost every day	
Hen Harrier A male seen on plains	east of Cáceres.
Sparrowhawk. Seen on one day.	
Common Buzzard. Seen on all but one da	
Spanish Imperial Eagle. Seen on the plains and	
Bonelli's Eagle. A juvenile seen near A Booted Eagle. Seen on two days.	icoliarin.
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Pallid Swift.	Seen on two days.
Alpine Swift.	Seen at Monfragüe, Alange and Mérida.
Monk Parakeet .	Seen in Madrid.
Kingfisher	Seen on two days.
Hoopoe	Seen most days.
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Heard on two days.
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Seen or heard on three days.
Calandra Lark.	Seen on plains.
Short-toed Lark.	Seen on plains east of Cáceres.
Crested Lark.	Seen almost every day.
Thekla Lark	Seen on several days on plains and heathland.
Sand Martin.	Seen on one day.
Crag Martin.	Seen most days.
Swallow	Seen every day.
Red-rumped Swallow	Seen on several days.
House Martin.	Seen almost every day.
Meadow Pipit.	Seen on several days.
Grey Wagtail.	Seen on River Ruercas.
White Wagtail.	Seen on most days.
Wren.	Heard and/or seen most days.
Robin.	Seen on two days.
Black Redstart	Seen almost every day, especially at Pago de San Clemente.
Stonechat	Seen on most days.
Northern Wheatear.	Seen near Campo Lugar.
Black Wheatear.	Seen at Alange. Seen at Monfragüe.
Blue Rock Thrush. Blackbird	U
Song Thrush	Seen every day. Seen on one day.
Mistle Thrush.	Seen on one day.
Cetti's Warbler.	Heard on several days.
Zitting Cisticola.	Seen and heard on several days.
Savi's Warbler .	Singing birds at Arrocampo.
Sedge Warbler	Singing at Arrocampo and at Mérida
Reed Warbler.	Singing at Arrocampo.
Dartford Warbler	Seen at Jaraicejo.
Subalpine Warbler	Seen at Monfragüe.
Sardinian Warbler.	Seen and heard almost every day.
Blackcap.	Seen almost every day.
Willow Warbler.	Singing at Alange.
Chiffchaff	Seen almost every day.
Long-tailed Tit.	Seen on two days.
Blue Tit.	Seen almost every day.
Great Tit.	Seen every day.
Bearded Tit.	Seen at Arrocampo.
Short-toed Treecreeper	Seen at Monfragüe.
Nuthatch.	Heard at Valdecañas.
Iberian Grey Shrike.	Seen almost every day.
Woodchat Shrike	Seen almost every day.
Jay.	Seen at Monfragüe.
Azure-winged Magpie Magpie	Seen every day.
Jackdaw.	Seen every day. Seen on several days.
Raven.	Seen almost every day.
Spotless Starling.	Seen every day.
House Sparrow.	Seen every day.
Spanish Sparrow.	Seen on plains, rice fields and Arrocampo.
Tree Sparrow	Seen at River Ruercas.
Common Waxbill.	Seen on two days.
Chaffinch	Seen every day.
Serin.	Seen every day.
Greenfinch.	Seen most days.
Goldfinch.	Seen every day.
Siskin	Seen at Mérida.
Linnet.	Seen almost every day.
Hawfinch.	Seen on three days.
Cirl Bunting.	Seen at Monfrague.
Corn Bunting.	Seen every day.

**MAMMALS** 

Wild Boar Sus scrofa - rootings

Red Deer Iberian hare

Rabbit Oryctolagus cuniculus

Common Pipistrelle

**REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS** 

Spanish Terrapin *Mauremys leprosa* Red-eared Terrapin *Trachemys scripta* 

Large Psammodrommus Western Psammodromus Geniez's Wall Lizard

Moorish Gecko

Iberian water frog Rana perezi

FISH Barbel Carp

BUTTERFLIES

Spanish Festoon Small White

Western Dappled White

Bath White Brimstone

**Ulmaceae** 

Clouded Yellow Nettle-tree Butterfly

Red Admiral
Painted Lady
Small Heath
Wall Brown
Green Hairstreak
Small Copper
Holly Blue

Lang's Short-tailed Blue Long-tailed Blue

Brown Argus Queen-of-Spain Fritillary

OTHER INVERTEBRATES

Vagrant Emperor

Iberian Blue-tailed Damselfly

Scarab Beetle Fire Bug

Another red-and-black ground bug

**Hummingbird Hawk Moth** 

Pine Processionary moth Thaumetopoea pityocampa

A tiger moth *Ocnognyna boetica*Violet carpenter bee *Xylocopa violacea* 

Honey Bee A bee-fly

#### **PLANTS**

Numbers on the right refer to Blamey & Grey-Wilson, Mediterranean Wild Flowers.

Polunin refers to Polunin & Smythies, Flowers of south-west Europe.

Where there is no number, sometimes they are plants in floras from northern Europe

e.g. Wild Flowers of Britain & Europe by Fitter, Fitter & Blamey.

Some are planted, marked P. NiF = not in flower.

Common northern European plants e.g. shepherd's purse, groundsel, are not usually noted; planted trees are only noted when of special interest.

Pinaceae Pinus pinea Stone / umbrella pine (3)

Pinus nigra Black pine (4)

CupressaceaeJuniperus communisCommon juniper (13)FagaceaeQuercus cocciferaKermes oak (24)Quercus rotundifoliaHolm oak (26)

Quercus suber Cork oak (27)
Quercus faginea Portuguese oak (30)
Ulmus minor Elm sp. (c. 38)

Celtis australis P Southern nettle-tree (39)
Urtica membranacea Membranous nettle (49)

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 Annual nettle

Polygonaceae Rumex bucephalophorus Horned dock, often brick-red sheets on dry ground

Rumex scutatus Rubble dock or French sorrel illustrated in Blamey / Grey-Wilson's Alpine flowers

Aristolochia ceae Aristolochia paucinervis Green-flowered birthwort (Not in Blamey or Polunin)

Caryophyllaceae Paronychia capita Paronychia (134)

Spergularia arvensis Corn spurrey

Spergularia purpurea Purple sand-spurrey (148)
Silene colorata Mediterranean catchfly (180)
Papaveraceaea Papaver rhoeas Common poppy (283)

Ranunculaceae Anemone palmata Yellow anemone (218)
Ranunculus sp. Water crowfoot sp.

Ranunculus macrophyllus Large-leaved buttercup (237)

Ranunculus paludosus Jersey buttercup (249)
Ranunculus sceleratus Celery-leaved buttercup (251)

**Fumariaceae** Fumaria capreolata Ramping fumitory (303)

Platycapnos spicata Spiked fumitory (Polunin 282)

Cruciferae Raphanus raphanistrum Wild radish (369)

Sinapsis arvensis Charlock Sisymbrium altissimum Tall rocket Diplotaxis muralis Wall rocket
Teesdalia nudicaulis Shepherd's cress

ae Umbilicus rupestris Navelwort (396)

Crassulaceae Saxifragaceae

Oxalidaceae

Geraniaceae

Labiatae

Saxifraga granulata Meadow saxifrage

**Leguminosae** Acacia dealbata P 'Mimosa' or Silver wattle (432)

Adenocarpus argyrophyllus Spanish adenocarpus (in neither book)

Anthyllis lotoides (Polunin 623a)

Astragalus lusitanicus Iberian milk-vetch (504)

Cercis siliquastrum P Judas tree (430)
Cytisus multiflorus White broom

Cytisus scopariusBroom (456) Genista hirsuta (466)

Lygos monosperma Retama (480) NiF

Lathyrus cicera A vetchling of cultivated fields (545)

Lathyrus clymenum (550)

Lupinus angustifolius Narrow-leaved lupin (486)

Medicago intertexta (602)

Medicago arabica Spotted medick (623)

Vicia hybrida Hairy yellow vetchling vetch (527)

Vicia lutea Yellow vetch (525)
Vicia sativa Common vetch (531)
Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda buttercup (735)
Geranium molle Dovesfoot cranesbill (741)
Geranium rotundifolium Round-leaved cranesbill (743)

Geranium pusillum Small-flowered leaved cranesbill (744)

Erodium botrys Mediterranean or long-beaked storksbill (758)

Erodium cicutarum Common storksbill (761)

LinaceaeLinum biennePale flax (777)EuphorbiaceaeEuphorbia helioscopiaSun spurge (799)

Mercurialis annua Annual mercury (820)

Meliaceae Melia azedarach P Indian bead tree or Persian lilac (843)

AceraceaAcer monspessulanumMontpellier maple (856)AnacardiaceaePistacia lentiscusMastic tree or lentisc (865)ViolaceaeViola (arvensis) kitaibelianaDwarf pansy (931)

Thymelaeaceae Daphne gnidium Daphne (936)

Cistaceae Cistus albidus Grey-leaved cistus (big pink fls) (961)

Cistus monspelliensis Narrow-leaved cistus (961)

Cistus crispus

Cistus salviifolius Sage-leaved cistus (small white) (965)

Cistus ladanifer Gum cistus (big white fls) (971)

Helianthemum nummularium Common rockrose (996)

Tuberaria guttata Spotted rockrose (985)

Opuntia maxima (=ficus-indica) Prickly pear (1040)

CactaceaeOpuntia maxima (=ficus-indica)Prickly pear (UmbelliferaeFerula communisGiant fennel (1141)

Smyrnium olustatrum Alexanders (1087)

Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's needle (1097)

Eryngium campestre Field eryngo

Ericaceae Arbutus unedo Strawberry tree (1176)

Erica arboreaTree heath (white fls) (1178)Erica australisSpanish heath (pink fls) (1181)Anagallis arvensisScarlet pimpernel (1198)

PrimulaceaeAnagallis arvensisScarlet pimpernel (1198)OleaceaePhillyrea angustifoliaPhillyrea or false olive (1246)Olea europaeaOlive (1248)

Olea europaea spp oleaster Wild olive (1248a)
Fraxinus angustifolia Narrow-leaved ash (-)

Convolvulaceae Convolvulus althaeoides Mallow-leaved bindweed (1331)

Convolvulus siculus

Rosmarinus officinalis

Boraginaceae Echium plantagineum Purple viper's bugloss (1383)

Borago officinalis Borage (1395)

Anchusa undulata Undulate anchusa (1406)
Cynoglossum cherifolium A houndstongue (1409)
Myosotis ramosissima Early forget-me-not
Henbit deadnettle (1478)

Rosemary (1526)

Lavandula stoechas French lavender (1528)

Salvia verbenaca Wild clary (1545)

Thymus camphoratus Camphor thyme (Polunin,

1162e) NiF

**Solanaceae** *Hyosciamus albus* White henbane (1555) **Scrophularicaea** *Cymbalaria muralis* lvy-leaved toadflax (1632)

Parentucellia latifolia a tiny, red bartsia (1652) Linaria spartea a yellow-flowered toadflax

(Polunin)

CaprifoliaceaeViburnum tinusLaurestinus (1711)CampanulaceaeJasione crispaDwarf sheep's bit (Polunin 1355c, illustrated in

Blamey / Grey-Wilson's Alpine flowers)

Compositae Anthemis arvensis Corn mayweed

Bellis annua Annual daisy (1791)
Bellis perennis Perennial daisy (1792)
Bellis sylvestris Southern daisy (1793)

Evax pygmaea Evax (1805)

Phagnalon saxatile Rock phagnalon (1833) NiF
Chrysanthemum segetum Corn marigold (1894)
Calendula arvensis Field marigold (1908)

Galactites tomentosa Galactites (1971)
Silybum marianum Milk thistle (1982)

Liliaceae Asphodelus fistulosus Hollow-leaved asphodel (2087)

Asphodelus aestivus Common asphodel (2089)

Gagea sp lutea? Yellow star-of-Bethlehem sp. (c 2106)

Fritillaria lusitanica Iberian fritillary (2152)

Ornithogalum?narbonense Star-of-Bethlehem sp. (2171)
Urginea maritima Sea squill (leaves & dead flower spikes) (2163)

Hyacinthoides hispanicaSpanish bluebell (2191)Muscari comosumTassel hyacinth (2201)Asparagus acutifoliusA shrubby asparagus (2212)

Allium neapolitanum Naples garlic (2225)

AgavaceaeAgave americanaAgave, century plant 2253AmaryllidaceaeaNarcissus triandrusAngel's tears (Polunin 1668d)

Narcissus bulbocodium Hoop-petticoat narcissus (2281)

Iridaceae Gynandriris sisyrinchium Barbary nut iris (2305)

Romulea bulbocodium A sand crocus (2314)
Romulea columnae Sand crocus (2320)

Orchidaceae: Orchis (morio) champagneuxii Champagne orchid (2403)

Orchis morio Green-winged orchid
Orchis conica Conical orchid

Orchis italica
Ophrys speculum
Ophrys lutea
Ophrys scolopax
Ophrys tenthredinifera

Naked man orchid (2409)
Mirror orchid (2422)
Yellow bee orchid (2423)
Woodcock orchid (2436)
Sawfly orchid (2442)

Gramineae & Juncaceae

Typha angustifolia Lesser reedmace
Arundo donax Giant reed (2494)

Avena sp Wild oats

Juncus acutus Sharp rush

FERNS (PTERIDOPHYTA)

Cheilanthes hispanica Spanish cheilanthes (2521)

Polypodium vulgare Polypody



French lavender (RD)