

# Spring in Southern Portugal

Naturetrek Tour Report

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*Serapias parviflora*



*Orobanche foetida*



White Stork

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## Day 1

Saturday 11th April

Weather – sunny and warm, 17C

John and Phil met the group at Faro Airport in the late morning and we then travelled a short distance to Ludo Marshes for our first look at the local birds and flowers. This is an area of reed beds and salt pans with a good variety of birds including some colourful Bee-eaters, Hoopoes and Azure-winged Magpies, a very loud Cetti's Warbler, a Black Kite, 2 Marsh Harriers, 8 Black-winged Stilts and an Osprey. During a short walk a Black Stork flew over and the following flowers were seen - Spotted Rock Rose, French Lavender, Scarlet Pimpernel and Tongue Orchids.

After our picnic lunch we made our way to our hotel in Monchique, and as the weather was good there, we took the opportunity of visiting the summit of Foia, at 904m the highest point in the Algarve region. Here we found a Black Redstart and a Rock Bunting and several *Peony broteroi* and *Scilla monophyllus* in flower. Other notable flowers seen were Dense Flowered Orchid, Wild Gladioli, Barbary Nut and five varieties of Cistus.

## Day 2

Sunday 12th April

Weather – sunny and breezy 19C

Today we headed west to a coastal area and made our way on small back roads and tracks into the Dog's Back Hills where we took a walk by a stream and found the bird of the day - a Wryneck, together with Woodlark, Sardinian Warbler and Iberian Chiffchaff.

After our picnic beside a pool we then moved onto the coastal strip where we walked on a superb hillside of maritime heath with many interesting plants including Climbing Snapdragon, Brown Bluebell, Shrubby Pimpernel and Greater Broomrape plus a Dartford Warbler in the scrub.

In the nearby salt-marsh we watched Crested Larks, Woodchat Shrike, Red-rumped Swallows, masses of Bee-eaters, and a Booted Eagle overhead. At the coast we enjoyed a coffee and ice cream whilst watching several Gannets out at sea.

## Day 3

Monday 13th April

Weather - warm and sunny all day, 19C

The day started with Firecrest, Crested Tit, Short-toed Treecreeper, and Rock Bunting being seen near the hotel. After an hour's journey in the minibuses we reached the Quinta da Rocha reserve on the south coast. We turned off the main road into an area of narrow walled lanes, small farms and fields full of flowers with Bee-eaters, Woodchat Shrikes, Hoopoes, Crested Larks and 3 Little Owls.

As we came down the hill to the salt marsh, 26 Greater Flamingos were seen feeding in the lagoon with 3 Spoonbills. During our three hour walk around the salt marsh, many species of wader were seen, the most notable being Black-winged Stilts and Kentish Plovers which breed here, plus migrant Grey Plovers, 5 Black-tailed Godwit, 40 Whimbrel, 12 Greenshank and 30 Sanderling. On the seaward side we watched Sandwich Terns with Sardinian Warblers, Blue-headed Yellow Wagtails and Short-toed Larks calling from the scrub. The plants here were rather special with the yellow parasitic Cistanche being the most striking, and also Bellardia, Mirror Orchid, Sea Holly and Sea Heath.

We finished the day at the nearby cliff-top headland of Pointa da Piedada where Gannets were seen heading steadily west with some Alpine Swifts overhead, but there were no signs of the Egrets nesting on the offshore rock stacks this year. Flowers seen here included the Yellow Sea Aster, *Ornithogalum arabicum* and Giant Fennel.

## Day 4

Tuesday 14th April

Weather warm and sunny, with a shower 20C

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker was heard and Serin, Nuthatch and Rock Bunting were seen close to the hotel before we set off for Sagres and Cape St Vincent. In Sagres we visited the fort of Henry the Navigator and made a circular walk around the enclosed cliff-top limestone headland. The botanists found the endemic *Cistus palinbae*, Tree Mallow and Sea Aster amongst many other plants while the birders saw more Gannets, 3 Shag, 8 Black Redstarts, 2 pairs of Blue Rock Thrushes, 4 Pallid Swifts and a Peregrine on the cliff top. We also saw 2 Whimbrel on the rocky shore at the base of the cliffs. We ate our picnic lunch in the shelter of some Aleppo Pines while watching Red-rumped Swallows, a Short-toed Eagle and a flock of Choughs.

After lunch we searched for and found 6 Spectacled Warblers in the nearby scrub, along with some Sardinian Warblers. Further on towards the Cape, we found some of the endemic Candytuft and on the way back we stopped to look at some magnificent *Scilla peruviana*.

## Day 5

Wednesday 15th April

Weather some rain then sunny, 18C

We left Monchique after breakfast and travelled north, and after a coffee break, we stopped at Monte da Rocha Lake for lunch where we found a pair of Crested Tits nesting, plus some Hoopoes and Little Ringed Plovers. We then saw our first Montagu's Harriers, some Woodchat Shrikes and Southern Grey Shrikes. Continuing eastwards the scenery and vegetation changed as we reached the plains which were very attractive this year with Pink Gladioli, Purple Viper's Bugloss, Red-horned Dock, Corn Chamomile and Field Marigold creating huge swathes of colour. We were now in Bustard country so we were all on the lookout as we drove slowly along this quite country road. At a likely spot we found a male Great Bustard standing out in the open whilst several Little Bustard were seen nearby. Further on we had some good luck as we found a Great Spotted Cuckoo, a Black-shouldered Kite and some Vultures drifting over from the east. As they came closer it was clear that there were 20 Griffon Vultures and 1 Black Vulture (the only one of the trip).

We finally arrived in Mertola in the late afternoon and after settling in to our comfortable guest house situated below the castle and overlooking the river, we went out for a meal of traditional food in one of the local restaurants. On returning to the guest house a Scops Owl was seen flying round the castle in the light of the floodlights.

## Day 6

Thursday 16th April

Weather – rain to start with, fine by mid-morning but rather windy, 22C

On the pre-breakfast walk by the river, a Subalpine Warbler, a Blue Rock Thrush and some Crag Martins and Lesser Kestrels were spotted. We set off to explore the plains northwest of Mertola and at our first stop we enjoyed watching 2 Black Kites, the first of many Montagu's Harriers, 2 Red Kites and 2 Great Spotted Cuckoo. A little further on we found Spanish Sparrows busy nesting in the base of a White Stork's nest. We then heard and saw Little Bustard calling and strutting and a flock of Black-bellied Sandgrouse. The plains flowers were stunning, but a strong wind made photography difficult, although the first of 30 Great Bustards were seen. At lunch, in a sheltered spot, we watched Hoopoes and a Woodchat Shrike and a Black-eared Wheatear.

Our final stop was at a valley where the river was full of Water Crowfoot, but unfortunately the daffodils and jonquils were finished. On the way back we saw more Great Bustard and several Calandra Larks doing their song flight over a low hill. As we were about to leave a large raptor was spotted, flying low towards us. This was a Spanish Imperial Eagle, a very rare bird never before seen on this trip. While we watched, it was mobbed by a Black-shouldered Kite. Also seen during the day were Marsh Harrier, a Honey Buzzard, a Stone Curlew and 8 Griffon Vultures.

## Day 7

Friday 17th April

Weather – sunny in the morning, some rain in the afternoon, 16C

From our guesthouse balcony it was possible to watch Lesser Kestrels and Crag Martins flying by and to listen to a Nightingale singing while we were having breakfast.

In the morning we travelled north from Mertola into a remote area of savannah country, stopping at the waterfall and gorge at Pulo de Lobo. In the rolling countryside we saw Montagu's Harrier, Black-shouldered Kite, Short-toed Eagle, Little Owl and Azure-winged Magpies.

Down at the gorge were several Blue Rock Thrushes and Crag Martins together with the daily Sardinian Warbler. Notable flowers here included Tunic Flower, Annual Bellflower, Branched Broomrape and Prickly Poppy.

After lunch, we crossed the river and headed east towards the Spanish border to complete a circular tour, stopping at various points. Near Pomerano, some people were lucky enough to glimpse a Black-eared Wheatear and Woodchat Shrike. At another stop in open country, 2 Little Bustards were seen, and a pair of Turtle Doves flew across the river.

## Day 8

Saturday 18th April

Weather – warm and sunny

After an early breakfast we had a smooth journey to the airport for the morning flights home.

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## Species Lists

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	April						
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1						
2	Gannet	<i>Sula bassana</i>		4	2	6			
3	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1		2				1
4	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>				3			
5	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	6	4	1	✓	✓	✓	
6	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	4		1	1			
7	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1				1	2	1
8	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1						
9	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	30	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			3				
11	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>			26				
12	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	4						
14	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>					1	1	2
15	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>						3	
16	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1				1	3	
17	Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>					1		
18	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>					20	8	
19	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>						1	
20	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					8	15	2
21	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2					1	
22	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		2					
23	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	4	1		1	2	2	1
24	Spanish Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>						1	
25	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1					
26	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			1	2			1
27	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1						
28	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		1	3	4	✓	✓	✓
29	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>					12	8	12
30	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1	1		
31	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		1	1		4	6	6
32	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>					H	H	
33	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		1		1			
34	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	2			✓			
35	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>					1	33	
36	Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>					7	12	2
37	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			10				
38	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>						1	
39	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	8		15				
40	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					4	3	
41	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			6				
42	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			12				
43	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			12				
44	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			30				
45	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			15				
46	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			40	2			
47	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			5				

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
48	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			2				
49	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			12				
50	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					1		1
51	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
52	Greater Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	1						
53	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>		1	25				
54	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>		1	30	2			
55	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					3		
56	Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>				1			
57	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>						25	
58	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>							2
62	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	H	H	H	H	1
63	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>					1	2	
64	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>					1	1	
65	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			3				1
66	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>			6				
67	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>				4			
68	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>						1	
70	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	20	50	30		1	4	10
71	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	3		1		2	4	6
72	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		H	1	1		1	
73	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>	1	1	1	H	H		1
74	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>			H	H	H		
75	Wryneck	<i>Jynk torquilla</i>		1					
76	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		2				2	H
77	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	2	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			3				
79	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>						4	
80	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>						6	6
81	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		2	4	2		6	2
82	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					2	1	2
85	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		1		1			2
86	Yellow (Blue-headed) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava (iberiae)</i>			6				
87	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H	1	H	1		
88	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
89	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1		1	8		1	
90	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>						2	1
92	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				4		1	3
93	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Fan-tailed Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	2	4	4	2	1	1	1
95	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	1	H	H			H	
96	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	H	H					
97	Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>		1					
98	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>						1	3

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
99	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		H	1				1
100	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>				6			
101	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		1	1	1	1		
102	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	1	4	6	2	1	2	4
103	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	1						
104	Iberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>		1	H	H			
105	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>			2	H	2		
106	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>			2		2		
107	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
108	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
109	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		H	1	2	1		
110	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		H	1		2		
111	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>					10	6	10
112	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		1	3	1	3	4	5
113	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>			10	6	✓	✓	✓
114	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		2	4	2	2		2
115	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>						2	
116	Azure-winged Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cyana</i>	4		50	2	✓	✓	✓
117	Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		5		10			
118	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>			2	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					1	8	1
120	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>						2	
121	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
122	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>						8	1
123	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓
124	Serín	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	4	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
125	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
126	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
128	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	1	1	1	1	4		1

## Plants

Scientific name	Common name	Location
<b>Gymnosperms</b>	<b>Conifers &amp; Allies</b>	
<b>Cupressaceae</b>	<b>Cypresses</b>	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenicean Juniper	Aljezur
<b>Pinaceae</b>	<b>Pines</b>	
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	Maritime Pine	
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone or Umbrella Pine	Faro
<b>Angiosperms</b>	<b>Flowering Plants</b>	
<b>Acanthaceae</b>	<b>Bear's-breeches</b>	
<i>Acanthus mollis</i>	Bear's-breech	Lagos
<b>Aizoaceae</b>	<b>Mesembryanthemums</b>	



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<i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i>	Red Hottentot Fig	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Yellow Hottentot Fig	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>	A Mesembryanthemum	Quinta da Rocha
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>	<b>Sumaches</b>	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<i>Rhus c.f. hirta</i>	A Sumach	Quinta da Rocha
<b>Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)</b>	<b>Carrots</b>	
<i>Cachrys sicula</i>		
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	
<i>Thapsia villosa</i>	A Thapsia	
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	
<b>Apocynaceae</b>	<b>Oleanders</b>	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	
<b>Asteraceae (Compositae)</b>	<b>Daisies</b>	
<i>Asteriscus maritimus</i>	Yellow Sea Aster	Ponta da Piedade
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Castro Marim
<i>Centaurea pullata</i>	-	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	Ludo Marshes
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium var. discolor</i>	Crown Daisy	Ludo Marshes
<i>Cotula coronopifolia</i>	Button Weed	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Cardoon	
<i>Dittrichia viscosa ssp. revoluta</i>	-	Ludo Marshes
<i>Filago vulgaris</i>	Common Cudweed	
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Curry Plant	
<i>Otanthus maritimus</i>	Cottonweed	
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Pallenis	
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis	
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borages</b>	
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Anchusa undulata</i>	Undulate Anchusa	Barragem de Monte da Rocha
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	
<i>Lithodora fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Gromwell	
<b>Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)</b>	<b>Cabbages</b>	
<i>Biscutella vinctina</i>	A Buckler Mustard	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Iberis procumbens</i>	Candytuft	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Sweet Alison	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Malcolmia lacera</i>		Ludo Marshes
<b>Cactaceae</b>	<b>Cacti</b>	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Barberry Fig	Ludo Marshes

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<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflowers</b>	
<i>Campanula rapunculus</i>		
<i>Campanula patula</i> ssp. <i>lusitanica</i>	Spreading Bellflower	
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckles</b>	
<i>Lonicera implexa</i>	A Honeysuckle	Figueira
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pinks</b>	
<i>Arenaria montana</i>	Mountain Sandwort	Foia Monchique
<i>Kohlruschia velutina</i>	Kohlruschia	-
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	Silvery Paronychia	Aljezur dunes
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Silene littorea</i>	Catchfly sp.	Aljezur
<i>Spergularia purpurea</i>		
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rockroses</b>	
<i>Cistus albidus</i>	Grey-leaved Cistus	
<i>Cistus crispus</i>	A Cistus	Ludo Marshes
<i>Cistus landanifer</i>	Gum Cistus	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Ludo marshes
<i>Cistus palhinhae</i>	A Cistus	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Cistus populifolius</i>	Poplar-leaved Cistus	-
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Fumana	-
<i>Tuberaria globularifolia</i>		
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	A Spotted Rockrose	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweeds</b>	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Castro Marim
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrops</b>	
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Wall pennywort	
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>	<b>Bryonys</b>	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i> ssp. <i>doica</i>	A White Bryony	
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Mertola
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heaths</b>	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<i>Erica australis</i>	Spanish Heath	Foia Monchique
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurges</b>	
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> ssp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Foia Monchique
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor-oil Plant	Faro
<b>Fabaceae (Leguminosae)</b>	<b>Peas</b>	
<i>Astragalus lusitanicus</i>	Iberian Milk-vetch	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<i>Astragalus massiliensis</i>	Tragacanth	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judus Tree	Santa Clara
<i>Genista hirsute</i>	Hairy Spanish Gorse	Ludo
<i>Lupinus luteus</i>	Yellow Lupin	Foia Monchique

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<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Clover	
<b>Fagaceae</b>	<b>Beechs/Oaks</b>	
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	-
<i>Quercus rotundifolia</i>	Spanish Oak	-
<i>Quercus suber</i>	Cork Oak	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<b>Frankeniaceae</b>	<b>Sea Heaths</b>	
<i>Frankenia laevis</i>	Sea Heath	Ponta da Sagres
<b>Lamiaceae (Labiatae)</b>	<b>Dead-nettles</b>	
<i>Lavendula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	
<i>Lavendula viridis</i>	Green Lavender	-
<i>Phlomis lychnitis</i>		
<i>Phlomis purpurea</i>	A Phlomis	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	Figueira
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	-
<i>Nepeta tuberosum</i>		
<i>Stachys oxymastrum</i>	A Woundwort	-
<i>Thymus camphoratus</i>		Ponta de Sagres
<b>Linaceae</b>	<b>Flaxes</b>	
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<b>Malvaceae</b>	<b>Mallows</b>	
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	
<b>Moraceae</b>	<b>Mulberrys</b>	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	- Faro
<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Olives</b>	
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrapes</b>	
<i>Cistanche phelypaea</i>	Cistanche	
<i>Orobanche rapum-genistae</i>	Greater Broomrape	
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	-
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Wood-Sorrels</b>	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	
<b>Paeoniaceae</b>	<b>Peonys</b>	
<i>Paeonia broteroi</i>	Peony sp.	
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppies</b>	
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Round-headed Prickly Poppy	
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Sagres
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Opium Poppy	-
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	<b>Thrifts</b>	

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<i>Armeria pungens</i>	Spiny Thrift	
<i>Armeria macrophylla</i>		Aljezur
<i>Limoniastrum monopetalum</i>	Limoniastrum	Quinta da Rocha
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Docks</b>	
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Horned Dock	Alcaria Ruiva
<i>Rumex scutatus</i>	French Sorrel	Mertola
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primroses</b>	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> (Red and Blue)	Scarlet Pimpernel	Mertola
<i>Anagallis monelli</i>	Shrubby Pimpernel	Castro Marim
<b>Punicaceae</b>	<b>Pomegranates</b>	
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate	Quinta da Rocha
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Roses</b>	
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Japanese Loquat	
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	Quinta da Rocha
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraws</b>	
<i>Rubia perigrina</i>	Wild Madder	North of Carrapateira
<b>Rutaceae</b>	<b>Rues</b>	
<i>Ruta chalapensis</i>	Fringed Rue	
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	<b>Saxifrages</b>	
<i>Saxifraga c.f. granulata</i>	Meadow Saxifrage	Foia Monchique
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figworts</b>	
<i>Anarrhinum bellidifolium</i>	Daisy-leaved Toadflax	
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i> <i>ssp.linkianum</i>	Climbing Snapdragon	Aljezur
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel Snout	Serra do Espinacho da Cao
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	
<b>Solanaceae</b>	<b>Nightshades</b>	
<i>Solanum sodomaeum</i>	Apple of Sodom	
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane	Mertola
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Shrub Tobacco	Mertola
<b>Vitaceae</b>	<b>Grape-vines</b>	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Grape-vine	-
<b>LILIIDAE (MONOCOTYLEDONS)</b>		
<b>Agavaceae</b>	<b>Agaves</b>	
<i>Agave americana</i>	Century Plant	
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>	<b>Daffodils</b>	
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i> (Leaves Only)	Sea Daffodil	Aljezur

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<b>Arecaceae (Palmae)</b>		
<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Dwarf Fan Palm	Quinta da Rocha
<b>Iridaceae</b>		
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Italian Gladiolus	
<i>Gymnandriris sisyrichium</i>	Barberry Nut	
<i>Iris albicans</i>	A White Iris	
<i>Romulea bulbocodium</i>	A Sand Crocus	Foia, Monchique
<b>Liliaceae</b>		
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	Ponta da Sagres
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	Serra de Espinacho da Cao
<i>Aloe succotrina</i>	Aloe	Pont da Piedade
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	Ludo Marshes
<i>Asphodelus fistulosa</i>	Hollow-leaved Asphodel	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Dipcardi serotinum</i>	Dipcardi	Aljezur
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Figueira
<i>Ornithogalum arabicum</i>	A Star of Bethlehem	-
<i>Ornithogalum spicatum</i>		
<i>Scilla hispanica</i>		
<i>Scilla peruviana</i>		
<i>Scilla monophyllus</i>	Single-leaved Squill	
<b>Orchidaceae</b>		
<i>Orchis intacta</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	
<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	Serra de Espinacho da Cao
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	
<i>Ophrys speculum</i>	Mirror Orchid	Quinta da Rocha
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue Orchid	