The Gargano

Italy's Secret Garden

A Greentours Tour Report

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Day 1 Monday 22nd April Arrival and transfer to Gargano

After convening at Bari Airport we were soon on our way north towards the Gargano peninsula. Initially the journey took us across the extensive agricultural Tavoliere plain, roadsides yellow with *Chrysanthemum coronarium*. Just north of Bari a group of four Ringnecked Parakeets flew across the road in exactly the same spot I'd seen them several times in the past. The journey was uneventful through mainly olive plantations, but soon the limestone massif of the Gargano came into view. A motorway service station provided an atypically unnatractive but convenient spot in which to eat lunch, Italian Sparrows in attendance.

Having left the motorway our route took us east along the north coast of the Gargano peninsula, the roadside verges colourful with flowers. We made a welcome and productive stop at our traditional *Paeonia peregrina* site, and although this species is not always in flower at this time, we were delighted to find several superb red cup-shaped blooms as well as several more in bud. Pink Butterfly Orchids were much in evidence, with a few Green-winged Orchids. The only *Ophrys fuciflora* of the tour were here. The purple flowered *Verbascum phoeniceum* was in attractive flower and legumes were well represented, for example by the red *Lathyrus cicera*. The attractive umbellifer *Tordylium apulum* was a feature, as was Large Mediterranean Spurge, and there were many *Ornithogalum divergens* in flower.

Italian Wall Lizards basked on rocks, and Wall Brown was the first butterfly seen. Swallowtails and a Scarce Swallowtail were on the wing. Bird activity was rather limited, but Sardinian Warblers were active in the scrub. There were fine views down to the coast, Lake Lesina, and the Isole Tremiti.

We continued east, through Rodi, and to our first hotel on the north coast. Having settled the group in I then set out to buy picnic supplies for the next few days.

Day 2 Tuesday 23rd April Peschici and Vieste areas

The weather was fine, although the clouds massed during the morning, and the day remained dry until late afternoon. First we headed east to a beach site near Peschici where the partly forested slopes behind the dunes support a wealth of plants. The beautiful shrub *Anthyllis*

barba-jovis, together with tamarisk, formed a belt behind the beach, whilst on the shore was a typical littoral community of *Cakile maritima*, *Medicago marina*, *Medicago littoralis*, and *Calystegia soldanella*.

The white Cistus monspeliensis bloomed on the slopes behind the beach, and, on the roadsides, a few Cistus creticus were already in flower. The many Orchis papilionacea here were starting to go over, but several of the striking Ophrys apulica remained in fine condition. After a little searching we found the hoped for Ophrys cornuta, which was duly photographed, a remarkable fifteen or so being found today. This is the only site we know of for this species in the Gargano and we did not see it again. Bushes shelter such species as Prasium majus and Cyclamen repandum. Among the many other plants here were Coronilla emerus, Buglossoides purpurocaerulea, Tetragonolobus purpureus, Securigera securidaca, and Trifolium stellatum. The lovely Crepis rubra was commonly in flower, with red flowered Anthyllis vulneraria; Fumaria capreolata; Silene italica; Urospermum dalechampii; Dorycnium hirsutum; Allium subhirsutum and Arum italicum adding to the great floral variety of our first main stop.

Yellow-legged Gulls were numerous, and Sardinian Warblers called from the mastic scrub, and we occasionally glimpsed them. Among butterflies on the wing were Eastern Bath White, Green Hairstreak, Painted Lady, and Wall Brown. The weeds attracted us with among the many species here mostly blue, but also some red, Scarlet Pimpernel; Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill; and Buck's-horn Plantain. Several Italian Wall Lizards were active in the sunshine.

A nearby Napoleonic tower had the endemic *Campanula garganica* in good flower. Also here was White Henbane and I was pleased to find two Southern Comma larvae on the *Parietaria judaica*. Also in bloom was *Matthiola incana*.

Lunch was set out in an olive grove a little inland where there were a few Lady Orchids, but not the fine show that used to be at this site. *Nigella damascena* was in flower and Small Copper was on the wing.

A somewhat longer drive east took us to near Vieste, where we saw many Pyramidal Orchids, in fine flower. *Ophrys incubacea* was also here, Tassel Hyacinths were numerous, and there was a lot of Rosy Garlic. There were a number of *Orobanche loricata*, and *Malva cretica* and *Convolvulus pentapetaloides* were pleasing finds. Green-underside Blue and Brown Argus were seen. Bee-eaters called regularly, Red-rumped Swalows were a pleasing addition to the bird list, and a Hobby flew over. Among the many other flowers were *Onobrychis aequidentata*, and *Scorzonera hirsuta*. The next site had *Ophrys sicula* and more fine *Ophrys apulica*, and Richard saw a Jack Snipe here. Light rain curtailed a very productive full first day.

We arrived back at the hotel with time for a rest and an initial run through the plant list before enjoying dinner in the restaurant.

Day 3 Wednesday 24th April Passo Ingarano, Dolina Pozzatina and Spina Pulci

We drove west this morning, the skies cloudy but the day bright, as we headed to the Passo Ingarano, arriving after about an hour. We spent the whole morning exploring the hillsides here and found much of interest. Near the vehicle we started the plant list with *Erodium ciconium*, the beautiful *Pisum sativum*, and some amazingly robust Giant Fennels. Having

accessed a stony slope we started to see orchids, with widespread species such as *Ophrys bombyliflora* and many *Orchis italica* and *Orchis papilionacea*. A good number of Man Orchids were in good flower. Higher up were several of the southern Italian endemic *Ophrys parvimaculata* in fine flower, but the Adriatic endemic *Ophrys archipelagi* had gone over. Near both parents was a rather convincing hybrid between the two.

The yellowish mounds of *Euphorbia spinosa* were very attractive, the lovely purple flowered *Verbascum phoeniceum* was particularly fine, and *Vicia benghalensis* was in good bloom. *Paliurus spina-christi* provided a rather prickly scrub covered hillside which is spreading on the lower slopes. The *Iris lutescens* were mostly over here but there were a few still in flower, of the purple form. There were some fine patches of *Cyclamen repandum* higher up the slope sheltered under the Downy Oaks. Among the other plants here were *Lathyrus cicera*, *Helianthemum salicifolium*, *Alyssoides sinuata*, *Parentucellia latifolia*, and *Scorzonera hirsuta*. Subalpine Warblers were active in the scrub, whilst a female Montagu's Harrier flew overhead, and Corn Buntings and Cirl Buntings called from prominent perches. A dead Roman Mole was found.

Land snails are a feature of these limestone slopes. *Pomaceus elegans* was attractive; *Rumina decolata* had a characteristic truncated shell; a member of the Clausilidae represented a very large family; and a large Vitrinid shell, a glass snail, was characteristically light.

I started turning over stones and soon located no less than three of the potentially dangerous centipede *Scolopendra cingulatus*, and two small scorpions *Buthus occitanus*. A Cream-spot Tiger was much admired.

It was time to leave this productive site, and we drove a few kilometres to the impressive Dolina Pozzatina, a bowl shaped depression formed by the collapse of the limestone roof, the largest of its kind in the Gargano. It was time for our picnic and I set out the picnic in the back of the vehicle whilst the group admired the verdant dolina, surprisingly an arable field on its floor. Here the *Paeonia mascula* was already over.

Nearby was a large meadow coloured pink by the masses of *Orchis morio* and *Orchis papilionacea*. There were also a few obvious examples of hybrids between the two. Subalpine Warblers were much in evidence. Common Whitethroat and Corn Bunting were here, and in an oak copse I spotted a Golden Oriole to show Irene, rather distant, but a new bird for her. The peonies were again mostly over, but one still had petals, much paler than the deeply coloured *Paeonia peregrina* we had seen on the first day.

Next we headed up a minor road to the beautiful oak-hornbeam woodland of the Bosco di Spina Pulci, where the trees had just burst into leaf and were a startlingly fresh green. The forest floor was covered with *Anemone apennina, Cyclamen repandum* and *Allium pendulinum*. We strolled through the lovely woodland and found many other plants including *Viola graeca*, Wood Spurge, *Cardamine graeca*, a few *Narcissus poeticus* still in flower, and *Doronicum orientale*. A highlight was several fine specimens of *Ophrys biscutella*, and several yellow *Dactylorhiza romana* here this year. The diminutive *Asterolinon linum-stellatum* was common and *Aphanes inexpectata* was numerous for those who appreciate the tiniest of plants. *Vicia grandiflora, Bellis sylvestris*, and *Muscari commutatum* were noted too. The foodplant of Southern Festoon, *Aristolochia longa*, was rather common, and we saw the butterfly too, a species that we would

see at many sites this year. Nuthatch and Common Treecreeper were seen, and Green Woodpeckers called.

In the evening we met for a run through of the fauna we had seen so far, before dinner.

Day 4 Thursday 25th April Lake Lesina and Carpino Area

Awaking to fine weather we again headed west, initially along the coast and the bar that runs along the northern shore of Lake Varano. Having negotiated the stange deserted resort town of Lido del Sole, our first stop was a sandy track. Along the sides of the path patches of beautiful deep blue were provided by *Alkanna tinctoria*. The typical sand dune species *Silene colorata*, *Silene conica* and *Lotus cytisoides* were common, whilst Myrtle, *Phillyrea angustifolia* and Mediterranean Buckthorn were among the shrubs. White Mignonette was here, and Sweet Alison was common. The *Acacia cyanophylla* was in impressive flower and the grass *Lagurus ovatus* was very attractive. On the dunes was a fine flora including Sea Holly, Sea Medick, Cottonweed, *Anthemis maritima* (much in flower), *Ononis variegata*, Sea Spurge and Sea Bindweed, and the spiky leaves of *Echinophora spinosa* were found. Pelicans-foot, *Aporrhais pespelicani* was among the shells on the beach.

A basking European Pond Terrapin beside the channel was too distant to be appreciated properly. Green Frogs (Italian Hybrid Frogs) rasped continuously whilst Cetti's Warbler periodically gave its explosive song. Long-tailed Tits frequented the pines.

A little further along a wider sandy track again took us down to the shore. *Verbascum phlomoides* and *Cistus salvifolius* were in flower, and *Lonicera etrusca* and *Dorycnium hirsutum* were growing in the dunes. We again reached the beach and had a look at the typical flora. Also noted here were *Tragopogon crocifolius*, and *Erodium laciniatum*. Hoopoe was seen briefly.

Next we drove west to Lake Lesina, reaching the northern shores, and walked down to the fringing reed beds. There followed some good birding.

Little Egret was seen and on the lake were many Coots. Several Wood Sandpipers fed on the exposed mud, whilst a Marsh Harrier hunted over the reeds. Penduline Tits were seen superbly well gathering nesting material from the reeds. Indeed four nests were located, and the photographers spent much time at two of these, the birds regularly returning with nesting material and adding to the nests in the tamarisks.

On the lake were a few Little and Great Crested Grebes, and Pochard and Ferruginous Duck were seen. Common Snipe was seen in flight. Water Rail called from the reeds and Crested Larks frequented the ploughed fields. Great Reed Warblers sang continuously and were seen in the reeds, and Zitting Cisticolas performed display flights. One field had much *Melilotus messanensis* in flower. A highlight was an impressively large Four-lined Snake in the shallow water at the lake's edge, watched for a reasonable time.

Lunch was eaten a little further west. Black-headed Gulls were much in evidence, and there were a few Flamingos on this part of the lake, and Common Terns. Bee-eaters had been calling constantly and Walter spotted them on and around some low bushes on the other side of the channel. There was a typical salt marsh flora here.

In the afternoon we headed inland, initially above Cagnano where we found the local endemic *Iris bicapitata* in good flower, in the purple form. We drove along the periphery of the Bosco Quarto where the flowers were stunning, a taster of what we would see in a few days time. A stop was prompted by many superb *Dactylorhiza romana* under the trees. Here too was a fine *Orchis provincialis*.

The next stop was to look for Dense-flowered Orchid at one of the few sites where it may already be in flower at this time, where if we find it at all it's usually only one plant. Searching today yielded a few leaves, with one just about in flower. *Viola graeca* was here in both purple and yellow forms, and *Viola suavis* was found too. *Cruciata laevipes, Aremonia agrimonioides, Lamium garganicum* and *Ranunculus millefoliatus* were all in bloom.

The last stop of the day was on a fine rocky limestone hillside that supported many plants. Below us were Lake Varano and the calm blue sea. A few *Ophrys promontorii* were located, another new species for the trip, and there were several Burnt-tip Orchids. The natural rock garden held many fine flowers, with crucifers a feature, among them Burnt Candytuft, *Thlaspi praecox*, and *Alyssum minus*. *Anchusa cretica* and *Ajuga genevensis* provided some lovely blue splashes of colour, and there were many Man Orchids. *Minuartia verna* was in flower and there were extensive patches of *Parentucellia latifolia*.

Day 5 Friday 26th April Transfer to Monte St. Angelo via Foresta Umbra

It was time to say farewell to the friendly owners of the hotel at Rodi and head south, driving inland across the peninsula of the Gargano, to our next hotel, in Monte St.Angelo. Clear blue skies were again characteristic. Our first scheduled stop was to admire what for several years has been a fine show of Lady Orchids under an olive grove. Sadly the obsessive chemical spraying of roadsides this year had scuppered this population the whole ground flora yellow and withered. However at the same site, just below the road, was a fine substitute, where under another olive grove some forty superb spikes were very photogenic and impressive. *Calystegia silvatica* bloomed in a hedgerow.

Next we stopped in the northern part of the Foresta Umbra, a beautiful beech woodland, to look for various woodland orchids. We found a few of the rare (here) *Orchis provincialis* in flower, and very young spikes of *Epipactis*, and a few *Cephalanthera damasonium* coming into flower. There was a good population of *Erica arborea* at the bottom of the slope, with which *Orchis provincialis* often grows. Sanicle was in bloom on the forest floor. Cuckoo called and Blackcaps and other familiar woodland birds provided a chorus in this beautiful spot. Firecrest and Great Spotted Woodpecker were here too.

The next stop took us to the small visitor centre of the Foresta Umbra, where a little museum displays a large number of stuffed local animals (mammals, birds, butterflies, moths, a few amphibians and reptiles), and the small shop has a reasonable selection of publications and postcards. Just next door to the visitor centre there was an enclosure with some Fallow Deer. On the wall here were Wall Speedwell, Shining Cranesbill, Maidenhair Spleenwort, Hart'stongue Fern, and Rusty-back Fern. A drive east along the road to Vieste took us through more superb woodland, much more like an eastern European forest rather than one in southern Italy.

The woodland bird song was remarkable with a host of common species all singing together. Various stops produced a good selection of ferns, and *Cardamine chelidonia*.

I was especially pleased to spot two fine Sword-leaved Helleborines in perfect bloom on the roadside, and these were duly admired. At another stop Holly Blue and Speckled Wood were on the wing in the sunshine. Strangely the *Scrophularia vernalis* I'd found the previous year was not located, but *Scrophularia peregrina* was here instead!

We ate lunch at one of the many picnic tables provided in the forest. There were several interesting plants here such as *Cardamine bulbifera*, Ramsons, and Woodruff. The attendant Nuthatch was rather shyer than is usual!

Once out of the forest a stop among open fields yielded a selection of orchids, and a pair of Woodchat Shrikes put in a brief appearance. Nearing Monte St.Angelo we made a stop at an orchid rich site, where we saw *Ophrys bertoloniiformis* for the first time. Also here were *Ophrys promontorii*, *Ophrys sicula*, and *Ophrys phryganae*. With many common species here too there were perhaps fifteen orchid species at this site. The white *Helianthemum apenninum* was in fine flower, as was the rather tall *Bellis sylvestris*. Tree Heath was a feature of the roadsides in the area.

Another site had many flowers, including some beautiful forms of *Iris lutescens*. Here rather large numbers of *Ophrys funerea* this year was the highlight. There were many other orchids here too, and briefly I saw a dark phase Western Whip Snake. Queen of Spain Fritillary was on the wing.

We arrived at the hotel in Monte St.Angelo late afternoon and settled into our very comfortable rooms. As we drove through town we saw the purple *Aubrieta columnae*, white *Arabis alpina*, the pink *Lamium garganicum*, and the yellow *Doronicum columnae* in flower on the rocks.

We enjoyed a very good dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Day 6 Thursday 19th April Pulsano Road

A local day today, spent exploring the very productive Pulsano Road. The weather was rather changeable, and pretty cool at first, however with sunny spells, but unfortunately by lunch time the only persistent rain of the tour came, and the rest of the day was rather wet.

Orchids are a feature of the area, and very many were seen today. *Ophrys bertolonii, Ophrys bertolonii, Ophrys tenthredinifera, Ophrys garganica,* and *Ophrys sicula* were all in fine form. *Orchis lactea* was rather common at a couple of sites, but only one was found still in flower this year. Common species such as Man Orchid, *Orchis italica* and *Orchis morio* were numerous. At one site was a particularly fine patch of *Orchis quadripunctata*. I was very pleased to find a lone *Ophrys sipontensis*, a very local endemic, at a new site. Richard found the hybrid *Orchis italica* x *Aceras anthropophorum*, particularly appreciated by Walter.

The lack of sunshine meant most butterflies were rather torpid, providing ample photographic opportunities. At the first site were a remarkable number of Chapman's Blues, whilst Little Blues, Baton Blue, and Brown Argus were here too. A pair of freshly emerged Swallowtails

looked especially fine. *Arabis verna* was in attractive flower in one shady spot and among other new plants were *Helianthemum canum*, *Scandix australis*, *Valantia muralis* and *Valeriana collina*. The woolly leaves of *Salvia argentea* were very attractive. Lifting various stones yielded another impressive *Scolopendra* centipede and a few more scorpions. Communal masses of larvae of the lackey moth *Malacosoma franconicum* were numerous in the area.

Today I was forced to set out the extensive picnic in the back of the van under the cover of the door, whilst the group had to eat inside the vehicle due to the heavy rain. Early afternoon saw us visiting the Pulsano sanctuary from where the views of the gorge were impressive, all the way down to the coast. The old walls here supported several interesting plants including *Seseli montanum*, *Hyoscyamus albus*, *Capparis spinosa* and *Cymbalaria muralis*. There was a selection of fumitories.

Most opted for an early return to the hotel rather than the intended gorge walk, due to the persistent rain. This is one of my favourite sites of the tour, and I intended that we would return here in better weather, as it is usually especially productive for butterflies. Nevertheless Richard was keen to set out anyway despite the weather, so after driving the others to the hotel, we returned and embarked on what was a rather wet but very produtive and enjoyable walk. By the end of it the heavy cloud had even cleared somewhat and there was a little sunshine.

The rocks supported three endemic plants. Campanula garganica had a few fine flowers, Scabiosa dallaportae was surprisingly not even in bud, whilst the Inula verbascifolia blooms much later. Chamaecytisus spinescens and Onosma echioides were both very attractive. There were some impressive broomrape spikes, Orobanche caryophyllacea, parasitising Galium. Several Ophrys apulica were located, and Early Spider Orchid, Ophrys sphegodes, was in flower. Thesium humile, Silene subconica, and Sideritis romana were among the many other plants. A highlight was a few Serapias orientalis, an addition to the orchid list.

Perched in the dull weather were several Eastern Bath Whites, with Eastern Dappled White here too. The burnet *Zygaena loti restricta* had evidently just emerged.

Day 7 Sunday 28th April Bosco Quarto and Chiancate

Today, once we had left the 'main' road we saw almost nobody at all during our time in the beautiful Bosco Quarto, and very few vehicles on Chiancate either, surprising on a Sunday with perfect weather. As we left Monte St.Angelo we admired the cliffs covered in *Aubrietia columnae*, *Arabis alpina*, *Doronicum columnae*, and *Lamium garganicum*, but the rosettes of *Campanula garganica* were not in flower. At the first scheduled stop there was much *Linum austriacum* and *Helianthemum apeninnum*, and Nightingale, Corn Buntings and Stonechats provided the soundtrack. I was pleased to find a fine stand of *Vicia melanops*, a species seemingly less common in the Gargano than in the past.

At a site for *Paeonia mascula* a few were in reasonable bloom, and among the arable weeds were *Eranthis hyemalis* (leaves), *Thlaspi perfoliatum* and *Lathyrus ochrus*. We had fine views of a Green Lizard. A roadside rock garden held many *Narcissus poeticus*, abundant *Anemone apennina*,

Ophrys sphegodes, and Saxifraga carpetana. Here were a couple of very early plants of Orange Lily just emerging and our first Elder-flowered Orchid. Golden Oriole sang in the distance.

Now in the woods, there were many fine *Dactylorhiza romana*. Among the many other woodland plants were Spurge Laurel, *Stellaria holostea*, *Dorycnium orientale* and *Cardamine graeca*. Much searching failed to locate any Bird's-nest Orchids (only a few old spikes), sometimes in good flower at this time, but a bonus was some fine morels. The woodland bird song was a constant soundtrack. White-backed Woodpecker was seen all too briefly.

At another stop the woodland floor was covered in privet, among which grew *Polygonatum* multiflorum, *Pulmonaria vallarsae*, *Allium pendulinum*, *Anemone apennina*, *Viola suavis*, and *Viola riviniana*. Blackcaps sang continuously.

It was time for lunch which I prepared at one of the many deserted picnic areas. The gageas we sometimes see in bloom here, *Gagea chrysantha*, were all in fruit this year.

A field that is usually full of *Corydalis cava* had many in flower this year, but the *Paeonia mascula* here was in bud. There was also fine *Iris lutescens* and our first *Euphorbia myrsinites*, surely one of the most striking plants of the tour. A great find here was a lone *Bellevalia romana*, not seen by us on this tour since 2005! Southern Festoon was flying and *Senecio tenorei* was in flower.

Once on the fine limestone upland of Chiancate we were treated to one of the floral highlights of the week. The *Orchis pauciflora* was in fine form, with many in flower. This is the only known site for the diminutive *Ophrys virescens* on the peninsula, and I was pleased to find nearly thirty of them today. Several more fine Elder-flowered Orchids were located. There was much more *Euphorbia myrsinites*, and *Alyssum minus*, amid a fine selection of species already familiar to us. The *Narcissus tazetta* was all in fruit already this year. The limestone hills made an impressive backdrop.

Another stop was made for a simply stunning show of orchids, before we continued home to our lovely hotel and another very welcome dinner. Scops Owl was heard near the hotel.

Day 8 Monday 29th April Ruggiano Road and Margherita Saltpans

Again under clear blue skies we set out on a varied day. At the first stop there was a selection of the commoner orchids, and a few *Ophrys biscutella*. Corn Bunting and Stonechat were much in evidence, and Walter found a green Western Whip Snake. A friendly dog was pleased to see us again. At the next slope there were many fine irises. Subalpine Warblers called from the bushes and we again heard Golden Oriole. The sun brought out many butterflies, particularly in one sheltered gully. Swallowtail, Scarce Swallowtail, Eastern Dappled White, Brimstone, Small Copper, Little Blue, Baton Blue, and Adonis Blue were all here. There were also several ascelaphids on the wing. *Linaria pelisseriana* was new for us and a pleasing find was the thrift *Armeria canescens*, just coming into flower, a species not seen for many years on this tour. One plant of *Salvia argentea* was in flower.

Close by was the site for the very local endemic *Ophrys sipontensis*, where some were in fine flower this year, although most showed some degree of hybridisation. The proximity of *Ophrys*

bertolonii and Ophrys bertoloniiformis allowed the two to be compared. Potentilla hirta was in leaf. Irene was especially pleased when a Cuckoo flew over.

A viewpoint stop yielded fine views of Manfredonia and Siponto below. Blue Rock Thrush and Black-eared Wheatear were both seen. In leaf on the cliffs were *Dianthus sylvestris*, and the endemic *Centaurea subtilis*. *Tyrimnus leucographus* was added to the plant list. Among the many butterflies was the very special Italian Marbled White.

I set out the picnic in a beautiful olive grove near the locked gates of a interesting large ruined house, which showed an interesting range of architectural styles, with a selection of follies and outbuildings. One of my targets here was again Italian Marbled White, but it failed to appear here this year. Mallow Skippers and Four-spotted Moth were seen however, and *Medicago orbicularis* was in impressive fruit. *Echium parviflorum* was added to the list. There were a few Whinchats here, a species we saw at several sites this year.

The next stop was beside the busy motorway, a necessity to see the impressive *Serapias apulica*, reliable at this site, with several still in good flower. The vegetation here was as always very interesting but the difficult location meant we had to move on quickly after the *Serapias* had been admired.

Back on the road we drove south to the extensive series of working saltpans at Margherita. The many Flamingoes were mostly rather distant this year, grouped on the far side of the pans, although we saw a few closer birds, and large numbers in flight. Three Spoonbills were seen well. Among the waders were Black-winged Stilts, Little Stints, Ruff, Kentish Plovers, a lone Little Ringed Plover, Wood Sandpiper, Dunlin, and Curlew Sandpiper. The grey-headed form of Yellow Wagtail was seen well.

A feature of the site is the Slender-billed Gulls, in fully developed pink-flushed breeding plumage, and many were here today. Mediterranean Gulls were in breeding plumage and a Little Gull was a bonus. There were a few Little Terns. Shelduck were much in evidence, and there were many Avocets. The flora included typical saltmarsh species such as *Arthrocnemum perenne*, *Arthrocnemum fruticosum*, *Suaeda vera* and *Camphorosma monspeliaca*. Two Moorish Geckos basking on a disused building were well photographed.

Several Curlew Sandpipers were in breeding plumage, with one group in a channel near the road being approached closely. The Dunlin were also in breeding plumage.

We headed back to Monte St. Angelo via an exciting series of hairpin bends.

Day 9 Tuesday 22nd April Monte Nero

Our last day in the field saw us visiting a mixed selection of sites. Again the day started fine in Monte St.Angelo. Initially we headed a little further west to start a leisurely walk up Monte Nero, which today would take most of the morning.

The paved track that leads up Monte Nero is always a floral delight, having much in common with the nearby Chiancate. Thus we saw many more *Orchis pauciflora*, as well as many Elderflowered Orchids, and *Dactylorhiza maculata* was in leaf. Marsh Tit was seen, Lesser Spotted

Woodpecker called, and Blackcaps sang. There were fine views of the extensive surrounding woodland, with scattered exposed limestone outcrops on the hill tops. Among the many plants here were *Aristolochia longa*, *Anemone pavonina*, *Ranunculus millefoliatus*, *Saxifraga bulbifera*, *Viola heterophylla*, and *Anchusa cretica*. *Symphytum bulbosum* and White Asphodel were new species for the tour. After much searching I located *Plantago subulata* and there was much *Laserpitium garganicum* in leaf. There were a few *Globularia punctata* in flower and *Senecio tenorei* was in bud.

Near Borgo Celano we saw several *Serapias vomeracea* and Burnt-tip Orchids, as well as a selection of *Ophrys*. An unfortunate injured Western Whip Snake was on the road, obviously hit by the vehicle that had preceded us.

Our last picnic was eaten in the Cento Pozzi dolina where the ponds supported the usual Italian Hybrid Frogs and Italian Crested Newts, and European Pond Terrapins. I had been dismayed at the amount of litter at this site in previous years, discarded by thoughtless visitors, but thankfully the last couple of years there has been almost none. A Dice Snake frequented one of the ponds, Subalpine Warbler and Nightingale sang throughout our visit, and as we arrived a Honey Buzzard flew over. Richard found Glanville and Knapweed Fritillaries flying together.

The afternoon was devoted to a return visit to walk the Pulsano Gorge, in fine sunshine this time!

The walk along the gorge was indeed rather hot this afternoon but the path is not difficult, and descends very gradually to the woods at the bottom. Of course we saw all the plants seen on our previous visit and we added several others. *Orobanche gracilis* parasitised legumes. There were many butterflies on the wing, and a fine Italian Marbled White nectared. Clouded Yellow still caused much interest and Cleopatra was on the wing. There was a good selection of blues.

Moorish Geckos frequented the limestone rocks, and Walter did battle with another black Western Whip Snake that really didn't want to be shown to the group!

Day 10 Wednesday 1st May To Bari and Departure

We said our farewells to Monte St.Angelo and descended to the plains, via the Ruggiano road, to Foggia, then taking the autostrada south to Bari. We reached the airport exactly at the intended time, and said our fond farewells. I then drove Irene to her hotel near the airport, as her flight was not until the following day.

Gargano Systematic Lists 2013

Compiled by Paul Cardy

Itinerary

- Day 1. 22nd April. Arrival. Transfer to Rodi Garganico. *Paeonia peregrina* site.
- Day 2. 23rd April. Beach near Peschici, sites west of Vieste.
- Day 3. 24th April. Passo Ingarano, Dolina Pozzatina, Bosco di Spina Pulci.
- Day 4. 25th April. Varano Island, Lake Lesina, sites above Carpino and Cagnano.
- Day 5. 26th April. Vico, Foresta Umbra, Carbonara Valley, Monte St. Angelo.
- Day 6. 27th April. Pulsano road and gorge.
- Day 7. 28th April. Bosco Quarto, Chiancate.
- Day 8. 29th April. Ruggiano road, Villa Rosa, Margherita saltpans.
- Day 9. 30th April. Monte Nero, Borgo Celano, Cento Pozzi, Pulsano Gorge.
- Day 10. 1st May. To Bari and departure.

Systematic List Number 1 Plants

Species recorded on previous tours but not seen this year are annotated with the year in which they were last seen. Species seen for the first time this year are annotated 2013. A number of works are used for taxonomy and nomenclature, although in general the system of Flora Europaea is followed. 'An Annotated Checklist of the Italian Vascular Flora' by Conti et al, 2005, is invaluable. 'Bestimmungsschlussel zur Flora des Gargano' by Wolfgang Licht, 2008, is an invaluable flora for those who speak German!

Pteridophyta

Adiantum capillus-veneris Maidenhair Fern Peschici area 2007
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum Black Spleenwort Foresta Umbra and Bosco Quarto

Asplenium trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort Sheltered walls etc., locally common, e.g.

Foresta Umbra

Blechnum spicantHard FernForesta UmbraCeterach officinarumRustyback FernWidespread and locally commonCystopteris fragilisBrittle Bladder FernA few records, e.g. Monte NeroDryopteris filix-masMale FernNoted in the Foresta Umbra and Bosco

e Fern Noted in the F Ouarto

Phyllitis scolopendrium Harts-tongue Fern Noted in the Foresta Umbra, where locally

common, and Bosco Quarto

Polypodium cambricum Southern Polypody Foresta Umbra etc.

Polypodium vulgare Common Polypody Foresta Umbra and Bosco Quarto

Polystichum setiferumSoft Shield FernForesta UmbraPteridium aquilinumBrackenWidespread

Selaginella denticulata Mediterranean Selaginella Locally common on shaded rocks and

banks

Gymnospermae

Pinaceae

Cedrus atlanticaAtlas CedarBosco Quarto Agriturismo 2006Larix deciduaLarchForesta Umbra and Bosco di Spina PulciPinus halepensisAleppo PineWidespread, forming woods in the northPinus nigraBlack PineLocally planted, e.g. Foresta UmbraPinus pineaStone PineNoted on journeys to and from Bari

Airport

Pinus sylvestris Scots Pine Foresta Umbra

Pseudotsuga menziesii Douglas Fir Agriturismo in Bosco Quarto 2006

Cupressaceae

Cupressus macrocarpaMonterey CypressAbove Carpino etc.Cupressus sempervirensItalian CypressScattered

Juniperus oxycedrus Prickly Juniper North coast and Pulsano Gorge

Juniperus phoenicea Phoenician Juniper North coast and Pulsano Gorge Phoenician Juniper North Coast Albert Phoenician Juniper North Coast Albert Phoenician Juniper North Coast Albert Phoenicia

Taxacaceae

Taxus baccata Yew Foresta Umbra

Angiospermae Dicotyledones

Corylaceae

Carpinus betulus Hornbeam Widespread in the hills – sometimes co-

dominant. Smooth grey bark.

Carpinus orientalis Oriental Hornbeam Widespread – tended to be commoner on

lower slopes of the hills. Similar to the previous species but smaller leaves.

Ostrya carpinifolia Hop Hornbeam Locally numerous. Trunk brown and

fissured. e.g. Spina Pulci

Corylus avellana Hazel Pulsano road

Fagaceae

Castanea sativa Sweet Chestnut Local, e.g. Chiancate

Fagus sylvatica Common Beech Locally dominant, as in parts of Foresta

Umbra

Quercus cerris Turkey Oak Widespread in the forests

Quercus ilex Holm Oak Widespread

Quercus pubescensDowny OakScattered throughout, forest on Monte NeroQuercus roburPedunculate OakNoted at Dolina Pozzatino in previous years

Salicaceae

Salix babylonica Weeping Willow Pulsano Road, Monte St Angelo.

Populus nigra Black Poplar North coast

Populus tremula Aspen A few in Foresta Umbra

Juglandaceae

Juglans regia Walnut Near Bosco Quarto and in the north

Betulaceae

Alnus cordata Oriental Alder Foresta Umbra 2008
Betula pendula Silver Birch Foresta Umbra

Ulmaceae

Ulmus glabra Wych Elm Foresta Umbra

Ulmus minor Small-leaved Elm Scattered records, e.g. Passo Ingarano

Moraceae

Ficus carica Fig Widespread

Loranthaceae

Loranthus europaeus a mistletoe Parasitic on one oak near Ruggiano

junction.

Santalaceae

Osyris alba Osyris Near Vico

Thesium humile a bastard toadflax Pulsano gorge and Serapias apulica site

Urticaceae

Parietaria judaica Pellitory of the Wall Scattered

Parietaria officinalis Common Pellitory Pulsano Sanctuary

Urtica dioica Stinging Nettle Common

Urtica membranaceaMembraneous NettleNear the hotel in the northUrtica piluliferaRoman NettleNorthern Forest Umbra roadsides

Urtica urens Annual Nettle North coast

a birthwort

Aristolochiaceae

Aristolochia clusii a birthwort Scattered records, ground cover in woods.

Synonym *A.longa*. Some affected by a rust. Noted in the Foresta Umbra and Bosco di

Spina Pulci etc. Very short petioles.

Polygonaceae

Aristolochia rotunda

Polygonum aviculare Knotgrass South coast Rumex acetosa Common Sorrel Scattered records Rumex acetosella Sheep's Sorrel Near Dolina Pozzatina Clustered Dock Margherita Saltpans Rumex conglomeratus Rumex crispus Curled Dock Scattered records Broad-leaved Dock Scattered records Rumex obtusifolius

Rumex palustris Marsh Dock Manfredonia Wetlands 2005 Rumex pulcher Fiddle Dock Foresta Umbra 2006

Chenopodiaceae

Arthrocnemum macrostachyaGlasswortMargherita Saltpans and Lake LesinaAtriplex halimusShrubby OracheLake Lesina in previous yearsAtriplex prostrataSpear-leaved OracheLake Lesina and near Peschici

Beta vulgaris Sea Beet Near Peschici

Camphorosma monspeliacaMargherita SaltpansChenopodium albumFat HenNear Peschici 2012

Chenopodium murale Nettle-leaved Goosefoot Santa Maria di Pulsano Sanctuary

Chenopodium vulvaria Stinking Goosefoot Near Peschici 2011

Halimione portulacoides Sea Purslane Salt marshes at Margherita and Lesina

Salicornia europaeaGlasswortMargherita SaltpansSalsola kaliPrickly SaltwortVarano Island 2012

Suaeda vera Shrubby Seablite Noted at Margherita Saltpans

Suaeda splendens a seablite Margherita Saltpans

Aizoaceae

Carpobrotus edulis Hottentot Fig Saltmarshes at Margherita Saltpans,

and north coast

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria leptoclados Lesser Thyme-leaved Sandwort Scattered records
Arenaria serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Sandwort Pulsano Road, Peschici area etc.

Cerastium fontanumMouse-ear ChickweedScattered records, e.g. Passo IngaranoCerastium glomeratumSticky Mouse-earWidespread

Cerastium giomeratum Sticky Mouse-ear widespread

Cerastium semidecandrum Little Mouse-ear North coast and Pulsano road 2008

Dianthus sylvestrisWood PinkA few in leaf at Ruggiano viewpointHerniaria glabraSmooth RupturewortChiancate etc.Herniaria hirsutaHairy RupturewortRuggiano road 2012

Minuartia hybridaFine-leaved SandwortScattered records, e.g. Spina PulciMinuartia vernaSpring SandwortWidespread in the hills, locally common.

Moehringia trinervia Three-veined Sandwort Bosco Quarto 2006

Petrohagia velutina Kohlrauschia Scattered records, e.g. Ruggiano road

Polycarpon diphyllum Two-leaved Allseed Noted in the south 2011

Polycarpon tetraphyllum Four-leaved Allseed North coast etc.

Pulsano Road Sagina apetala Annual Pearlwort Sagina procumbens Procumbent Pearlwort Scattered records Scleranthus annuus Annual Knawel Monte Nero 2008 Scleranthus perennis Perennial Knawel Recorded 2011 Scattered records Silene alba White Campion

Silene colorata a catchfly Very common on coastal dunes

Silene conica Sand Catchfly North Coast dunes

Small-flowered Catchfly Silene gallica Passo Ingarano 2008 and 2013 Silene italica Italian Catchfly Scattered, e.g. Pulsano Gorge Silene subconica a catchfly Pulsano road and gorge Silene vulgaris Bladder Campion Scattered, e.g. Varano Island Spergularia marina Lesser Sea Spurrey Manfredonia wetlands 2008

Spergularia rubra Peschici etc. Sand-spurrey

Stellaria holostea Greater Stitchwort Scattered in wooded areas, e.g. Bosco

Quarto

Stellaria media Common Chickweed Widespread. Stamens 3 to 8. Recorded. Stamens 10. Stellaria neglecta Greater Chickweed Velezia rigida Velezia Vieste area 2003

Ranunculaceae

Adonis aestivalis a Pheasant's-eye Rignano 2005

Carbonara Valley 2006 and 2013 Adonis annua Pheasant's-eye Locally co-dominant under trees in the Anemone apennina Blue Anemone

hills, including much of the white form

var.albiflora

Anemone hortensis Scattered records. Tepals 12 to 19. an anemone Peacock Anemone Widespread and common. Tepals 7 to 12. Anemone pavonina

Leaves seen in the Bosco Ouarto Aquilegia vulgaris Common Columbine Clematis flammula Scattered in the north, in leaf Fragrant Clematis Clematis vitalba Traveller's Joy Scattered – mostly in the north. In leaf.

Eranthis hyemalis Winter Aconite In seed in Carbonara Valley Nigella damascena Love-in-a-mist Peschici olive grove etc.

Ranunculus acris Meadow Buttercup Pilgrim's Road, Monte St Angelo and near

Vieste

Carbonara 'tulip fields' 2012 Ranunculus arvensis Corn Buttercup

Ranunculus bulbosus **Bulbous Buttercup** Widespread

Ranunculus ficaria Lesser Celandine Bosco di Spina Pulci, Monte Nero etc. Rather widespread. Sepals pubescent. Ranunculus garganicus a buttercup

Woolly Buttercup Ranunculus lanuginosus Foresta Umbra

Ranunculus millefoliatus a buttercup Widespread and common. Sepals

glabrous.

Foresta Umbra 2013 Ranunculus muricatus a buttercup

Ranunculus paludosus Jersey Buttercup In leaf

Ranunculus parviflorus Small-flowered Buttercup Spina Pulci 2013 Ranunculus sardous Hairy Buttercup Widespread Ranunculus scleratus Celery-leaved Buttercup Cento Pozzi

Ranunculus trichophllylus Thread-leaved Water Dropwort Manfredonia wetlands 2008

Paeoniaceae

Paeonia mascula a Peony In flower at one site in Carbonara

Valley, several near Dolina Pozzatina in fruit, one flower, in bud near Chiancate Several in fine flower at one site in the

Paeonia peregrina a Peony

northern coastal area, others in bud

Capparaceae

Capparis spinosa a Caper Pulsano sanctuary Papaveraceae

Chelidonium majus Greater Celandine Foresta Umbra

Scattered records in north, mainly Papaver apulum a poppy

roadsides

Papaver dubium Long-headed Poppy Recorded in the north Papaver hybridum Rough Poppy Passo Ingarano 2008

Papaver rhoeas Common Poppy Widespread and locally numerous

Near Sannicandro 2007 Papaver somniferum Opium Poppy

Fumariaceae

Corydalis cava **Bulbous Corydalis** Locally several in flower this year

Dolina Pozzatina 2007 Fumaria agraria a fumitory Fumaria bastardii Tall Ramping-Fumitory Scattered records Fumaria capreolata White Ramping-Fumitory Widespread and common

Scattered records, e.g. Carbonara valley Fumaria densiflora a fumitory Fumaria officinalis Common Fumitory Widespread and locally common Fumaria parviflora **Small Fumitory** Pulsano Sanctuary, Passo Ingarano Fumaria vaillantii Near Peschici and Bosco Quarto a fumitory

Cruciferae

Aethionema saxatile **Burnt Candytuft** Hillside above Carpino, Pulsano road etc. Garlic Mustard Scattered in woodlands, e.g. Foresta Umbra Alliaria petiolata

Alyssoides sinuata Alyssoides Scattered, e.g. Passo Ingarano and Pulsano

sanctuary

Possibly this species seen along Pulsano Alyssum leucadeum

road 2004

Locally very common Alyssum minus Thale Cress Scattered records Arabidopsis thaliana

Arabis alpina Alpine Rockcress Monte St. Angelo, ssp. caucasica Arabis collina

a rockcress Scattered records in the south, pinkish flowers. Syn. Arabis rosea. Also above

Carpino.

Widespread Arabis hirsuta Hairy Rockcress Arabis sagittata a rockcress Recorded 2013 Arabis turrita Dolina Pozzatina **Towercress**

Bosco Quarto, Pulsano road, Passo Arabis verna Spring Rockcress

Ingarano

Locally numerous on walls and rocks, Aubrieta columnae

Monte St. Angelo, ssp. italica

Aurinia saxatile Golden Alyssum Widespread and common, e.g. above

Carpino

Barbarea bracteosa Scattered records a Wintercress Barbarea vulgaris Common Wintercress Widespread Biscutella didyma Biscutella Widespread

Biscutellas lyrata Probably this species along Pulsano road a biscutella Brassica nigra Black Mustard Scattered

Brassica rapa Wild Turnip Rather widespread and locally common, Bunias erucago **Bunias**

e.g. near Peschici

Cakile maritima Sea Rocket Noted on the shore in the north, and at

Margherita

Recorded

Bosco di Spina Pulci Calepina irregularis White Ball Mustard Capsella bursa-pastoris Shepherd's-purse Widespread and common Capsella rubella a shepherd's-purse Recorded, e.g. Pulsano Gorge Cardamine chelidonia a bittercress A few in Foresta Umbra

Cardamine graeca a bittercress Widespread in forests. White flowers. Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bittercress Bosco Quarto, Foresta Umbra etc. Cardaria draba Hoary Cress Widespread, particularly in the north

Clypeola jonthlaspi Clypeola Recorded in fruit

Coronopus squamatus Swinecress Beach near Peschici 2008 and 2013

Dentaria (Cardamine) bulbifera Coralroot Bittercress Scattered in woods, e.g Foresta Umbra

Diplotaxis erucoidesWhite Wall RocketNear Peschici 2007Diplotaxis tenuifoliaPerennial Wall RocketMargherita area 2012Draba muralisWall Whitlow GrassScattered

Erophila vernaWhitlow GrassScattered records, a few still in flowerEruca sativaErucaWidespread and locally abundant

Erysimum sp. Treacle Mustard Yellow flowers and fine grey leaves,

Pulsano road and transfer day. Erysimum crassistylum?

Hirschfeldia incanaHoary MustardScattered recordsHornungia petraeaHutchinsiaVery local, Monte Nero

Isatis tinctoria Woad Widespread and often common on

roadsides

Lepidium latifolium Dittander Very locally in flower on roadsides above

Cagnano 2013.

Lobularia maritimaSweet AlisonScattered in the northMatthiola incanaHoary StockTower near Peschici

Matthiola sinuata Sea Stock Only this species at tower near Peschici

2012 and mostly in fruit

Neslia paniculata Ball Mustard 1 in arable field below Chiancate

Raphanus raphinastrumWild RadishScatteredRapistrum rugosumBastard CabbageNorth, 2013Sinapis albaWhite MustardWidespreadSinapis arvensisCharlockWidespread

Sisymbrium irio London Rocket Scattered records in the south
Sisymbrium loeselii False London Rocket Pulsano Sanctuary and Manfredonia

Sisymbrium officinale Hedge Mustard Scattered

Sisymbrium orientale Eastern Rocket Carbonara Valley 2012

Thlaspi perfoliatum Perfoliate Pennycress Carbonara Valley, arable weed, 2012
Thlaspi praecox Perfoliate Pennycress Arable weed near Bosco Quarto, 2012
Thlaspi praecox Near Carpino, Bosco Quarto etc.

Resedaceae

Reseda alba White Mignonette Widespread, mainly north

Reseda lutea Wild Mignonette North coast etc.

Reseda phyteuma Corn Mignonette Pulsano road and south of Foresta Umbra

Crassulaceae

Sedum acre Biting Stonecrop Scattered in leaf, e.g. Pulsano Gorge

Sedum album White Stonecrop Monte Nero in leaf

Sedum caespitosum a stonecrop Widespread and locally common

Sedum hispanicuma stonecropPulsano SanctuarySedum ochroleucona stonecropPulsano Road etc., in leafSedum sediformea stonecropNoted in leaf, Pulsano GorgeSedum stellatumStarry StonecropScattered records, in leaf

Umbilicus rupestris Navelwort A few records

Saxifragaceae

Saxifraga bulbifera a saxifrage Scattered, has bulbils in leaf axils
Saxifraga graeca (carpetana) a saxifrage Bosco Quarto and Monte Nero

Saxifraga tridactylites Rue-leaved Saxifrage Noted in a variety of localities, e.g. Pulsano

Gorge

Platanaceae

Platanus X hybrida London Plane Noted en route from Bari to Rodi

Hydrangeaceae

Philadelphus coronarius Naturalised at the Dolina Pozzatina

Pittosporaceae

Pittosporum tobira Beach near Peschici

Rosaceae

Agrimonia eupatoria Agrimony Noted in leaf 2012

Aphanes inexpectata a Parsley Piert Noted at several sites in short woodland

turf, locally numerous as in Spina Pulci

Aremonia agriminoides Bastard Agrimony Widespread but local in woods

Cotoneaster nebrodensis a cotoneaster Possibly this species near Peschici 2008

Crataegus monogynaHawthornWidespreadCydonia oblongaQuinceA few in flowerEriobotrya japonicaLoquatRecordedFilipendula vulgarisDropwortIn leaf 2012

Fragaria moschataHautbois StrawberryScattered in the hillsFragaria vescaWild StrawberryLocal in leafFragaria viridisa strawberryRecorded 2008

Geum urbanum Herb Bennet In leaf

Malus sylvestris Crab Apple Pulsano Road, Monte St Angelo, near Vico,

and above Carpino

Potentilla hirta a cinquefoil Scattered in leaf, in flower at Cento Pozzi

Potentilla micrantha Pink Barren Strawberry Scattered, Spina Pulci, Foresta Umbra, and

Bosco Quarto, not seen 2012! 2013 only

Monte Nero. Scattered

Prunus aviumWild CherryScatteredPrunus dulcisAlmondCommonly cultivated

Prunus auctsAlmondCommonly cultivatePrunus mahalebSt.Lucies' CherryPulsano GorgePrunus persicaPeachCultivatedPrunus spinosaBlackthornScatteredPrunus webbiiRecorded 2011

 Pyrus amygdaliformis
 Almond-leaved Pear
 Widespread

 Pyrus communis
 Cultivated Pear
 Scattered records

 Rosa canina
 Dog Rose
 Villa Rosa lunch site etc.

Rosa spp. rose spp. Other species not identified, in leaf and

fruit

Rubus canescensa brambleWidespread. Small trefoil leaves.Rubus ulmifoliusa brambleWidespread. Variable leaves.Rubus spp.bramble spp.Other species not identified

Sanguisorba minor Salad Burnet Scattered records
Sorbus aucuparia Rowan Scattered records

Sorbus torminalis Wild Service Tree Foresta Umbra and Monte Nero

Fabaceae

Acacia cyanophylla Blue-leaved Wattle Planted in northern lowlands

Amorpha fruticosa Manfredonia wetlands 2008

Anagyris foetida Bean Trefoil Villa Rosa, not in flower

Anthyllis barba-jovisJupiter's BeardBordering the beach near PeschiciAnthyllis tetraphyllaBladder VetchScattered in northern lowlandsAnthyllis vulnerariaKidney VetchSubspecies maura and praepropera,

both pink flowered, widespread and

common

Astragalus glycophyllus Wild Liquorice In leaf in Pulsano Gorge 2011

Astragalus hamosus a milk-vetch Local, mostly in seed, e.g. Dolina Pozzatina

Astragalus monspessulanus False Vetch In flower at two sites along Pulsano road,

and west of Vieste (2012)

Astragalus montanus a milk-vetch Pulsano road, this species? Synonomy?

Astragalus sesameus a milk-vetch A few records

Ceratonia siliqua Carob Tree Olive grove near Peschici Cercis siliquastrum Scattered in flower Judas Tree Chamaecytisus spinescens a hairy broom Several in Pulsano gorge Colutea arborescens Bladder Senna Near Vieste 2008 Coronilla cretica a scorpion vetch Scattered records Coronilla emerus Scorpion Senna Widespread

Coronilla scorpioidesAnnual Scorpion VetchWidespreadCoronilla valentinaa scorpion vetchIn leaf, Pulsano Gorge

Cytisus decumbens a broom Locally very common around Monte St

Angelo, in fine flower. Entire leaves.

Cytisus scoparius Broom Foresta Umbra 2012 Cytisus villosus a broom Near Dolina Pozzatina

Dorycnium hirsutum Common in dunes and sandy areas in north

Genista sylvestris a greenweed Pulsano gorge

Genista tinctoria Dyer's Greenweed Monte St Angelo and Bosco Quarto and

above Carpino

Hedysarum coronarium Italian Sainfoin Scattered records, but not seen in recent

vears!

Hippocrepis ciliata a horseshoe vetch Recorded

Hippocrepis glauca a horseshoe vetch Widespread and common

Hippocrepis multisiliquosa a horseshoe vetch Recorded

Hippocrepis unisiliquosa a horseshoe vetch Widespread and common

Hymenocarpus circinnatus Disk Trefoil Passo Ingarano and near Peschici 2011

Lathyrus aphaca Yellow Vetchling Scattered records

Lathyrus cicera a vetchling Widespread and locally common

Lathyrus clymenum a vetchling Above Cagnano

Lathyrus ochrus a vetchling Local, e.g. near Dolina Pozzatina

Lathyrus setifoliusa vetchlingScattered recordsLathyrus sphaericusa vetchlingScattered records

Lathyrus venetus a vetchling Foresta Umbra and Bosco Quarto, in leaf

Lotus corniculatusBirdsfoot TrefoilCommon and widespreadLotus cytisoidesa bird's-foot trefoilNorth coast dunes

Lotus edulisEdible LotusWidespread – especially along coastsLotus halophilusa bird's-foot trefoilVery common locally in the north of the
peninsula but seemed absent in the south

Lotus ornithopodioides Widespread and common

Lupinus albus White Lupin Fodder crop and seeded therefrom

Lupinus variusa lupinNear SannicandroMedicago arabicaSpotted MedickWidespread

Medicago disciformis a medick Near Sannicandro etc.

Medicago littoralis a medick Noted by the coast near Peschici

Medicago lupulina Black Medick Widespread

Medicago marina Sea Medick Along the shoreline near Peschici, and

Varano island

Medicago minimaSmall MedickPulsano Road and GorgeMedicago murexa medickRecorded in the pastMedicago orbicularisLarge Disk MedickVilla Rosa etc.

Medicago polymorphaToothed MedickWidespreadMedicago sativaLucerneBetween Mo

Medicago sativaLucerneBetween Monte St. Angelo and Bari AirportMedicago truncatulaa medickNear Peschici 2011Melilotus indicusSmall MelilotScattered records

Melilotus indicusSmall MelilotScattered recordsMelilotus infestusa melilotNear PeschiciMelilotus italicusa melilotRecorded 2007

Melilotus messanensis a melilot Dominant in one field at Lake Lesina

Melilotus segetalisa melilotMargherita saltpansMelilotus sulcataa melilotNear Peschici

Onobrychis aequidentataa sainfoinScattered records, e.g. near ViesteOnobrychis albaa sainfoinCommon around Monte St Angelo.

Onobrychis caput-galliCockscomb SainfoinMargherita SaltpansOnobrychis viciifoliaSainfoinMargherita SaltpansOnonis diffusaa restharrowPulsano and near ViesteOnonis reclinataSmall RestharrowNear Rignano 2008

Ononis variegata a restharrow Locally common on the north coast Ononis viscosa a restharrow Recorded in the north, 2007

Ornithopus compressus Compressed Birdsfoot Recorded

Pisum sativumWild PeaWidespread and locally commonPsoralea bituminosaPitch TrefoilWidespread, little in flower this year

Robinia pseudacaciaFalse AcaciaLocally plantedScorpiurus muricatusScorpiurusWidespreadScorpiurus vermiculatusa scorpiurusScattered records

Securigera securidacaa scorpion vetchWidespread and commonSpartium junceumSpanish BroomWidespread and locally common

Tetragonolobus purpureusAsparagus PeaPeschici areaTrifolium arvenseHare's-foot CloverLocal 2008Trifolium campestreHop TrefoilNear Peschici etc.Trifolium cherleria cloverScattered records

Trifolium fragiferum Strawberry Clover In flower near Peschici 2011

 Trifolium medium
 Zigzag Clover
 Pulsano road

 Trifolium pratense
 Red Clover
 Scattered

 Trifolium repens
 White Clover
 Widespread

 Trifolium resupinatum
 Reversed Clover
 Near Peschici

 Trifolium scabrum
 Rough Clover
 Scattered records

 Trifolium scabrum
 Step Clover
 Widespread and on the control of the control

Trifolium stellatum Star Clover Widespread and common

Trifolium subterraneum Subterranean Clover Spina Pulci, near Carpino, Monte Nero, etc.

Trifolium tomentosumWoolly CloverPulsano sanctuary etc.Trigonella monspeliacaStar-fruited FenugreekNear Vieste 2008

Trigonella sp. Cliffs south of Ruggiano. Yellow flowers.

2008. Spina Pulci 2012.

Vicia atropupurea (benghalensis) a vetch Passo Ingarano

Vicia barbitziae a vetch Noted in the Foresta Umbra, yellow

standard, blue wings, 2011

Vicia bithynica Bithynian Vetch Widespread, e.g. Passo Ingarano

Vicia craccaTufted VetchLocal on roadsidesVicia fabaBroad BeanOccasionally naturalised

Vicia grandiflora a vetch Scattered woodland records, e.g. Spina

Pulci

Vicia hirsuta Hairy Vetchling Peschici, Spina Pulci, etc.

Vicia hybrida Hairy Yellow Vetchling Widespread and reasonably common

Vicia lathyroides Spring Vetch A few records

Vicia lutea Yellow Vetch Spina Pulci and near Dolina Pozzatina

2008

Vicia melanops a vetch Very local in the Carbonara Valley

Vicia onobrychioides False Sainfoin Monte Nero and Chiancate

Vicia peregrina a vetch Pulsano Road

Vicia pubescensa vetchOlive grove near Peschici 2008Vicia sativaCommon VetchWidespread and common

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis articulataPink OxalisPulsano sanctuaryOxalis corniculataProcumbent Yellow SorrelRecorded 2012

Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda Buttercup Locally dominant under olives in the north

Geraniaceae

Erodium acaule a stork's-bill Spina Pulci

Erodium botrys a stork's-bill Pulsano road 2008

Erodium ciconium a stork's-bill Passo Ingarano

Erodium cicutariumCommon Stork's-billWidespread and commonErodium laciniatuma stork's-billVarano Island dunes

Erodium malacoides Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill Widespread

Erodium maritimuma stork's billNear Peschici 2005Geranium columbinumLong-stalked CranesbillNear Peschici

Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Cranesbill Day 2

Geranium lucidum Shining Cranesbill Bosco di Spina Pulci, Bosco Quarto etc.

 Geranium molle
 Dovesfoot Cranesbill
 Widespread

 Geranium purpureum
 Little Robin
 Scattered records

 Geranium pusillum
 Small-flowered Cranesbill
 Scattered records

 Geranium robertianum
 Herb Robert
 Widespread

 Connection records
 Scattered records

 Scattered records
 Scattered records

Geranium rotundifoliumRound-leaved CranesbillScattered recordsGeranium tuberosumTuberous Crane's-billNear Chiancate

Linaceae

Linum austriacum a flax Carbonara valley. ssp.collinum.

Large blue flowers.

Linum bienne Pale Flax Scattered records

Linum tenuifolium a flax One in flower in Pulsano Gorge 2008

Linum trigynum a flax Near Manfredonia 2007

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia amygdaloidesWood SpurgeLocally common in woodsEuphorbia barrelieria spurgeScattered in the south

 Euphorbia ceratocarpa
 a spurge
 Locally common, e.g. Chiancate

 Euphorbia characias
 Large Mediterranean Spurge
 Widespread and very common

Euphorbia exiguaDwarf SpurgeLocally commonEuphorbia falcataa spurgeNear Peschici etc.Euphorbia helioscopiaSun SpurgeWidespread and common

Euphorbia myrsinites Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge Chiancate Euphorbia paralias Sea Spurge Varano Island Euphorbia peplus Petty Spurge Scattered records Euphorbia pinea a spurge Near Peschici Euphorbia rigida Alta Murgia 2012 a spurge Euphorbia segetalis a spurge North coast dunes

Euphorbia spinosaa spurgeWidespread on dry rocky turfMercurialis annuaAnnual MercuryLocally common in the north

Mercurialis perennis Dog's Mercury Foresta Umbra

Rutaceae

Citrus aurantiumSeville OrangeCultivatedCitrus limonLemonCultivatedRuta chalepensisFringed RueDay 1

Ruta graveolens a rue Near Vieste etc.

Meliaceae

Melia azederach Persian Lilac Noted in the north of the peninsula

Polygalaceae

Polygala monspeliaca a milkwort Pulsano Gorge

Polygala nicaeensis Nice Milkwort Noted in the south 2012

Polygala vulgaris Common Milkwort Monte Nero

Hippocastanaceae

Aesculus hippocastanum Horse Chestnut A few seen, e.g. S.Marco in Lamis

Anacardiaceae

Mastic Tree Pistacia lentiscus Widespread and common

Pistacia terebrinthus Terebrinth Scattered throughout, locally common

Aceraceae

Acer campestre Field Maple Widespread Chiancate Acer opalus Italian Maple a maple Chiancate Acer obtusatum Acer pseudoplatanus Sycamore Scattered records

Rhamnaceae

Paliurus spina-christi Christ's Thorn Forming thorny scrub on Passo Ingarano

and elsewhere

Rhamnus alaternus Mediterranean Buckthorn Pulsano Gorge

Rhamnus saxatilis a buckthorn Pulsano Gorge and Ruggiano road

Vitaceae

Vitis vinifera Grape Widely cultivated, occasionally naturalised

plants seen as at Lesina

Aquifoliaceae

Ilex aquifolium Holly In the Foresta Umbra and Bosco Quarto

Elaeagnaceae

Elaeagnus angustifolia Oleaster Lake Lesina

Tiliaceae

Tilia platyphyllos Large-leaved Lime Foresta Umbra

Malvaceae

Althaea hirsuta Rough Marsh-Mallow Near Rignano and near Vieste 2008

Smaller Tree-Mallow Margherita Saltpans etc. Lavatera cretica

Tree Mallow Locally common along the north coast Lavatera arborea

Tree Lavatera Bari 2005 Lavatera olbia Malva cretica a mallow Near Vieste **Dwarf Mallow** Malva neglecta Peschici etc. Malva parviflora Least Mallow Manfredonia etc.

Malva sylvestris Common Mallow Widespread and common

Thymelaeaceae

Daphne gnidium a daphne Noted in leaf

Scattered in fruit in the Foresta Umbra, Daphne laureola Spurge Laurel

Bosco Quarto, and around Monte St Angelo

Violaceae

Viola arvensis Field Pansy Local. Not seen in recent years.

Viola graeca a violet = *V.heterophylla*. Widespread at higher

> levels. Both yellow and purple forms. Local in woods, e.g. Bosco Quarto

Early Dog Violet Viola reichenbachiana Scattered in woods, e.g. Bosco Quarto Viola riviniana Common Dog Violet Viola suavis a violet Foresta Umbra and Bosco Quarto

Guttiferae

Hypericum montanum Mountain St John's-Wort In leaf Pulsano road 2012

Hypericum perfoliatum a St.John's-wort Northern coastal lowlands, e.g. near

Peschici

Hypericum perforatum Perforate St John's-Wort Scattered in leaf and bud

Cistaceae

Cistus creticus a cistus Locally common along the north coast and

lower north-facing hills, with several already in flower, also in the south

Cistus monspeliensis Narrow-leaved Cistus Locally common in flower in the north of

the Peninsula

Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus Locally common, as at Pulsano Gorge, and

northern coastal dunes. Much in flower.

Fumana ericoides a fumana Pulsano Gorge

Fumana thymiifolia Thyme-leaved Fumana Northern coastal dunes

Helianthemum aegyptiacuma rockroseScattered records, e.g. Ruggiano roadHelianthemum apenninumWhite RockroseWidespread and locally common in the

south

Helianthemum canum Hoary Rockrose Pulsano Gorge

Helianthemum lavandulaefoliumLavender-leaved RockrosePulsano Sanctuary 2006Helianthemum nummulariumCommon RockrosePulsano road and gorge

Helianthemum salicifolium Willow-leaved Rockrose Locally common, as at Passo Ingarano

Tamaricaceae

Tamarix gallica Tamarisk By the beach near Peschici

Tamarix africana a tamarisk Lake Lesina

Cucurbitaceae

Bryonia dioica White Bryony Near the hotel in the north, 2012

Ecballium elaterium Squirting Cucumber Near Peschici, Margherita saltpans, Pulsano

Sanctuary and Villa Rosa

Cactaceae

Opuntia ficus-barbarus Prickly Pear Widespread

Myrtaceae

Eucalyptus camaldulensis River Red Gum Planted on 'Varano island' and elsewhere

Myrtus communis Common Myrtle Scattered in the north

Punicaceae

Punica granatum Pomegranate Cultivated along the northern coast, not

noted 2013

Onagraceae

Circaea lutetiana Enchanter's Nightshade Common in leaf in woodlands

Theligoniaceae

Theligonium cynocrambe Widespread, e.g. Passo Ingarano and near

Vieste

Celastraceae

Euonymus europaeus Spindle Scattered in woodlands in the southern

hills

Cornaceae

Cornus sanguinea Dogwood Near Vico

Araliaceae

Hedera helix Ivy Local in woods. Some very robust

specimens in Bosco Quarto.

Apiaceae

Anthriscus sylvestrisCow ParsleyIn leaf at Monte NeroBifora testiculataBiforaNear Peschici 2005Caucalis platycarposSmall Bur ParsleyDolina PozzatinaChaerophyllum hirsutumHairy ChervilForesta Umbra 2012

Cnidium silaifolium This species seen in leaf?
Conium maculatum Hemlock Manfredonia wetlands 2008

Conqua maculatum Hemlock Manfredonia wetlands 2008
Conopodium capillifolium In flower on Chiancate

Daucus carotaWild CarrotLowlands south of Manfredonia etc.Daucus spp.carrot spp.Other species possibly present

Echinophora spinosa

Leaves noted in northern dunes

Echinophora tenuifoliaLeaves near ViesteElaeoselinum asclepiumScattered in leaf, e.g. Passo Ingarano

Eryngium barrelieri Entire basal leaves noted at a few sites, 2012

Eryngium campestre Field Eryngo Scattered in leaf

Eryngium maritimum Sea Holly Dunes and sandy shores along north coast,

in leaf

Ferula communis Giant Fennel Widespread and locally abundant, some

very robust examples

Foeniculum vulgare Fennel In leaf, 2011

Laserpitium garganicum Monte Nero, common in leaf, glabrous with

elliptical lobes

Opopanax chironium In leaf near Monte Nero

Opopanax hispidus In leaf in the Carbonara Valley etc., locally

commo

Pimpinella sp. a burnet saxifrage Small examples in the wall at 100 Pozzi

Sanicula europaea Sanicle In flower, Foresta Umbra and Bosco Quarto Scandix australis a shepherd's-needle Locally common in the limestone turf in the

Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's-needle Southern hills. Has an aniseed aroma. Widespread and common

Seseli montanum

Pulsano Sanctuary, on the walls. ssp.

polyphyllum. Also Monte St.Angelo. Some

fine examples Alta Murgia 2012.

Smyrnium olusatrumAlexandersNear hotel in northSmyrnium rotundifoliumRound-leaved AlexandersLocally common

Thapsia garganica Widespread in leaf, with some in flower

Tordylium apulum Tordylium Widespread ands common

Tordylium officinaleScattered recordsTorilis arvensisSpreading Hedge ParsleyRecorded

Torilis nodosa Knotted Hedge Parsley Margherita 2008

Ericaceae

Erica arborea Tree Heath Very local, near Vico, and on roadsides on

the northern slopes of Carbonara Valley

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel Widespread, mostly the blue flowered form Asterolinon linum-stellatum

Widespread and locally common. Very

small!

Cyclamen hederifolium Ivy-leaved Sowbread Leaves scattered

Cyclamen repandum Spring Sowbread Widespread in woods in the north and centre of the peninsula, locally numerous

in flower this year

Plumbaginaceae

Armeria canescens Above Carpino, 2002! Northern Ruggiano a thrift

road 2013.

Limonium vulgare Common Sea-Lavender Salt marshes at Lesina, in leaf

Oleaceae

Fraxinus excelsior Ash Recorded

Fraxinus ornus Manna Ash Widespread in fine blossom

Ligustrum vulgare Privet Forming ground layer in Bosco Quarto Olea europea Olive Widely cultivated, and wild form seen too

Northern lowlands Peschici area

Apocynaceae

Phillyrea angustifolia

Phillyrea latifolia

Nerium oleander Oleander Roadsides

Vinca major Greater Periwinkle Dolina Pozzatina etc.

Asclepiadaceae

Vincetoxicum hirundinaria Swallow-wort Recorded in 2002!

Gentianaceae

Blackstonia perfoliata Yellow-wort In leaf near Peschici 2012

Centaurium erythraea Common Centaury Noted in leaf

Centaurium pulchellum Some very small examples in flower Lesser Centaury

Rubiaceae

Asperula arvensis Blue Woodruff Arable weed near Chiancate. Also transfer

day. Numerous as an arable weed in one

field in Alta Murgia 2012.

Cruciata laevipes Cross-wort Scattered records Cruciata pedemontana Monte Nero 2011 a cross-wort Carbonara Valley 2011 Cruciata glabra a cross-wort Galium aparine Cleavers Scattered throughout

Galium mollugo Hedge Bedstraw Scattered records, e.g. near Vieste

Pulsano road etc. Galium murale a bedstraw

Foresta Umbra, in flower Galium odoratum Woodruff Galium rotundifolium a bedstraw In leaf Foresta Umbra 2013 Galium tricornutum Corn Cleavers Arable field in Carbonara Valley

Galium verum Lady's Bedstraw Locally in leaf Galium verrucosum a bedstraw Scattered records

Rubia peregrina Wild Madder Peschici etc., in good flower Sherardia arvensis Sherardia Widespread and very common

Valantia hispida Recorded Valantia muralis Widespread

Convolvulaceae

Calystegia soldanella Sea Bindweed North coast dunes in leaf Calystegia sylvatica Great Bindweed Near Vico

Convolvulus arvensis Field Bindweed In leaf near Peschici Convolvulus cantabrica Pink Convolvulus Near Rignano 2012

Convolvulus elegantissimus Mallow-leaved Bindweed Also known a Convolvulus althaeoides

subspecies elegantissimus. Widespread.

a bindweed In flower on Varano Island 2012 Convolvulus lineatus a bindweed West of Vieste

Convolvulus pentapetaloides

Common Dodder Scattered records of presumably this Cuscuta epithymum

species, in bud

Boraginaceae

Alkanna tinctoria Dver's Alkanet Widespread and locally common

Anchusa cretica an alkanet Locally common, e.g. Bosco Quarto, above

Carpino, Spina Pulci, and Chiancate

Anchusa italica Large Blue Alkannet North coast roadsides Anchusa officinalis Alkanet Noted on the first day 2011

Locally common Borago officinalis Borage

Near Chiancate, arable weed Buglossoides arvensis Corn Gromwell Buglossoides purpurocaerulea Purple Gromwell Near Peschici, Passo Ingarano, above

Carpino, southern woods, etc.

Cerinthe major Honeywort Near Vieste etc. Cynoglossum cheirifolium a hound's-tongue Passo Ingarano Cynoglossum creticum Blue Hound's-Tongue Lake Lesina lunch site

Echium italicum/asperrinum Pyramidal Bugloss Last years flower spikes scattered

throughout – one or both species present

Small-flowered Viper's-Bugloss Villa Rosa Echium parviflorum

Echium plantagineum Purple Viper's-Bugloss Widespread and locally common

Scattered Myosotis arvensis Field Forget-me-not Myosotis ramosissima Early Forget-me-not Scattered

Myosotis sylvatica Wood Forget-me-not Local in woods, e.g. Bosco Quarto Onosma echioides a golden-drop Pulsano Gorge and lower Ruggiano road

Pulmonaria vallarsae a lungwort Scattered in woodlands

lungworts Others possibly seen. P.hirta, P.mollis, Pulmonaria spp. and P.officinalis also occur.

Monte Nero Symphytum bulbosum a comfrey

Symphytum tuberosum **Tuberous Comfrey** Bosco di Spina Pulci

Lamiaceae

Acinos alpinus Alpine Basil-Thyme Pulsano Gorge

Basil-Thyme Recorded in the south, e.g. Pulsano Gorge Acinos arvensis

Acinos suaveolens a basil-thyme Monte Nero 2011

Ajuga chamaepitys Ground Pine Above Cagnano, Pulsano Sanctuary

Blue Bugle Above Cagnano Ajuga genevensis Black Horehound Ballota nigra Noted in leaf 2012

Corydothymus capitatus a thyme Pulsano road etc., common in leaf

Lamium album White Deadnettle Recorded Lamium amplexicaule Henbit Deadnettle Passo Ingarano Lamium bifidum a deadnettle Scattered

Large Red Deadnettle Widespread, e.g on walls and cliffs around Lamium garganicum

Monte St. Angelo, where large pink flowers. Elsewhere usually smaller white flowered

form

Cut-leaved Deadnettle A few records Lamium hybridum Lamium maculatum Spotted Deadnettle Foresta Umbra Red Deadnettle Lamium purpureum Scattered records Marrubium incanum a horehound Widespread in leaf Marrubium vulgareWhite HorehoundLeaves notedMentha arvensisCorn MintIn leaf

Micromeria graeca A few records

Origanum heracleoticum a marjoram In leaf at Pulsano sanctuary 2011

Origanum vulgare Marjoram Leaves noted

Phlomis herba-venti a phlomis Leaves noted in the north

Prasium majus Prasium Local, e.g. Passo Ingarano, near Peschici,

and Pulsano Gorge

Prunella laciniata Cut-leaved Self-heal One along Ruggiano road 2011

Prunella vulgaris Self Heal In leaf

Rosemary On 2 days in the north, and on cliffs south

of Monte St.Angelo

Salvia argentea Silver Sage Widespread in leaf in the south, in flower

Ruggiano road

Salvia officinalis Sage In leaf

Salvia verbenaca Wild Clary Widespread and common

Satureja cuneifoliaa savoryScattered recordsSatureja montanaWinter SavoryWidespreadSideritis romanaPulsano Gorge

Sideritis syriaca =S.italica. Very advanced this year with a

few almost in flower.

Stachys cretica Mediterranean Woundwort Widespread in the north, in leaf

Stachys officinalisBetonyIn leaf, Monte NeroTeucrium chamaedrysWall GermanderIn leafTeucrium poliumFelty GermanderIn leaf

Thymus pulegioides Large Thyme Scattered records. In flower above

Cagnano.

Thymus vulgaris Thyme Pulsano Gorge

Solanaceae

Hyoscyamus albus Henbane In flower on the walls of Pulsano

Sanctuary, and tower near Peschici

Solanum nigrum Black Nightshade Near Peschici 2008

Solanum sodomeum Apple of Sodom One plant near Peschici 2011

Datura stramonium Thornapple Previous years' fruiting plants by Lake

Lesina, 2005. Gone over near Peschici.

Buddlejaceae

Buddleja davidii Buddleja Scattered – naturalised or planted

Scrophulariaceae

Antirrhinum siculum Sicilian Snapdragon Common along roads in the north

Bellardia trixago Bellardia Torre Mileto

Cymbalaria muralis Ivy-leaved Toadflax On walls at Pulsano Sanctuary, and Monte

St.Angelo

Digitalis ferruginea Rusty Foxglove Scattered in leaf, e.g. Passo Ingarano

Euphrasia pectinata an eyebright Pulsano Gorge

Linaria pelisseriana Jersey Toadflax Ruggiano road and Serapias apulica site

Linaria purpurea Purple Toadflax Roadsides in north 2012

Linaria simplex a toadflax 1 plant in Carbonara valley (peony site)

2008. 2012, 1, Ruggiano road.

Linaria vulgaris Common Toadflax Near Peschici 2007

Misopates orontiumWeasel's SnoutPulsano Gorge, and near ViesteParentucellia latifoliaSouthern Red BartsiaLocally common in the hills

Parentucellia viscosaYellow BartsiaScattered in leafScrophularia caninaFrench FigwortScattered records in leaf

Scrophularia peregrina Nettle-leaved Figwort Foresta Umbra

Scrophularia vernalis a figwort In flower in Foresta Umbra 2012

Verbascum densifloruma mulleinRoadsidesVerbascum phlomoidesOrange MulleinNorth coast dunes

Verbascum phoeniceum Purple Verbascum Near Peschici, Passo Ingarano, etc.

Verbascum pulverulentumHoary MulleinRoadsidesVerbascum sinuatuma mulleinWidespread in leafVerbascum thapsusAaron's RodNorth Coast

Veronica acinifoliaFrench SpeedwellNear Chiancate etc., 2008Veronica arvensisWall SpeedwellWalls in Foresta Umbra etc.Veronica chamaedrysGermander SpeedwellForesta Umbra 2008

Veronica cymbalaria White Speedwell Scattered records, e.g. hotel in north

Veronica hederifolia Ivy-leaved Speedwell Recorded

Veronica montana Wood Speedwell Foresta Umbra 2012

Veronica persica Persian Speedwell Scattered records, e.g. Foresta Umbra

Veronica polita Grey Field Speedwell Near Bosco Quarto 2012

Veronica serpyllifolia Thyme-leaved Speedwell Bosco Quarto

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche lavandulacea

Orobanche amethystea a broomrape On Eryngium campestre, noted on one day,

2007

Orobanche caryophyllacea Clove-scented Broomrape Pulsano Gorge, parasitic on Galium

Orobanche gracilis Slender Broomrape Pulsano Gorge, on legumes

a broomrape On *Psoralea bituminosa*, near Peschici,

2007

Orobanche loricata Oxtongue Broomrape 3 above Cagnano 2011. 2013 near Vieste.

Orobanche minor Common Broomrape Pulsano Gorge

Orobanche pubescens a broomrape Probably this species on the first day 2008

Orobanche ramosa Branched Broomrape Varano Island etc.

Myoporaceae

Myoporum laetum Ngaio Lake Lesina, native to New Zealand

Globulariaceae

Globularia punctata Globularia Monte Nero

Plantaginaceae

Plantago afraa plantainPasso Ingarano etc.Plantago albicansSilvery PlantainPulsano road 2012

Plantago arenariaBranched PlantainScatteredPlantago bellardiia plantainNorth coastPlantago coronopusBuck's-horn PlantainNorth coastPlantago holosteuma plantainRecorded 2012Plantago lagopusa plantainWidespread

 Plantago lanceolata
 Ribwort Plantain
 Scattered throughout

 Plantago major
 Greater Plantain
 A few records

Plantago serraria a plantain Locally frequent particularly in the north

Plantago subulata a plantain Monte Nero, one plant

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera caprifoliumPerfoliate HoneysuckleBosco Quarto, in leafLonicera etruscaEtruscan HoneysuckleIn leaf in the northLonicera implexaa honeysuckleNorth coast dunes, in leafLonicera xylosteumFly HoneysuckleBosco Quarto, in leaf

Sambucus ebulus Dwarf Elder Noted in the north of the peninsula, in leaf

2012

Sambucus nigra Elder Recorded

Valerianaceae

Centranthus ruber Red Valerian Locally common on roadsides in south, and

near Vico

Valeriana collina Locally common in limestone turf in the a valerian

south

Valerianella dentata Narrow-fruited Corn Salad Scattered in the north

Valerianella locusta Common Corn Salad Widespread. Other species possibly present.

Dipsacaceae

Cephalaria transylvanica In bud at the tower near Peschici, 2008 Wild Teasel Dipsacus fullonum

Last years' dead seed heads in Carbonara

Scabiosa atropurpurea Mournful Widow Roadsides near Manfredonia

Scabiosa columbaria **Small Scabious** Scattered in leaf

Scabiosa dallaportae a scabious Many cushions along Pulsano Gorge

Campanulaceae

Campanula erinus a bellflower Manfredonia and Pulsano Sanctuary Campanula garganica

a bellflower Endemic. In good flower this year in

Pulsano Gorge and near Peschici. Legousia hybrida Venus's Looking Glass One at Passo Ingarano, Carbonara etc. Large Venus's Looking Glass In fine flower in arable field near Legousia speculum-veneris

Paeonia peregrina site, 2008.

Asteraceae

Achillea millefolium Yarrow In leaf

Anacyclus tomentosus Anacyclus Near Peschici etc.

Anthemis altissima a chamomile Possibly this species at Margherita

Anthemis arvensis Corn Chamomile Scattered records Anthemis cotula Stinking Chamomile Scattered records

Anthemis maritimus a chamomile Noted along the north coast, with many

in flower

a chamomile Possibly this species in Pulsano Gorge Anthemis praecox Yellow Chamomile Noted in leaf, Carbonara valley Anthemis tinctoria Last year's fruiting heads in Foresta Arctium nemorosum a burdock

Umbra

Artemisia arborescens a wormwood Roadside near Peschici Artemisia campestris Field Wormwood Recorded in the south 2008

Aster tripolium Sea Aster Lake Lesina Bellis perennis Daisy Widespread

Bellis sylvestris Southern Daisy Widespread, e.g. Bosco di Spina Pulci

Calendula arvensis Field Marigold Scattered records Carduus acicularis a thistle Widespread

Carduus macrocephalus a thistle Scattered in flower this year, e.g. Passo

Ingarano and near Sannicandro

Carduus pycnocephalus a thistle Passo Ingarano etc.

Flat-topped Carline Thistle Carlina corymbosa Scattered old flowering heads Carlina vulgaris Carline Thistle Old flowering heads widespread Centaurea calcitrapa Red Star Thistle Scattered records in leaf

Centaurea melitensis Maltese Star Thistle In bud 2012

Recorded in bud at Manfredonia, 2007 Centaurea nicaeensis a star thistle Centaurea subtilis a knapweed Endemic. This was the species with purple flowers and grey foliage in Pulsano gorge,

2008 and 2011. Ruggiano viewpoint in bud.

Centaurea triumfetti a knapweed In flower on Chiancate, and in bud Monte

Nero

Chrysanthemum coronarium Crown Daisy Abundant on motorway verges

Corn Marigold Noted in the north Chrysanthemum segetum Cichorium intybus Chicory Manfredonia Cirsium arvense Creeping Thistle Scattered records Cirsium morisianum a thistle Rather widespread Canadian Fleabane North coast 2012 Conyza canadensis Crepis rubra Pink Hawksbeard Widespread throughout Crepis vesicaria Beaked Hawksbeard Scattered records

Crepis spp.hawksbeard spp.Several other species not identifiedCrupina crupinastrumCrupinaWidespread, several in flower

Cynara cardunculus Cardoon In leaf near Vico

Dittrichia graveolens Stink Aster Scattered in salt marshes and coastal areas

Dittrichia viscosa a stink aster Scattered in leaf

Doronicum columnae a leopard's bane Rock faces in the southern hills, e.g. Monte

St.Angelo

Doronicum orientalea leopard's baneWidespread in woodsEvax pygmaeaEvaxPulsano Gorge and Ingarano

Filago pyramidataBroad-leaved CudweedPulsano GorgeGalactites tomentosaGalactitesWidespread

Hedypnois rhagadioloides Hedypnois Passo Ingarano, near Peschici etc.

Helichrysum italicumIn leaf above CarpinoHelichrysum stoechasHelichrysumNear Peschici

Hieracium spp. hawkweed spp. Various species not identified

Widespread

Hypochoeris glabraSmooth Cat's-earWidespreadHypochoeris achyrophorusMediterranean Cat's-earLocally very common, e.g. Peschici

Inula conyzae Ploughman's Spikenard In bud near Dolina Pozzatina

Inula crithmoidesGolden SamphireLake LesinaInula verbascifoliaCommon in

Hyoseris radiata

Picris echioides

Common in leaf very locally in Pulsano gorge, Monte St. Angelo, and Ruggiano

road cliffs

Jurinea mollis Jurinea In bud in Pulsano Gorge 2011

Lapsana communis Nipplewort Recorded 2012

Leontodon sp. Pulsano road etc.

Matricaria chamomilla Scented Mayweed Scattered

Otanthus maritimus Cottonweed North coast, in leaf

Pallenis spinosa

Ruggiano road viewpoint and near Vieste

Phagnalon rupestre Pulsano gorge, in bud, and lower Ruggiano

Bristly Ox-Tongue Scattered records, e.g. Pulsano gorge

Reichardia picroides Scattered in the north
Rhagadiolus edulis a star hawk-bit Pulsano gorge

Rhagadiolus stellatus Star Hawk-bit Widespread in the north

Scorzonera hirsutaa viper's grassWidespread and locally commonScorzonera laciniataCut-leaved Viper's GrassRecorded in the south 2008

Senecio rupestrisa ragwortProbably this species in Carbonara valleySenecio tenoreia ragwortChiancate and Bosco Quarto, in budSenecio vulgarisGroundselScattered records

Senecto vulgarisGroundselScattered recordsSilybum marianumMilk ThistleScattered throughoutSonchus arvensisField Sow-ThistleNear Peschici 2011Sonchus asperPrickly Sow-thistleWidespreadSonchus oleraceusSmooth Sow-ThistleScattered records

Sonchus tenerrimus a sow-thistle Scattered records, e.g. Serapias apulica site

Taraxacum officinale Dandelion Scattered

Taraxacum laevigatum a dandelion Probably this species Monte Nero and

Chiancate

Tragopogon crocifolius a goat's-beard Purple flowers much exceeded by the

bracts. Rather widespread.

Tragopogon pratensis Goat's-beard Scattered

Tyrimnus leucographus Tyrimnus Ruggiano viewpoint 2013

Urospermum dalechampi Urospermum Widespread

Urospermum picroides Xanthium strumarium Xeranthemum inapterum

Rough Cocklebur

A few records

Old fruiting plants on northern shores 2011

Pulsano road 2013

Monocotyledones

Lemnaceae

Lemna minor Common Duckweed Pools at 100 Dolinas

Ruppiaceae

Ruppia maritima Tassel Pondweed Channel at Margherita Saltpans

Liliaceae

Allium cepa Onion 1 naturalised plant, Carbonara valley

Allium neapolitanum Naples Garlic Local along the north coast

Allium nigrum a garlic Noted in the north of the peninsula,

Paeonia peregrina site, in bud, 2012.

Allium pendulinuma garlicLocally common in hill woodsAllium roseumRosy GarlicLocally common, e.g. near ViesteAllium subhirsutuma garlicScattered, locally common

Allium trifoliatum a garlic Pulsano gorge.

Allium ursinum Ramsons Foresta Umbra, in flower

Asparagus acutifolius an asparagus Widespread

Asphodeline lutea Yellow Asphodel Widespread throughout and locally

abundant as near San Giovanni Rotundo

Asphodeline liburnicaa yellow asphodelNoted in leaf at various sitesAsphodelus albusWhite AsphodelIn flower on Monte NeroAsphodelus fistulosusHollow-stemmed AsphodelScattered records

Asphodelus microcarpus Common Asphodel Widespread and very common

Asphodelus tenuifolius an asphodel A few records 2012

Bellevalia romana 1 near Peschici 2005. 2013 1 near

Chiancate.

Colchicum cupanii Noted in fruit 2005

Gagea chrysantha 1 in the Bosco Quarto in flower 2011, and in 2012 circa 20 there. 2013 all in fruit.

Lilium bulbiferumOrange LilyLeaves in Bosco QuartoMuscari commutatuma grape hyacinthPasso Ingarano, 2007

Muscari comosumTassel HyacinthWidespread and locally very commonMuscari neglectumCommon Grape HyacinthWidespread and locally common

Ornithogalum collinuma star of BethlehemScattered recordsOrnithogalum divergensa star of BethlehemWidespread in the north

Ornithogalum montanum a star of Bethlehem Locally common, mostly in the southern

hills

Ornithogalum narbonense a star of Bethlehem Wild at Bari Airport 2011

Ornithogalum pyrenaicumBath AsparagusNoted in the Carbonara Valley 2002!Ornithogalum umbellatumStar of BethlehemScattered recordsPolygonatum multiflorumCommon Solomon's SealBosco Quarto etc.Polygonatum odoratumAngular Solomon's SealBosco Quarto 2012

Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom Scattered records in woods, and near

Peschici

Scilla bifoliaAlpine Squill1 on Chiancate 2005Smilax asperaCommon SmilaxLocally very common

Tulipa sylvestris Wild Tulip Usually abundant in the Carbonara Valley,

flowering in arable fields. Only a few

leaves seen this year.

Urginea maritima Sea Squill Widespread in leaf

Agavaceae

Agave americana Century Plant A few noted

Amaryllidaceae

Galanthus nivalis Snowdrop Leaves in Foresta Umbra

Narcissus poeticusPheasant's-eye DaffodilLocally very common in the hillsNarcissus tazettaPolyanthus NarcissusChiancate, but none still in flower this

year. Also in fruit Ruggiano road, and

several other sites.

Pancratium maritimum
Sea Daffodil
Leaves in north coast dunes

Dioscoraceae

Tamus communis Black Bryony Scattered records

Iridaceae

Iris foetidissima

Gynandiris sisyrinchium

Gladiolus communis a gladiolus Serapias apulica site

Gladiolus italicus Field Gladiolus Scarce in 2011, but many in one field near

Villa Rosa. 2012 Varano roadsides etc.

2013 several in the north.

Crocus longiflorusa crocusIn leaf at Chiancate and in Bosco QuartoHermodactylus tuberosusWidow IrisWidespread but all in fruit this yearIris bicapitataan irisA few of this endemic species south of

an iris A few of this endemic species south of Carpino, both yellow and purple flowered

forms, many fewer in flower than usual
Gladdon
In fruit and leaf in Foresta Umbra

 Iris germanica
 Tall Bearded Iris
 Scattered by roadsides etc., naturalised

 Iris lutescens
 Widespread and locally abundant – this iris

is usually purple, although a few yellow flowered forms seen near Ruggiano etc. Vasca del Lago Salso, in fine flower, 2008

 Iris pseudacorus
 Yellow Flag
 Vasca del Lago Salso, in fine flower, 2008

 Iris pseudopumila
 Widespread and common, e.g. Carbonara

 volloy
 Vary four in flower, this year

valley. Very few in flower this year. Only 2, at *Serapias apulica* site 2011and

2012

Romulea bulbocodium

Just 1 on Chiancate, 2006. 2012, 2 there gone over. 2013 gone over at several sites.

Palmae

Phoenix dactylifera Date Palm Noted in the north

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare Friar's Cowl Leaves only

Barbary Nut

Arum italicum Italian Lords-and-Ladies Widespread and locally common

Arum maculatum Lords-and-Ladies Noted in leaf

Typhaceae

Typha angustifoliaLesser ReedmaceLake LesinaTypha latifoliaGreat ReedmaceSouthern wetlands

Juncaceae

Luzula campestrisField WoodrushCarpino area etc.Luzula pilosaHairy WoodrushForesta UmbraLuzula forsteriNarrow-leaved WoodrushForesta Umbra etc.

Juncus acutusSharp RushMargherita areaJuncus littoralisa rushLake Lesina

Juncus maritimus Sea Rush Margherita saltmarshes

Poaceae

Aegilops geniculata Passo Ingarano, near Peschici etc.

Aira caryophylleaSilver Hair-grassManfredoniaAmmophila arenariaMarram-grassNorth coast dunesAmpelodesmos mauretanicusNorth coast lakes etc.Anisantha diandraGreat BromeScattered records

Anisantha madritensis Compact Brome Pulsano Gorge and the north
Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal-grass Widespread and very common

Arundo donax Giant Reed Locally common

Avena barbataBearded Wild-oatLocalAvena fatuaCommon Wild-oatScattered

Brachypodium sylvaticumWood False-bromeScattered recordsBriza maximaLarge Quaking-grassLocally very common

Bromus hordeaceus Soft Brome Scattered Bromus rigidus Stiff Brome Recorded Catapodium marinum Darnel-fescue North coast dunes Catapodium rigidum Fern-grass Scattered in the north Dactylis glomerata Cock's-foot Widespread and frequent Elytigia farcta North coast dunes Sand Couch

Festuca gigantea Giant Fescue Scattered, e.g. near Vieste

Festuca rubra Red Fescue Near Carpino

Hordeum hystrixa barleyMargherita saltmarshesHordeum murinumWall BarleyLocally abundantLagurus ovatusHare's-tailScattered

Lolium perenne Perennial Rye-grass Scattered

Melica uniflora Mountain Melick Near Peschici

Phalaris paradoxa a canary-grass Near Peschici

Phleum pratense Timothy Scattered

Phragmites australis Reed Forming extensive beds on lake shores

Poa annuaAnnual Meadow-grassWidespread and commonPoa bulbosaBulbous Meadow-grassViviparous. Common.

Poa compressaFlattened Meadow-grassLocalPoa pratensisSmooth Meadow-grassScattered

Setaria pumila Yellow Bristle-grass Locally common in the north

Stipa capensis Mediterranean Needle-grass Locally dominant

Stipa pennata Needle-grass This species, or perhaps Stipa austroitalica,

in the Manfredonia area

Cyperaceae

Carex caryophylleaSpring SedgeWidespread in grasslandCarex flaccaGlaucous SedgeLocally common in grassland

Carex sylvaticaWood SedgeScattered recordsEleocharis palustrisCommon Spike-rushRecorded 2008Schoenus nigricansBlack Bog-rushLake Lesina 2008

Orchidaceae

Aceras anthropophorum Man Orchid Widespread and locally common. Seen on 8

days.

Anacamptis pyramidalis Pyramidal Orchid The usual colony near Vieste was in fine

flower. Seen on two other days too this

year.

Giant Orchid Barlia robertiana Widespread. 2006:- many had finished flowering, but 1 still in flower at Dolina Pozzatina, and some 20 in San Giovanni Rotundo. 2007:- only a few dead spikes seen. 2008:- reasonable condition on Passo Ingarano, and c.4 in San Giovanni. 2011:- several over, a few flowers still in San Giovanni Rotundo. 2012:-, over at several sites but still with some colour at various sites, most remarkably at sea level at Margherita Saltpans. 2013:- all gone over. White Helleborine A few in fine flower 2008, near Vico del Cephalanthera damasonium Gargano. In early bud 2011. 2012 leaves only just appearing. 2013 two in flower. 2007:- 1 in fine flower in Foresta Umbra Cephalanthera longifolia Sword-leaved Helleborine 2013:- in fine flower in Foresta Umbra Dactylorhiza maculata Heath Spotted Orchid 2006:- 2 in fine flower near Chiancate 2007:- only in leaf and bud 2008:- 2 in fine flower near Chiancate, 3 at Monte Nero 2011:- only in leaf and bud. 2012 and 2013:- only in leaf and bud. Dactylorhiza romana Roman Orchid 2007:- Noted in the Bosco di Spina Pulci, several above Carpino and as quite common in the Foresta Umbra and Bosco Quarto. All of the yellow form. 2008:- only above Carpino and Bosco 2011:- Locally common Spina Pulci, Carpino, Foresta Umbra, and Bosco Quarto. All of yellow form. 2012 and 2013:- as in 2011. Elder-flowered Orchid Small numbers in the Bosco Quarto and Dactylorhiza sambucina Monte Nero areas Epipactis helleborine Broad-leaved Helleborine Leaves seen near Vico del Gargano Epipactis microphylla Small-leaved Helleborine Leaves seen near Vico del Gargano Gymnadenia conopsea Fragrant Orchid In early bud near Vieste, 2012 Himantoglossum hircinum Lizard Orchid In bud along Ruggiano road and Alta Murgia 2012. 2013 in leaf and bud at a few sites. Limodorum abortivum Violet Birdsnest Several seen near Vico 2008. 2013 two spikes seen. Leaves and early shoots at Monte Nero Common Twayblade Listera ovata Dense-flowered Orchid Neotinea intacta Several in leaf or bud near Carpino, also near Bosco Quarto, and Monte Nero, in Neottia nidus-avis Bird's-nest Orchid Old seed heads noted in hill forests 2008. Only one old seed head, Bosco Quarto, 2012. 2013 only old seed heads. Ophrys apulica Apulian Ophrys Endemic. This fine large and bright flowered species seen near Peschici and near Vieste. Also found in the hills in the south. Many fine examples this year. Also seen Alta Murgia in 2012. This odd bee orchid was formerly included Ophrys archipelagi in the 'arachnitiformis' species complex. Still little understood. Several on Passo Ingarano 2012, gone over 2013.

Ophrys bertolonii Bertoloni's Ophrys A very beautiful species. Quite common around Monte St Angelo where often grew with the following species. Quite a number seemed close to the 'saratoi' form with a pink-hued speculum. Endemic. Quite common around Monte St Ophrys bertoloniiformis Angelo and elsewhere in the southern hills. Also Passo Ingarano in 2008. Ophrys bilunulata 2007:- Just one seen, near the Carbonara Valley. 2011:- 3 along Pulsano road. 2012:- 1 along Pulsano road. This should probably now be called Ophrys lupercalis. Endemic to southern Italy. Noted in small Ophrys biscutella Spectacle Ophrys numbers at several localities in the hills in the north of the peninsula – and rather commoner in places in the south – always very local though. Varies greatly in basic colouration but pattern always distinctive. 2007:- only Spina Pulci (3), and several in Carbonara valley. 2011:- Spina Pulci, en route to Monte St. Angelo, and Monte Nero. 2012:- fine examples on 5 days. 2013:- seen on 7 days. Ophrys bombyliflora Bumble-Bee Orchid Widespread. Seen near Peschici, near Vieste, Pulsano gorge, and Passo Ingarano. Ophrys fuciflora Late Spider Orchid A few on Passo Ingarano, 2008 2012:- 2 just coming into flower Pulsano Gorge 2013:- Paeonia peregrina site **Dull Ophrys** Very scarce, a few near Carbonara Valley, Ophrys funerea 2011. Also Passo Ingarano 2008. 2012:- many at the Carbonara Valley site. 1 Pulsano road. 2013:- many at the Carbonara valley site. Ophrys garganica Gargano Ophrys Endemic to Southern Italy. Widespread and often common. Seen most days. Ophrys incubacea Dark Ophrys Widespread in small numbers. Yellow Bee Orchid Very similar to O.sicula and O.phryganae -Ophrys lutea but a lot larger in flower. The three are perhaps questionably separate. Pulsano road. Perhaps one of this controversial taxon seen Ophrys melena near Manfredonia 2012 Ophrys oestrifera Nominate subspecies. Noted from near Peschici only – 20+ plants 2008. 2011:only 2, but fine specimens. 2012:- c.15 fine specimens. (O.cornuta) 2013:- many fine examples Endemic. A distinctive rather pastel-shaded Ophrys parvimaculata Small-patterned Ophrys species. A few fine examples, on Passo Ingarano. Widespread and reasonably common. Ophrys phryganae Ophrys promontorii Endemic. Quite common in the hills around Monte St Angelo. Several above Carpino. Early Spider Orchid Scattered. Not uncommon. Pulsano Ophrys sphegodes Gorge, Ruggiano road etc. Ophrys sicula Locally very common -noted most days

Ophrys sipontensis Siponto Ophrys A very rare local endemic. A few this year,

along the Ruggiano road. Another example

discovered at a new site for us too.

Widespread and locally common Ophrys tenthredinifera Sawfly Orchid Ophrys virescens

Very local on Chiancate. c.20 plants seen

2011. 2012 and 2013, c.30 in fine

condition.

Ophrys bertolonii x promontorii Probably this hybrid along the Pulsano

road 2011

Ophrys bertolonii x tenthredinifera Probably this hybrid along Pulsano road,

several fine plants 2011 2012, possibly this hybrid 2012, possibly this hybrid 2008 :- possibly 1 near Peschici

Ophrys oestrifera x apulica 2008 :- Passo Ingarano Ophrys parvimaculata x exaltata Ophrys parvimaculata x tenthredinifera 2008 :- Passo Ingarano

2007:- Probably this hybrid along the

Ruggiano road. Also 2012. 2012, Ruggiano road

Ophrys archepelagi x parvimaculata Apparently this hybrid Passo Ingarano 2013

Apparently this hybrid 2013

Ophrys bertoloniformis x promontorii Gone over near Borgo Celano 2008 Orchis collina Fan-lipped Orchid

> Fragrant Bug Orchid 2007:- Some 15 in fine flower near Vieste, Not seen there since 2003. Also one in

Pulsano Gorge. 2011 not possible to visit Vieste site due to road closure. 2012 not

found. 2013 not found.

Orchis italica Naked Man Orchid Widespread and very common. Seen daily. Orchis lactea Milky Orchid Only along the Pulsano road near Monte St

Angelo where only one left in flower. Widespread – very common in the hills.

Seen daily.

The Mediterranean vicariant of Green-Orchis picta winged Orchid and perhaps doubtfully

Green-winged Orchid

distinct. A few plants noted.

Widespread and often very abundant. Orchis papilionacea Pink Butterfly Orchid

Swarms of thousands seen in some

localities in the northern hills. Seen daily. Orchis pauciflora Sparse-flowered Orchid Locally common on Chiancate where some

unusually robust specimens were perhaps some of the most beautiful orchids of the

holiday. Also Monte Nero.

Provence Orchid Very scarce. Seen only in the northern part Orchis provincialis

of Foresta Umbra, and near Bosco Quarto. Also seen along Vieste road in Foresta

Umbra in 2008.

Orchis purpurea Lady Orchid Widespread. Superb near Vico in particular. Orchis quadripunctata

Four-spotted Orchid Locally frequent on dry southern slopes. Many exceptional specimens especially

along the Pilgrim's Road near Monte St

Angelo.

Orchis tridentata **Toothed Orchid** A few in bud along the Pulsano road 2008. Orchis ustulata

Burnt-tip Orchid Widespread though usually in small numbers – though quite common in places

along the Pulsano road, Monte St Angelo.

2011:- only 5 seen! 2012:- a few at a few sites. 2013:- seen on 5 days.

Not uncommon where the two parents grew Orchis morio x papilionacea

together. Orchis xdebeauxii

Ophrys bertoloniiformis x biscutella

Ophrys garganica x promontorii

Ophrys promontorii x sipontensis

Ophrys sipontensis x bertolonii

Orchis fragrans

Orchis morio

Orchis italica x Aceras anthropophorum

This striking hybrid was seen along Pulsano

road 2013

Platanthera chlorantha Greater Butterfly Orchid A number of plants seen in bud or leaf in

the Bosco Quarto and in the Foresta Umbra. Not seen in 2004, 2005, 2006 or 2007. 2008:- 1 in late bud on Passo Ingarano

2012:- in bud Monte Nero

2013:- in leaf and bud Bosco Quarto and

Monte Nero.

Serapias apulica Apulian Serapias Endemic to Southern Italy. Seen beside the

motorway near Manfredonia, with several

in fine flower.

Serapias bergonii a tongue orchid Seen at Alta Murgia 2012.

Serapias lingua

Serapias parviflora

Serapias orientalis

Seen at one site near Rignano 2006.

Tongue Orchid Widespread, seen on 6 days

Small-flowered Serapias Only near Peschici, and 1 at *Serapias* apulica site 2011. Not in 2012. 2013 on

davs.

A very robust specimen at Manfredonia

Wetlands 2008. 2013 several in the

southern hills.

Serapias vomeracea Plough-share Serapias Widespread – the commonest tongue

orchid. Some fine tall specimens seen. 2012 many fewer than usual, with most

seen only in bud.

2013 seen at many sites.

Systematic List Number 2 Butterflies

The taxonomy and systematic order follows that found in 'Butterflies of Britain and Europe', a Harper Collins guide, by Tolman. Species recorded on previous tours but not this year are put in square brackets.

Papilionidae

SwallowtailPapilio machaonWidespread and rather commonScarce SwallowtailIphiclides podaliriusWidespread in small numbersSouthern FestoonZerynthia polyxenaRather widespread this year

Pieridae

Large White Pieris brassicae Scattered in small numbers

Small White Artogeia rapae Scattered records
Green-veined White Artogeia napi Seen in the south

[Southern Small White Artogeia mannii 4 near Pulsano Sanctuary 2005]

[Mountain Small White Artogeia ergane 1 near Carbonara Valley, on Aethionema saxatile, a new Gargano record? 2005]

Eastern Bath White Pontia edusa Widespread in small numbers

Eastern Dappled White Euchloe ausonia Pulsano Gorge, and Ruggiano road etc.

Orange-Tip Anthocharis cardamines Widespread in small numbers Clouded Yellow Colias crocea Widespread in small numbers

Berger's Clouded Yellow Colias alfacariensis A few in the south

Cleopatra Gonepteryx cleopatra Seen on the first day, and Pulsano road

Brimstone Gonepteryx rhamni Scattered records

[Wood White Leptidea sinapis Noted on two days 2007]

Lycaenidae

Green Hairstreak Callophrys rubi Widespread in small numbers

Small Copper Lycaena phlaeas Scattered records

Holly Blue Celastrina argiolus Scattered records

Green-underside Blue Glaucopsyche alexis Pulsano gorge and a few in the north Baton Blue Pseudophilotes baton Pulsano gorge and Ruggiano road etc. Brown Argus Aricia agestis Widespread in small numbers

Chapman's Blue

Agrodiaetus thersites

Pulsano road and gorge, and Ruggiano road.

Locally very common.

Adonis Blue Lysandra bellargus Pulsano gorge, Carbonara valley etc.

Common Blue Polyommatus icarus Scattered records

Nymphalidae

[Large Tortoiseshell Nymphalis polychloros 2 in Pulsano gorge 2012]

Painted Lady Cynthia cardui A few records
Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta Scattered records

Southern Comma Polygonia egea 2 larvae on Parietaria near Peschici Queen-of-Spain Fritillary Issoria lathonia Carbonara Valley and Monte Nero

Glanville Fritillary Melitaea cinxia Cento Pozz

Knapweed Fritillary Melitaea phoebe Some rather atypically coloured examples at Cento

Pozzi

[Spotted Fritillary Melitaea didyma 1 in Pulsano Gorge was a new record for us in the

Gargano, 2007]

[Heath Fritillary Mellicta athalia Rather widespread as larvae, e.g. on Plantago, but

also found on some very odd plants such as Iris in

the past.]

[Marsh Fritillary Euphydryas aurinia 1 on Chiancate was the first we had ever seen in the

Gargano and may be a new record for the

Promontory, 2007.]

Satyridae

Italian Marbled WhiteMelanargia argeSome fine examples in the southSmall HeathCoenonympha pamphilusWidespread and reasonably common

Wall Brown Lasiommata megera Widespread and notably common this year, seen

at many sites

Speckled Wood Pararge aegeria Local in woods, e.g. Foresta Umbra

Hesperiidae

Grizzled Skipper Pyrgus malvae Scattered records
Rosy Grizzled Skipper Pyrgus onopordae Carbonara valley
[Red Underwing Skipper Spialia sertorius 1 near Vieste, 2007]
Mallow Skipper Carcharodus alceae Villa Rosa, Pulsano, etc.
[Dingy Skipper Erynnis tages 1 on Chiancate 2011]

Systematic List Number 3 Birds

Little Grebe Tachybaptus ruficollis A few on Lake Lesina

Great Crested Grebe

Podiceps cristatus
Cormorant

Phalacrocorax carbo

North coast and southern wetlands

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Greater Flamingo Phoenicopterus phoenicopterus Many at the Margherita Saltpans, a few on

Lake Lesina Lake Lesina

Cattle EgretBubulcus ibisLake LesinaLittle EgretEgretta garzettaManfredonia wetlands and Lake LesinaGreat EgretEgretta albaLake Lesina and southern wetlands

White Stork

Spoonbill

Spoonbill

Shelduck

Mallard

Ciconia ciconia

Ciconia ciconia

Ciconia ciconia

Spoonbill

Shelduck

Tadorna tadorna

Anas platyrhynchos

Lake Lesina and southern wetlands

3 in southern wetlands

Several at Margherita Saltpans

Lake Lesina and the south

PochardAythya ferinaLake LesinaFerruginous DuckAythya nyrocac.5 at Lake LesinaHoney BuzzardPernis apivorus1 on the penultimate dayBuzzardButeo buteoWidespread in small numbers

Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus Widespread in small numbers, e.g. Lake

Lesina

Montagu's Harrier Circus pygargus A female over Passo Ingarano

Coot Fulica atra Numerous on Lake Lesina, and at

Margherita

Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus Several at the Margherita Saltpans,

and Lake Lesina

Avocet Recurvirostra avosetta Rather common at Margherita Saltpans

Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula 1 at Margherita

Kentish Plover Charadrius alexandrinus A few at Margherita Saltpans
Little Stint Calidris minuta Several at Margherita Saltpans
Curlew Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea Several at Margherita Saltpans, in

breeding plumage

Dunlin Calidris alpina Several at Margherita Saltpans, in

breeding plumage

Ruff Philomachus pugnax 1 at Margherita Saltpans Jack Snipe Lymnocryptes minimus 1 west of Vieste Common Snipe Gallinago gallinago Lake Lesina

Wood Sandpiper Tringa glareola Several at Lake Lesina, 1 at Margherita

Saltpans

Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleuca A few wetland records

Mediterranean GullLarus melanocephalusMargherita Saltpans, breeding plumageLittle GullLarus minutus1 at Margherita in breeding plumage

Black-headed Gull Larus ridibundus Scattered records

Yellow-legged Herring Gull

Larus cachinnans
Slender-billed Gull

Larus genei

Widespread and locally numerous
Common at Margherita Saltpans

Common Tern Sterna hirundo Lake Lesina

Little Tern

Sterna albifrons

Rock Dove

Columba livia

Wood Pigeon

Collumba palumbus

Collared Dove

Streptopelia decaocto

Cuckoo

Cuculus canorus

Lake Leshia

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Widespread near habitation

Widespread in small numbers

Scattered records near habitation

Heard often, seen on two days

Ring-necked Parakeet Psittacula krameri Seen near Molfetta
Scops Owl Otus scops Heard in Monte St.Angelo
Common Swift Apus apus Widespread and common

European Bee-eater Merops apiaster Heard almost daily at many sites, with

several sightings

Hoopoe Upupa epops Scattered records

Green Woodpecker Picus viridis Heard several times in the forested hills

Heard often Great Spotted Woodpecker Dendrocopos major White-backed Woodpecker Dendrocopos leucotos 1 in Bosco Quarto

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Dendrocopos minor Heard on Monte Nero and Chiancate

Crested Lark Galerida cristata Scattered records Woodlark Lullula arborea Occasionally heard Swallow Hirundo rustica Widespread and common Red-rumped Swallow Hirundo daurica A few west of Vieste House Martin Delichon urbica Widespread

Grey-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava cinereocapilla A few at Margherita

White Wagtail Motacilla alba A few records Wren Troglodytes troglodytes Heard occasionally, a few seen

Black-eared Wheatear Oenanthe hispanica Ruggiano road view point Blue Rock Thrush Monticola solitarius Ruggiano road view point Several records, seen on 4 days Whinchat Saxicola rubetra

Scattered records Stonechat Saxicola torquata

Robin Erithacus rubecula Heard often, sometimes seen. Nightingale Luscinia megarhynchos Heard often and sometimes seen

Blackbird Turdus merula Widespread Song Thrush Turdus philomelos Foresta Umbra

Cetti's Warbler Cettia cetti Heard on Varano 'island' Fan-tailed Warbler Cisticola juncidis Lake Lesina and Margherita Great Reed Warbler Acrocephalus arundinaceus Lake Lesina reed beds

Sardinian Warbler Sylvia melanocephala Widespread

Subalpine Warbler Sylvia cantillans Widespread and reasonably common

Lesser Whitethroat Sylvia curruca Heard occasionally Common Whitethroat Sylvia communis Near Dolina Pozzatina Garden Warbler Sylvia borin Heard at various sites

Blackcap Sylvia atricapilla Widespread and reasonably common

Bonelli's Warbler Phylloscopus bonelli Heard in Foresta Umbra Goldcrest Regulus regulus Heard occasionally Regulus ignicapillus Firecrest Scattered records Aegithalos caudatus Long-tailed Tit Varano and Day 7 Marsh Tit Parus palustris Monte Nero Blue Tit Widespread Parus caeruleus Great Tit Parus major Widespread

Widespread in woodlands Nuthatch Sitta europaea Common Treecreeper Certhia familiaris Scattered woodland records

Penduline Tit Remiz pendulinus Seen very well at Lake Lesina, where

nesting.

Golden Oriole Oriolus oriolus Heard often, seen on two days Woodchat Shrike 2 south of Foresta Umbra Lanius senator Magpie Pica pica Very common. Noted daily.

Garrulus glandarius Widespread Jay Jackdaw Corvus monedula Scattered records Hooded Crow Widespread. Noted daily. Corvus corone cornix

Starling Sturnus vulgaris Bari area

Italian Sparrow Passer domesticus italiae Widespread. Noted daily.

Widespread and reasonably common Chaffinch Fringilla coelebs Serin Serinus serinus Widespread in small numbers

Greenfinch Carduelis chloris Widespread

Widespread and common Goldfinch Carduelis carduelis

Linnet Carduelis cannabina A few records

Yellowhammer Emberiza citrinella Seen by the group near the hotel in the

Emberiza cirlus Widespread and rather common Cirl Bunting Corn Bunting Widespread, heard regularly Miliaria calandra

Systematic List Number 4

Amphibians and Reptiles

Italian Crested Newt Triturus carnifex A few in a pond at Cento Pozzi Italian Hybrid Frog Rana kl.hispanica Numerous at 100 Dolinas, heard in the

European Pond Terrapin Emys orbicularis Cento Pozzi and Varano 'island'

Moorish Gecko Tarentola mauretanica Rather common in Pulsano Gorge, also

Ruggiano view point, and Margherita Scattered records, e.g. Carbonara Valley

Green Lizard Lacerta bilineata Italian Wall Lizard Podarcis sicula Widespread and common Italian Three-toed Skink Chalcides chalcides Pulsano road and Day 7 Western Whip Snake

Four seen this year. Coluber viridiflavus

Dark phase animals near Carbonara Valley, near Cento Pozzi, and Pulsano Gorge. A dark green animal in Carbonara

Valley.

Mammals

Four-lined Snake Elaphe quatuorlineata A fine large individual at Lake Lesina

Dice Snake Natrix tessellata 1 in a pond at 100 Dolinas

Systematic List Number 5

Fox

Western Hedgehog Erinaceus europaeus Road casualties

Roman Mole Hills common. A dead individual on Passo Talpa romana

Ingarano. One road casualty 2008. Sign 2011. 2012 Vulpes vulpes

one on Chiancate, one Carbonara Valley. Weasel Mustela nivalis 1 in Bosco Quarto seen well (PGC) 2011 Red Squirrel Sciurus vulgaris Sign, knawed pinecones, north coast

Savi's Pine Vole Pitymys savii Burrows noted Hare Lepus europaeus One on Monte Nero

Wild Boar Sus scrofa Rooting activity widespread