

WILDLIFE TRAVEL



Portugal species lists and trip report, 24th-31st March 2011



#	DATE	LOCATIONS & NOTES
1	24 ^h March	Arrival, transfer to Tavira
2	25 th March	Barrocal. Sao Bras de Alportel. Fonte de Benemola. Rocha de Pena
3	26 th March	East Algarve. Tavira & Castro Marim
4	27 th March	West Algarve. Pera Marshes. Sagres. Drive Monchice to Alentejo
5	28 th March	Baixo Alentejo. Sta Clara a Velha
6	29 th March	Alentejo Plains. Castro Verde. Pulo de Lobo.
7	30 th March	Alentejo Plains. Castro Verde. Pulo de Lobo.
8	31 st March	Travel back to Faro. Quinta do Lago, Ria Formosa Natural Park. Airport...

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25th March. The Barrocal. Our first morning in Portugal, and after meeting Georg, our local guide for our days on the Algarve, we headed inland to the rolling limestone hills of the Barrocal for a day of botanising...

Our first stop was the Roman road at Sao Bras de Alportel, where in the rocky fields we found our first orchids: the lovely Iberian Mirror Orchid *Ophrys ciliata*, one of the woodcock orchids *Ophrys picta* and the big, pink *Orchis italica*, also known as the Naked Man Orchid, for self-explanatory reasons... Overhead, a Short-toed Eagle reminded us to not forget about the birds.

Our lunchtime walk, at Fonte de Benemola was something of an orchid spectacular. In all we found ten species here: in addition to the three already mentioned, we also had the Yellow Bee Orchid *Ophrys lutea*, the Bumblebee Orchid *Ophrys bombyliflora*, the just-going-over flowers of Dull Bee Orchid *Ophrys fusca* with the v-shaped groove in the throat, the white flowers of Sword-leaved Helleborine *Cephalanthera longifolia*, the unassuming Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophorum* and the leaves only of another helleborine *Epipactis sp.* Best of all, though, was a very strong population of the locally endemic Lusitanian Mirror Orchid *Ophrys vernixia*, with the yellow fringe of hairs and longer, droopy 'arms'.

Today was an excellent butterfly day, with Swallowtail, Spanish Swallowtail (the local version of Scarce Swallowtail), Spanish Festoon, Green Hairstreak and the lovely Cleopatra all giving excellent close-up views.

Our final stop was at Rocha de Pena, where we found a lovely patch of the peony *Paeonia broteroi* and the Elder-leaved Figwort *Scrophularia sambucifolia*. From the top of the rock itself, a male Blue Rock Thrush and his mate were flycatching, while an adult Bonelli's Eagle also gave most of the group a close fly-past.

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26th March. Tavira and Castro Marim. A bird today, we started on the beach, salt pans and wetlands around the hotel and the approach road. Here we found a good variety of waders, including side-by-side views of Greenshank, Redshank and Spotted Redshank, as well as plenty of Black-winged Stilts and Avocets and a fly-past Stone Curlew. We had good views of Greater Flamingo, Spoonbill and Little Egret, and also a small group of lovely Slender-billed Gulls, looking smart in their pinky breeding colours.

At Castro Marim, the pools behind the visitor centre had a mixed group of Red-crested and Common Pochards, together with Shoveler, Gadwall and a couple of Little Grebes. A small herd of cattle were joined, of course, by Cattle Egrets.

Overhead, a big mixed group of hirundines was mostly House Martins, with smaller numbers of Barn Swallow and a couple each of Common Swift and Red-rumped Swallow. Out on the salt marsh itself, we could hear Spectacled Warblers singing but, frustratingly, they never stayed on their song perches long enough to get a good view: a bit too windy for them, and also for the local special larks... but missing them was made up for by two lovely Collared Pratincoles that put on quite a show of swooping up amongst the martins.

Finally, we moved back to Tavira, where the pools on the opposite side of the river to the hotel gave us wonderful close up views of the flamingos, mostly non-breeding and immature birds but including a handful of very brightly coloured adults, ready to head back to Spain and their nesting colonies.

27th March. Western Algarve. A travelling day... After a slightly delayed departure, our first port of call was the lake at Pera Marshes, where we enjoyed great views of yet more flamingos, a couple of Caspian Terns amongst the roosting gulls, plenty of waders including a small group of Curlew Sandpipers and a dark morph Booted Eagle soaring over the nearby hillside. Around our feet we found the lovely little endemic toadflax *Linaria algarviensis*.

Lunch was had at the Fortaleza de Sagres, where fisherman perched perilously on the cliff tops as a male Peregrine soared overhead. Near our lunch spot we found the remains of a Hoopoe, obviously a Peregrine snack! More lively were the Black Redstart, Blue Rock Thrush, Ring Ouzel, Chough and Thekla Lark, all of which appeared.

We also stopped briefly at the nearby Cabo do Sao Vicente, the south-western-most point in mainland Europe.

Endemic plants of this rocky coastline include the very sticky *Cistus palinhae*, the spiny cushions of *Astragalus tragacanthus* ssp *vicentina* and the climbing snapdragon *Antirrhinum majus* ssp *cirrhigerum*.

From here, we drove up the Atlantic coast and then across the Monchique mountains (along some very windy roads!), finally reaching our destination, the lovely Quinta do Barranco da Estrada early in the evening...

28th March. Baixo Alentejo. After our long day yesterday, today was much more gentle, with a leisurely breakfast followed by a lovely walk through the nearby countryside. We also had time in the afternoon to explore the little village of Santa Clara a Velha, with its typically white and blue houses, and enjoy the antics on the local ford...

Wildlife highlights of the day were the wonderful Cork Oak woodland, including a simply massive tree, one of the oldest Cork Oaks in Portugal, at the base of which was growing the lovely *Aristolochia longa*. We heard Nightingales, Cetti's Warblers and Western Subalpine Warblers singing, had Bee-eaters overhead, singles of Bonelli's, Booted and Short-toed Eagles soaring overhead, and a lovely little Iberian Three-toed Skink under a piece of board: at last, all that turning over of rocks paid off!

Near our picnic spot we found a large flock of Common Waxbills in the reeds and willows, a pair of Grey Wagtails around the stream and a big party of Azure-winged Magpies moving through the trees.

29th & 30th March. Alentejo Plains. For these two days we split up into two groups to suffer the pre-dawn start but enjoy the spectacular birding out on the plains.

It's hard to pick out the highlights, really: around every corner there seemed to be yet another wonderful spectacle! The displaying Great Bustards (161 in one view!), the males throwing themselves into massive white meringues; a huge swarm of Spanish Sparrows in a single oat field; the lovely Lesser Kestrels hawking over the fields in the distance; the sight of 3 Black Vultures, 2 Griffon Vultures and a single Red Kite circling together in the best possible sunlight, just over our heads; the Blue Rock Thrush by the Pulo de Lobo waterfall; a line of 51 White Stork nests along the roadside telegraph poles.

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A very special place.

31st March. Return to Faro. Thanks to a strike by the Portugese rail workers, unfortunately the scheduled train journey turned into a drive south back to Faro, where we met up with Georg and bit farewell to Frank and Daniella. Our final excursion was to the lake at Quinto do Lago, on the edge of the Ria Formosa Natural Park, just up the road from the airport!

Beneath the pine trees we found the lovely Three-leaved Snowflake *Leucojum tricophyllum* and a single spike of Small-flowered Tongue Orchid *Serapias parviflora*. On the pool we had the chance to compare three species of terrapin side by side and enjoyed close up views of Red-crested Pochard and Purple Swamphen, as well as our final picnic lunch.

Wandering back to the bus, a couple of Wrynecks were calling in the pines, while the final find of the trip was, at long last, a snake!

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Family Anatidae (Ducks, Geese & Swans)									
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			X					
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>			X	X		X	X	X
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			X					
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>			X					X
Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			X					X
Family Phasianidae (Pheasants and Partridges)									
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						X	H	
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Podicipedidae (Grebes)									
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			X					X
Family Sulidae (Gannets)									
Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>			X	X				
Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)									
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			X	X	X	X		X
Family Ardeidae (Hérons)									
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>			X	X		X	X	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		X	X	X		X		X
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			X	X			X	X
Family Ciconiidae (Storks)									
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Threskiornithidae (Spoonbills and Ibises)									
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			X	X				X
Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingoes)									
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		X	X	X				
Family Accipitridae (Hawks and Eagles)									
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>						X	X	
Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>						X		
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		X		X	X		X	
Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennata</i>				X	X			
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		X			X	X	X	
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>						X	X	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>						X	X	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>						X		
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			X	X		X	X	X
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>						X	X	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			X		X	X	X	
Family Falconidae (Falcons)									
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				X				
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>						X	X	
Family Rallidae (Rails and Crakes)									
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			X	X			X	X
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			X	X				X
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>				X				X
Family Otididae (Bustards)									
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>						X	X	
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>						X	X	
Family Recurvirostridae (Avocets and Stilts)									
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avoetia</i>		X	X	X				X
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		X	X	X				X

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Family Haematopidae (Oystercatchers)									
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			X					
Family Glareolidae (Pratincoles)									
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareolus pratincola</i>			X					
Family Burhinidae (Stone curlews)									
Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedichnemus</i>			X				X	
Family Scolopacidae (Sandpipers)									
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			X	X				X
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				X				X
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			X					
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			X	X				X
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>		X	X	X				X
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>			X					
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius</i>			X					
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		X	X	X				X
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			X					
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			X					
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						X	X	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			X					X
Family Charadriidae (Plovers)									
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			X			X		X
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				X				
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			X	X				X
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			X	X				
Family Laridae (Gulls)									
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		X	X	X				
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>		X	X	X				
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus</i>			X					
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>			X	X				
Family Sternidae (Terns)									
Caspian Tern				X	X				
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>			X	X				
Family Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)									
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>						X	X	X
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Pteroclididae (Sandgrouse)									
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>						X		
Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos)									
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>							X	
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>					H	H	H	
Family Strigidae (Owls)									
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						X	X	
Family Apodidae (Swifts)									
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			X			X	X	X
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>			X					
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>				X				
Family Meropidae (Bee-eaters)									
Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Upupidae (Hoopoes)									
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			X	X		X	X	X
Family Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)									
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		H						

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Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)									
Iberian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus sharpie</i>		H			H		H	X
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		X			X		H	
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					H			X
Family Alaudidae (Larks)									
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>						X	X	
Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>						X	X	
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thekla Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>				X		X	X	
Family Hirundinidae (Swallows and Martins)									
Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			X				X	
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				X				
Family Motacillidae (Pipits and Wagtails)									
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>				X	X	X	X	
Spanish Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (flava) iberiae</i>			X	X				
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					X	X	X	X
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>					X			
Family Troglodytidae (Wrens)									
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H		X	X			
Family Turdidae (Thrushes and Chats)									
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H			H		H	H
Black Redstart					X				
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X
Western Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe (h.) hispanica</i>						X	X	
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		X		X		X	X	
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquata</i>				X				
Family Sylviidae (Warblers)									
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H			X			X
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Western Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>					H			
Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>			X					
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoebanus</i>								H
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					H			X
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X
Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>		H					X	
Family Aegithalidae (Long-tailed Tits)									
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		X			X		X	X
Family Paridae (Tits)									
Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		X			X	X	X	X
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		X			X	X	X	X
Family Sittidae (Nuthatches)									
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					X			
Family Certhiidae (Treecreepers)									
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		H			X			
Family Laniidae (Shrikes)									
Iberian Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>			X			X	X	
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				X		X	X	X

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Family Corvidae (Crows)									
Iberian Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>					X	X	X	X
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>			X	X	X			
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		X		X	X		X	X
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>				X				
Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax</i>				X				
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>						X		
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			X			X	X	
Family Sturnidae (Starlings)									
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Passeridae (Sparrows)									
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>						X	X	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Ploceidae (Weavers)									
Black-headed Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephala</i>								X
Family Fringillidae (Finches)									
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>					X	X	X	X
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		X		X	X	X	X	X
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X
Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Family Estrildidae (Waxbills)									
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>					X			X
Family Emberizidae (Buntings)									
Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirius</i>							X	
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>		X				X	X	

AMPHIBIANS									
Southern Toad	<i>Bufo bufo spinosus</i>		X			X			
Iberian Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax perezi</i>		X	X			X	X	X
REPTILES									
Family Emydidae (Terrapins)									
Red-eared Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>								X
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>								X
Moorish Terrapin	<i>Mauremys leprosa</i>					X			X
Family Lacertidae (Lizards)									
Large (Moorish) Psammmodromus	<i>Psammmodromus algericus</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X
Spanish Psammmodromus	<i>Psammmodromus hispanicus</i>		X						
Family Scincidae (Skinks)									
Iberian Three-toed Skink	<i>Chalcides striatus</i>					X			
Family Colubridae (Colubrid Snakes)									
Viperine Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>								X
Grass Snake							X		
Family Elaphidae (Elaphid Snakes)									
Viperine Snake									
Ladder Snake						X	X		

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BUTTERFLIES									
Family Papilionidae (Swallowtails)									
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		X				X	X	
Spanish Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides feisthamelii</i>		X			X			
Spanish Festoon	<i>Zerynthia rumina</i>		X			X	X	X	X
Family Pieridae (Whites)									
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		X	X		X	X		
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapsis</i>		X				X		
Western Dappled White	<i>Euchloe crameri</i>		X			X	X	X	X
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cleopatra	<i>Gonopteryx cleopatra</i>		X				X	X	X
Family Nymphalidae (Admirals and Fritillaries)									
Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>		X						
Painted Lady				X				X	
Red Admiral				X				X	X
Family Satyridae (Browns)									
Small Heath						X	X	X	X
Southern Speckled Wood			X			X	X	X	X
Family Lycaenidae (Blues & Coppers)									
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		X					X	
Small Copper			X					X	
Lang's Short-tailed Blue			X						
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		X						
Black-eyed Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche melanops</i>		X						

MAMMALS		
Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Spraint at Fonte de Benemola; Castro Marim
Iberian Hare	<i>Lepus granatensis</i>	Castro Marim & Alentejo Plains
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Castro Marim & Alentejo Plains
Egyptian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>	One across the road near Carrapateira, 27 th
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Tracks and signs around the Quinta
Mediterranean Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophous euryale</i>	30 th
Western Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	One roadkill, 30 th
Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	One disturbed from its burrow by the snake, 29 th
OTHER INVERTEBRATES		
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	One recently emerged, Pulo do Lobo, 30 th March
Copper Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx haemorrhoidalis</i>	By the river, 25 th
Giant Pond Skater	<i>Aquarius najas</i>	On the streams in the Alentejo
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>	The big, black shiny bee, eg in the garden at the Quinta
Lavender Mantis	<i>Empusa pennata</i>	1 juv, 25 th
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>	The large, grey 'locust'
Stone Grasshopper	<i>Ocnerodes fallaciosus</i>	The flightless grasshopper on the Algarve, camouflaged to look like an orangey rock

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PLANTS: A Selected List

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GYMNOSPERMS			
Cupressaceae			
	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>		The tall elegant cupressus
Pinaceae			
	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine	Umbrella pine. Pine nuts
ANGIOSPERMS: DICOTYLEDONS			
Fagaceae			
	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Holly Oak	Small, shrubby oak, holly leaves, evergreen
		Holm Oak	Evergreen, tree-forming oak
	<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak	
Moraceae			
	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	
Aristolochiaceae			
	<i>Aristolochia baetica</i>		Broad, dark purple flower, Barrocal
	<i>Aristolochia longa</i>		Tall, narrow, green flower, Alentejo
Caryophyllaceae			
	<i>Paronychia argentea</i>		Papery flowers, on the tracks at Castro Marim
	<i>Spergularia purpurea</i>	Purple Sand Spurrey	On the tracks at Castro Marim
	<i>Silene gallica</i>		White flowers, sticky hairs, Castro Marim
	<i>Silene colorata</i>		Red flowers, curled back petals, Castro Marim
Ranunculaceae			
	<i>Ranunculus aquatilis agg.</i>	Water Crowfoot	in the ditches and ponds, Casto Marim
Crassulaceae			
	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Around the picnic place, Pulo do Lobo
Rosaceae			
	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat	
	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	
Fabaceae			
	<i>Anthyllis vulneraria ssp maura</i>	Mediterranean Kidney Vetch	
	<i>Astragalus tragacantha ssp vicentina</i>		The spiny, cushion-forming Astragalus on the Cape
	<i>Astragalus lusitanicus</i>		The common white-flowered Astragalus, Barrocal
	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	
	<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	
	<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Small purple flowers, leaves smell of tar
	<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Large Disc Medick	In the field by the Roman Road, 25 th
	<i>Lupinus luteus</i>	Yellow Lupin	Fields full, 25 th
	<i>Lupinus micranthus</i>	Hairy Lupin	Blue lupin in the fields around Alentejo
Oxalidaceae			
	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	Ubiquitous roadside weed
Linaceae			
	<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	Pale blue flax
Anacardiaceae			
	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	
Thymelaceae			
	<i>Daphne gnidium</i>		Flowers in the winter
Cistaceae			
	<i>Cistus albidus</i>		Pale pink flowers, soft leaves
	<i>Cistus crispus</i>		Dark pink flowers, crinkly leaves
	<i>Cistus ladanifer</i>	Gum Cistus	Big white flowers, red spots
	<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Small white flowers, narrow leaves
E	<i>Cistus palhinhae</i>		Big white flowers, no red spots, very sticky leaves, on the Cape
	<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Small white flowers, rounded leaves
	<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose	Pulo do Lobo

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Ericaceae		
<i>Erica australis</i>		
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	
Primulaceae		
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Blue and red forms
<i>Anagallis monelli</i>	Shrubby Pimpernel	Deep blue flowers
Oleaceae		
<i>Jasminum fruticosum</i>	Wild Jasmine	
<i>Olea europea var. sylvestris</i>	Wild Olive	
Apiaceae		
<i>Daucus halophilus</i>		The low-growing wild carrot, Sagres
<i>Apium nodiflorum</i>	Fool's Watercress	In the streams, Alentejo
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock Water Dropwort	In the streams, Alentejo
Boraginaceae		
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	
<i>Echium plantaginium</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	The fields full of purple flowers, Alentejo
<i>Nonea vesicaria</i>		Blackish-purple flowers, Alentejo
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	White and yellow flowers, Cape
<i>Lithodora diffusa</i>		Deep blue flowers
Lamiaceae		
<i>Phlomis purpurea</i>	Purple Jerusalem Sage	
<i>Prasium majus</i>		White flowered bush
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	
Scrophulariaceae		
<i>Linaria algarviensis</i>	Algarve Toadflax	Tiny purple toadflax, Pera Marsh
<i>Antirrhinum majus ssp. cirrhigerum</i>	Climbing Snapdragon	Deep pink snap dragon, Cabo Sao Vicente
<i>Scrophularia sambucifolia</i>	Elder-flowered Figwort	Rocha de Pena
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel Snout	
Orobanchaceae		
<i>Orobanche alba</i>		The deep red Broomrape, Pera Marsh
<i>Cistanche phelypaea</i>		Bright yellow spikes, a parasite of saltmarsh plants
Caprifoliaceae		
<i>Viburnum tinus</i>		Small tree with umbels of white flowers
<i>Lonicera perfoliata</i>	Perfoliate Honeysuckle	
Valerianaceae		
<i>Fedia cornucopiae</i>	African Valerian	Carpets of red under olive/carob groves
Asteraceae		
<i>Asteriscus maritimus</i>	Yellow Sea Aster	Big yellow daisy, Cape
<i>Glebionis coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	White and yellow daisy, roadside weed
ANGIOSPERMS: MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae		
<i>Leucojum tricophyllum</i>	Three-leaved Snowflake	On the sandy soil, Quinta do Lago
Asparagaceae		
<i>Dipcadi serotinum</i>		Brown bluebell
<i>Drimia maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Broad leaves, autumn flowering, poisonous
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	eg Quinta do Lago
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth	In the carpark of the Faro stadium!
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanicus</i>	Spanish Bluebell	
<i>Scilla peruviana</i>		The big, flamboyant blue spike
<i>Scilla monophyllos</i>	One-leaved Squill	On the hillsides around the Quinta
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem	
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	
Iridaceae		
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	Common roadside weed in the lowlands
<i>Gladiolus ilyricus</i>		On the rocky slopes, Pulo do Lobo

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	<i>Iris albicans</i>		Big white iris, roadsides, Algarve
	<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Small blue iris, opens in the afternoon
Orchidaceae			
	<i>Anacamptis (morio) picta</i>	Long-spurred Orchid	Around the Quinta
	<i>Ophrys fusca</i>	Dull Bee Orchid	v-shaped groove down 'throat'
	<i>Ophrys lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Bright yellow, held horizontally
	<i>Ophrys ciliata</i>	Iberian Mirror Orchid	Dark brown fringe of hairs
	<i>Ophrys vernixia</i>	Lusitanian Mirror Orchid	Yellow fringe of hairs
	<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Orchid	Small, dark
	<i>Ophrys picta</i>		The small 'woodcock' orchid
	<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	Barrocal
	<i>Orchis anthropophorum</i>	Man Orchid	Fonte de Benemola
	<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Sword-leaved Helleborine	White flowers, long leaves, Fonte de Benemola
	<i>Epipactis sp</i>		Leaves only, Fonte de Benemola
	<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Serapias	Quinta do Lago
Smilacaceae			
	<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Sasparilla	
Xanthoroeaceae			
	<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>		Big white asphodel
	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>		Little white asphodel