

WILDLIFE TRAVEL

The Vercors 2017



The Vercors, species list and trip report, 26th June to 3rd July 2017

#	DATE	LOCATIONS & NOTES
1	26 th June	Train to Valence and coach to Les Nonieres
2	27 th June	Les Nonieres and surrounds
3	28 th June	Col de Pennes and village of Jansac
4	29 th June	Les Claps. Marais de Boulignons (Rochbriane), medieval town of Chatillons
5	30 th June	Cirque d'Archiane
6	1 st July	Valle de Combeau (lower)
7	2 nd July	Valle de Combeau (upper), Reserve Naturelle des Hautes plateaux du Vercors
8	3 rd July	Return to UK

LIST OF TRAVELLERS

Leader

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Day 1 Monday 26th June. Outbound from London St Pancras to Valence via Lilles Europe

Travellers met prior to boarding the 12.28 Eurostar to Lilles Europe. Two members were temporarily lured by the bright lights and shopping opportunities of Paris but returned for a second look at customs before boarding the correct train. Graham met the group at Lilles before boarding the TGV to Valence where we were met by our driver Serge who drove us the c90 minutes to the hotel Mont Barral where a welcome drink and buffet supper awaited us, before being allocated our rooms by Sylvie.

Day 2 Tuesday 27th June. Les Nonieres and surroundings

After a brief introduction to the holiday and the areas we would be visiting we set off on foot to explore the area close to the hotel in sunshine. Turning right towards the Col de Menee we began to look for wild flowers and butterflies.

Early risers had already found Lizard Orchids growing close to the hotel and heard the electrical buzz of Black Redstart and the jangling call of Serin. Butterflies were active and we began to find Great Sooty Satyr, Spotted Fritillary, Adonis Blue and the first of many Marbled White of the holiday. A beautiful Swallowtail landed on Red Valerian at the side of the road, replaced a short while later by a Scarce Swallowtail. Butterflies were abundant around the hotel, Wilf having found 11 species before breakfast!

Three species of Sermontain were admired, as was Pyramid Orchid and the abundant Mountain Germander. The wonderful Yellow Ox- Eye was in full bloom almost outcompeted by the splendid blue flowers of Cupidone. Griffon Vultures were finding thermals over the nearby rock faces.

Returning to the village we took the track beside the stream and looked for plants in the scrubby margins of the stream and the flower rich meadows close by. A White Wagtail rode on the back of a horse admired by a group of House Sparrows and the horse's donkey companion. The horse and donkey were later to re-visit the group as they were moved to one of the meadows.

Clouded Yellow, Brown Argus, Wood White, Heath and Knapweed Fritillaries, Small and Pearly Heaths and Brimstone butterflies were joined by Violet Carpenter Bee and a Praying Mantis was found camouflaged green on plants by the path.

Swallowwort, drifts of Yellow Rattle and the Small Yellow Foxglove enlivened the walk while Bastard Toadflax and Restharrow hugged the ground. Dark Red Helleborine was in peak condition, and the Helleborine orchid *Epipactis mullerii* and Common Spotted Orchids were found in several places. A new find for the area was Creeping Lady's Tresses that was found while we had our lunch beneath the shade of pine trees.

Prenanthes (Rattlesnake Root) was just in flower and two species of Wintergreen were found beneath the pines. An area of the superbly coloured Cow- wheat, *Melampyrum nemorosum* was photographed as were mayflies and caddis larvae in the crystal clear stream. Further along the track a flowery meadow was alive with butterflies, amongst them fresh specimens of Meleager's Blue and Provencal Short-tailed blue were discovered. Several day flying moths were also in evidence; in addition to the pretty green Forester and the more sombre Chimney Sweeper, three species of Burnet moths were photographed – Southern Six-spot *Zygaena transalpina*, Slender *Z. loti* and Reticent *Z. romeo*. The track was obviously popular with dog- walkers and the evidence they left behind was popular with some of the butterflies. At one spot we were able to observe the dung-rolling beetle *Sisyphus schaefferi* in action.

We admired the waterfall at the head of the valley before climbing the forest track to the small road which led us slowly back to the hotel. Here we found Dodder growing on Lavender and Broom. Yellow Birdsnest was found

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beneath the trees before we emerged onto a meadow with more butterflies. A road with no traffic was something of a novelty to our English eyes, especially as we were accompanied by the ever present singing Blackcaps, as we found Fringed Pink and the diminutive Red-underwing Skipper in the verge. Several Southern White Admirals were seen drifting along the edge of the trees.

Back to the hotel for a drink, before meeting at 6.45 for a roundup of the day. Wilf and Charlie both had a good eye for butterflies and 34 species were found on day 2.

The first of the three course evening meals did not disappoint with Tomato salad; Ravioli and cheese finished with a delicious Pana cotta with jus.

Day 3 Wednesday 28th June. *Col de Pennes and village of Jansac*

After breakfast and collecting our lunch we drove the 45 minutes through stunning scenery to Col de Pennes at 1040 m. The grassland and scrub of the hill side revealed Blue Lettuce, Italian Maple, Vervain, a St John's Wort, *Stachys recta* and a the very pretty *Convolvulus cantabrium*. With a Song Thrush song as background we followed and photographed the butterflies. A patch of Vipers Bugloss was a good area to spot Essex and Small Skippers, and Marbled White. An amazing Mantid Fly was found; an improbable beast assembled on a Friday, part lacewing, part Praying Mantis. The Mantid Fly went through a routine of grooming its wings that a yoga grand master would be proud of, lunging its forelegs and front part of its body in an arch over its back.

The day remained cool but bright with one shower of rain. The butterflies were most obliging in the cooler temperatures and could be approached closely. Of the larger butterflies we had good views of Woodland Grayling with its "pin hole" white spot on its hindwing.

We crossed the road to a path through beech woodland to hide from a shower of rain. Here was Almond-eyed Ringlet, Pearly Heath and Mazarine Blue. Most of the *Prenanthes* had had their heads nibbled off presumably by deer.

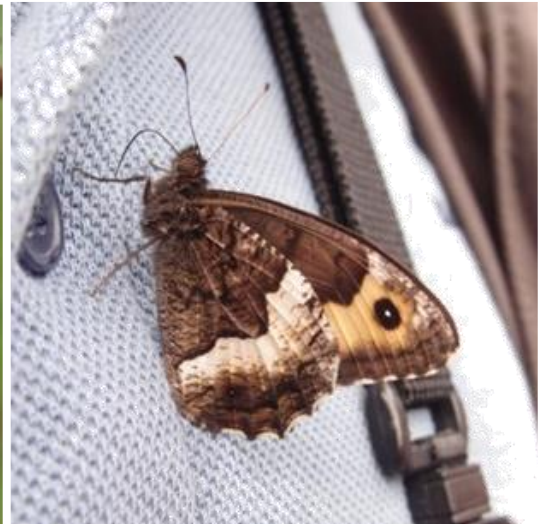
We walked down the quiet road, which gave us eye level views of the flora and butterflies on the roadside slope. Here was the small leaved *Laserpitium siller*, leaves of Hepatica, Yellow Gentian, our first Red Helleborines and Bird's-nest Orchids were seen. A huge fly with a long stout proboscis was found feeding from a roadside thistle. As the day warmed up, butterflies became more active with more Woodland Graylings and an impressive male Great Sooty Satyr. A fresh male Silver-washed Fritillary was another highlight, whilst a Large Wall Brown made a brief appearance and a rather ragged Blue-spot Hairstreak was discovered at the edge of the road.

Lunch was taken in a track entrance close to a patch of pink flowered Shrubby Restharrow. After lunch, we studied the butterflies and found Escher's Blue and several roosting Heath Fritillaries. More *Prenanthes* were found in flower and the attractive broomrape, *Orbanche gracilis*.

We met the coach, driven by the very able Jacques, and descended the hill to visit the small village of Jansac where we found Small Elder or Danewort. We visited the small cemetery close to where the first Wildlife Travellers to Vercors stayed some years ago, and admired the Lizard Orchids. A large group of swifts rushed overhead as we left.

Returning to the hotel we relaxed before meeting up to review the days records, followed by an excellent meal of Guinea Fowl and a dessert of ice cream on a chestnut sauce. Heavy rain curtailed the planned evening stroll to listen for Scops Owl and Midwife Toad.

Butterflies and Moths of the Vercors: some highlights



Top, l to r: Marbled White and Pearly Heath; Woodland Grayling (Graham Bellamy)
Middle, l to r: Large Blue and Weaver's Fritillary
Bottom, l to r: Purple-edged Copper, Apollo and Merry Burnet Moth (all other photos Wilf Powell)

Day 4 Thursday 29th June. Les Claps, Marais des Boulignons (Rochbriane), Medieval town of Chatillons.

A pre-breakfast stroll gave us Serin, Black Redstart, Bonelli's Warbler and White Wagtail; with views of a Hare in the fields below.

Having studied the weather forecast for the week it was decided to alter the itinerary to leave the high Combeau visit for the best day forecast.

Jacques drove us to Les Claps on the River Drome. Here in 1442 an earthquake and storm conspired to bring some of the hillside down to block the river creating a lake that was to become the Marais de Boulignons. At Les Claps we found Smoke Tree (*Cotinus*), a very woody Honeysuckle, Bastard Balm, Deadly Nightshade and the Shield-leaved Dock. The river was full of silt from the previous night's heavy rain.

We drove on to the Marais which we entered on a boardwalk before taking the footpath up across the valley side to descend into the marais proper. Beautiful Demoiselle damselflies flew among the sedges by the river and Black-tailed Skimmer, Common Darter and Azure Damselfly were also seen.

On the hillside path we found Lizard Orchid, the Helleborine *Epipactis mullerii*, Madger, the "Ena Sharples Knapweed" *Centaurea pectinata*, with its hair-net like sepals, and Dutchman's Pipe, *Aristolochia pistolochia*, with its small melon shaped seed pods. Several Wall lizards watched our progress along the rocky track. On the nearby scrubby grassland butterflies suddenly were everywhere as the sun came out, with Marbled White, Great Sooty Satyr, Pearly Heath and Heath Fritillary.

As we got to marsh level there was a single Bee Orchid. Out on the marsh a good show of Marsh Helleborine Orchid and Dragons Teeth *Tetragonolobus maritimus* gave photo opportunities as a Stonechat scolded from the bushes.

A shower of rain had us sitting beneath one of the Black Poplar "Tetards" or pollards, to have our lunch. The rain soon over we found Greater Butterfly Orchid, Marsh orchids and some sizeable Fragrant Orchids that looked to be good candidates for the Marsh Fragrant variety.

The sun returned and we explored scrubby woodland and grassy glades beyond the marsh. The trees and bushes were resplendent with lichens here.

The butterflies did us proud with Bergers or Pale Clouded Yellow (impossible to tell apart on the wing), Brown Argus, Small Heath, Small Skipper, Wood White, and Common, Adonis, and Escher's Blues. An immaculate Weaver's Fritillary posed for photographs, displaying its purple-tinted underside.

We returned in sun over the marsh boardwalk and found Greater Butterfly Orchid, a Marsh Frog, common darter and Black-tailed Skimmer dragonflies and Azure Damselfly. A Large Skipper butterfly was spotted nectaring on a Marsh Fragrant Orchid with a pollinium (pollen sac) attached to its proboscis. On the way back to the bus, a Clouded Yellow was spotted on the trackside vegetation.

We returned to the hotel via Chatillons, where we walked from the parking area through the medieval town with enticing views up the Viols, or narrow passages, between the irregular walls of the houses. Here we had a drink at a café and absorbed village life while swifts tore through the air above with their "black arrows" display.

Back to Les Nonieres for a rest, before an evening meal of eggs, veal and gateau with cream while hail beat down outside. An evening walk to listen to the Midwife Toads also revealed a Glow-worm and several bats.

Day 5 Friday 30th June. Cirque d'Archiane

After breakfast we drove the 25 minutes through quiet roads through the Vercors scenery to arrive on the outskirts of the small settlement of Archiane at 769m. The Catchflies were in full bloom on the grassy banks their stems sticky to the touch. Roman Snails were about their business, perhaps on their way home after a night out. Alpine Swifts could be seen high on the rock faces, but as we reached the centre of the village they were suddenly down with us as they momentarily flew overhead calling. We looked up to see tens of Alpine Swifts at low level, scything the air above us. A special moment!

The cirque is a rock amphitheatre interrupted by a vast limestone outcrop, The Belvedere, at 1070 metres.

We walked out of the village on a small track and found and smelt "housemaids armpits" *Salvia sclarea*. Butterflies were busy in the adjacent meadows and Meadow Brown, Small and Essex Skippers, Marbled White and Heath Fritillary were all frequent. Other notable sightings included, Silver-studded Blue, Spotted and High-brown Fritillaries, Black-veined White, Great Banded Grayling and Northern Brown Argus. Wall lizards basked in patches of sunlight to scuttle away on approach. A field dominated by Vipers Bugloss, busy with bees, and bordered with ancient moss covered Mulberry trees was a colourful sight. Looking back Charlie pointed out the "sleeping lady" rocks on the high skyline with several Griffon Vultures getting a close up look! Scarce Swallowtail, and Wood White butterflies took our attention until a perfect Apollo was spotted in a field edge where there grew Cut-leaved Germander and Ground Pine beneath our feet.

Lunch was taken by a fast flowing stream over smooth limestone slabs. With commendable agility, Charlie fielded a dropped lunchtime peach as it was rapidly swept downstream.

After lunch we made our way slowly back to the village admiring the views and stopping to check the butterflies including a Spotted Fritillary chrysalis. A Hummingbird Hawkmoth showed off its flying skills on a flowery bank.

After a brief stop for refreshments at the Auberge we walked towards the other side of the cirque to a grassy field with a wonderful spurge that was in flower. Here were several fresh Large Blue Butterflies, a Cirl Bunting, Forester Moths and Baton Blue Butterfly. Overhead were more Griffon Vultures and a view of a Golden Eagle.

As we returned to the mini-bus we noticed the Catchfly flowers seen in the morning had shrivelled, the buds for the coming night's pollination opportunity ready to open.

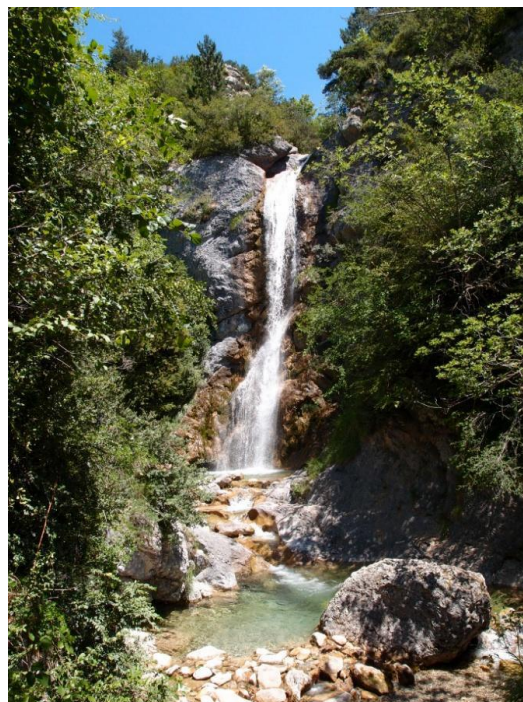
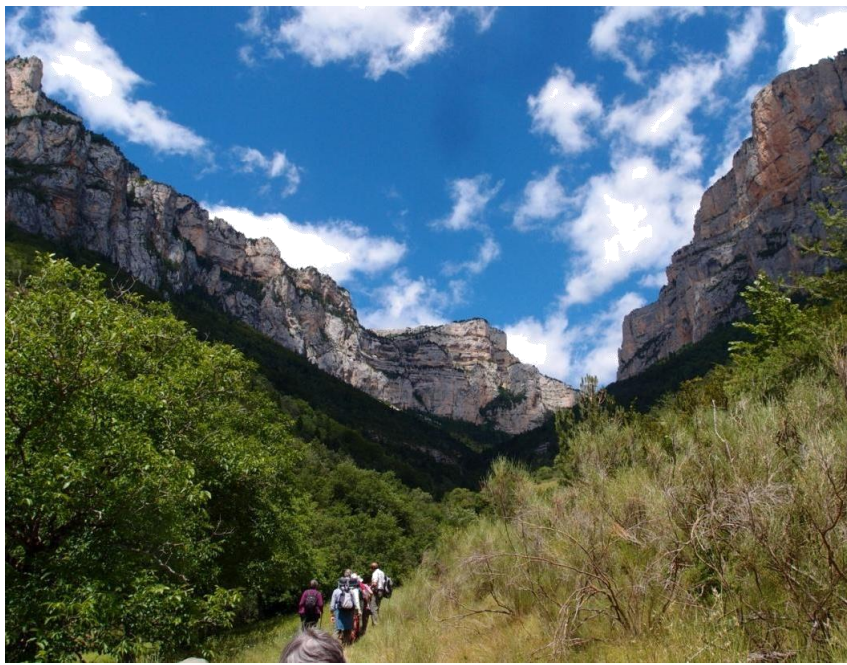
Back at the hotel we relaxed before sharing our records before another fine meal.

Day 6 Saturday July 1st. Valle de Combeau (lower)

The Pre-breakfast walk revealed a couple of Roe Deer in a meadow below and singing Serin and Cirl Bunting.

Part one of a two- day trip to this valley in which we explore the middle and lower reaches. Dannielle was our driver from today until the end of the holiday. We stopped a couple of times en route as we climbed towards the small valley car park.

Our first stop was at a small roadside quarry where there was a chance of spotting Chamois on the steep slopes and scree opposite. Despite a thorough search none were seen, the hillsides partly wreathed in wisps of cloud. Griffon Vultures were seen on the skyline. The roadside rewarded us with Mountain Cornflower, Fringed Pink, Common Spotted and Fragrant Orchids, and Sermontain amongst many of the plants in flower. Further along the road we had Dark-red Helleborine, Twayblade, Yellow Gentian, Red Trefoil and Sweet Cicely.



Top, l to r: Fringed Pink and Cirque d'Archiane (both Graham Bellamy)
Middle, l to r: Mantis Fly, Large Banded Grasshopper (both Wilf Powell) and waterfall, Les Nonieres (Graham Bellamy)
Bottom, l to r: Wall Lizard (Sheila Brooke) and Small Alpine Bush-cricket (Wilf Powell)

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As the day warmed up butterflies began to appear including Dark Green Fritillary, Black-veined White, Northern Brown Argus, Almond-eyed Ringlet, and several eye-catching male Purple-edged Coppers. Several interesting Burnet moths were found including southern Six-spot, Slender and the wonderfully named Merry Burnet *Zygaena hilaris*. Trout were spotted in the nearby stream and on the banks an impressively tall and dense flowered Fragrant Orchid.

We left the mini-bus at the Combeau valley car park and found Dusky Cranesbill, *Geranium phaeum* and False White Helleborine, *Veratrum album*. By the stream was an *Adenostyles* sp. We explored the nearby hillside and its wildflowers finding Burnt Orchid, many Spiked Speedwell, Smooth Honeywort, Martagon Lily, and the pungent leaved Spiguel, a fine show of Masterwort and Clustered Bellflower. The birds did not disappoint with more Alpine Swifts, Yellowhammer, Tree Pipit, Goldfinch, Alpine Chough and Crested Tit. The grassland was alive with crickets and grasshoppers including Large Banded Grasshopper, Roesel's Bush-cricket, Small Alpine Bush-cricket and Wartbiter. A freshly emerged Small Elephant Hawkmoth was photographed before a shower sent us looking for cover and an early lunch during which a Citril Finch and Bullfinch were seen. On the way back to the track we encountered the bright metallic green and red Large Cuckoo Wasp and a superb male Scarce Copper.

Some time was spent admiring the sheep that were grazing the high valley grasslands. These were held in paddocks surrounded with flexible electric netting, two hundred sheep or more eating the enclosed grassland within a day or so before being moved on. All the sheep were male, presumably lambs of the year and with them older sheep, some with bells, and with "camel" humps of uncut fleece. With the sheep were two large dogs as a deterrent against the few wolves that haunt the high Vercors.

We walked along the edge of the flowery pastures admiring the drifts of Yellow Rattle and Red Trefoil, to meet the mini-bus further down the valley. We drove to the road that leads to the col de Menee to investigate two other areas. One had some good Lizard Orchids and a fine show of Cupidone. At the second stop down a narrow track, we searched in vain for Coralroot Orchid, but were rewarded with a fine show of *Melampyrum nemorosa*, along with Herb Paris, Small Elder, a Bird's-nest Orchid and Prenanthes.

We returned to the hotel for a pre-meeting drink and relaxing sit in the sun.

After a tasty meal featuring trout some of us explored the village checking on the Midwife Toad, we saw two species of bat; one large and slow flying. We heard Tawny Owl and saw Glow-worm.

Day 7 Sunday 2nd July. Valle de Combeau(upper). Reserve Naturelle des Hautes Plateaux du Vercors

Danielle drove us to the Combeau car park once more, via the Chamois slope, where we set of in unpromising weather for the head of the valley. A stiff head wind and low cloud making us wrap up with extra clothing emerging from the depths of our bags. We went up via a gulley through woodland and meadow where we admired Burnt Orchids, a good patch of Common Spotted Orchids and the first of several Saxifrages, Fairy Foxglove and ferns. Joining the track we spotted a juvenile Ring Ouzel and calling Crossbills flew overhead to settle obligingly on the nearby tree tops. Good views of a Black Woodpecker were had, flying through the trees to settle and feed on the ground. Despite the weather the meadows looked inviting with several Sedum species in flower, wonderful shows of Spiked Speedwell and magnificent flower spikes of *Sedum tectorum* signposting the way. Mountain Germander, Yellow Gentian, Common Spotted and Fragrant Orchid, Dodder, a Gypsophila the first Black Vanilla Orchids and Moonwort maintained the interest. Field Gentian Saw-wort and Betony provided patches of colour amongst Ladies' Mantle and Alpine Bistort and the attractive Mountain Aster clinging to rocky outcrops.

This was not good weather for butterflies, but on the way up a couple of roosting Large Grizzled Skippers and a Purple Treble-bar moth were discovered.

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Wild boar had been busy recently rooting up areas of the grassland. One thoroughly dug over area had held a fine stand of Martagon Lilies only the week before. We came across a couple of wood ant mounds, the ants were very busy and the nearby vegetation growing much taller than the surrounding grassland.

As we gained height we began to meet the low cloud, the mountain tops now invisible. The small refuge that looked favourite for a lunch stop was occupied and we walked on to find a welcome dell where we were out of the worst of the wind. As we settled in for lunch a brilliantly marked Northern Wheatear and family warned us not to come any closer, and a Raven with a curiously high pitched call flew along the tree line. The dell had a good population of Vanilla Orchids that were in peak condition. Nearby, but unseen, Alpine Marmots called. Although we were well sheltered the cloud was down at times to about 30 m visibility. One butterfly that seemed happy to be active in these conditions was well spotted by Julia, this was the Common Brassy Ringlet. The forecast was for the cloud to lift in the mid-afternoon, but we decided it best to retrace our steps down the valley. With the wind at our backs and the gradual loss of elevation it soon felt warmer and we admired the meadow flowers and soon butterflies were attracting our attention again, with Lesser Marbled Fritillary, and Piedmont Ringlet. Crested Tits played hide and seek in the nearby trees with a probable Firecrest.

By now the weather had improved and the sun spent more time out than in, a cloud of House Martins flew in the shelter of the edge of distant woodland.

We visited the Auberge for a welcome drink before heading back to the hotel. Wilf and Julia set off again up the Les Nonieres valley to take a last look at the butterflies and came back with an Idas Blue to take the trip total to 56.

Charlie had put together an entertaining round up of the week that we watched in the comfort of the hotel bar before our last meal at the hotel.

Day 8 Monday 3rd July. *Return to London*

After breakfast we said our goodbyes to Sylvie and her staff, and Danielle drove us back to Valence. As the high tops of the Vercors fell away and we approached Valence we slowly returned to a busier way of life...

Thanks to everyone for making this holiday memorable and for sharing knowledge and good humour alike. Please let me know if there is anything to add to the species list. Thanks to Wilf, Julia, Betty, Sheila and Barbara for the photographs and content for the report.

Graham Bellamy, Wildlife Travel

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A later trip than usual for this area for Wildlife Travel. This trip included several folk from the Bedfordshire Natural History Society and this resulted in good coverage of the butterflies and day flying moths, plant and shield bugs and invertebrates in general. Thanks to them for sharing their finds with the rest of the group.

	LATIN NAME	ENGLISH NAME	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTA: FERNS AND HORSETAILS											
1	Horsetails										
	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail		Y		Y		Y			Usually close to water
2	Ferns										
	<i>Botrychium lunaria</i>	Moonwort							Y		Alpine meadow
	<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Polypody			Y				Y		In gulley
	<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall-rue		Y	Y		Y		Y		Walls and rocky outcrops
	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort			Y	Y	Y		Y		
	<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder Fern							Y		Probable
	<i>Gymnocarpium robertianum</i>	Limestone Fern		?					?		
PINOPHYTA: CONIFERS											
3	Cupressaceae (Junipers)										
	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Most likely species
4	Pinaceae (Pines)										
	<i>Pinus mugo</i>	Mountain Pine		?							Present most areas
	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		
MAGNOLIOPHYTA: FLOWERING PLANTS											
DICOTYLEDONS											
5	Aceraceae (Maples)										
	<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple		Y							
	<i>Acer opalus</i>	Italian Maple		Y	Y						Three lobed leaves
	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore		Y							
6	Anacardiaceae (Pistachio, Sumac, Smoke-tree)										
	<i>Cotinus coggyra</i>	Smoke-Tree				Y					Les Claps and Marais
7	Adoxaceae (was Caprifoliaceae) (Elder)										
	<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Dwarf Elder			Y			Y			Jansac and Coralroot area
	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder		Y		Y	Y		Y		
	<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring Tree		Y		Y		Y			
8	Apiaceae (Umbellifers)										
	<i>Astrantia major</i>	Great Masterwort						Y	Y		Out well in meadows
	<i>Bupleurum sp</i>				Y						Roadsides, narrow leaves, small flowers
	<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo		Y		Y		Y	Y		Frequent meadows/waysides
	<i>Heracleum sphodylium</i>	Hogweed						Y	Y		
	<i>Laserpitium gallicum</i>	Sermountain		Y	Y			Y	Y		Out well, frequent
	<i>Laserpitium latifolium</i>	Broad-leaved Sermountain			Y			Y			
	<i>Laserpitium siller</i>				Y						Finer leaves
	<i>Meum athamanticum</i>	Spignel			Y			Y	Y		Just over, fragrant leaves
	<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	White-Lace Flower			Y						Les Nonieres, seen from bus

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	<i>Sanicula europea</i>	Sanicle						Y			Woods near Col de Menee
9	Apocynaceae (inc Asclepiadaceae) (Milkweeds)										
	<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		In flower, widespread
10	Araliaceae (Ivy)										
	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Common Ivy				Y	Y				
11	Aristolochiaceae (Birthworts)										
	<i>Aristolochia pistolochia</i>	a birthwort				Y					Marais, on stony area in flower
12	Asteraceae (Compositae)										
	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow						Y	Y		Probably this species
	<i>Adenostyles alliariae</i>	Adenostyles						Y	Y		Stream edge close to car park
	<i>Aster alpinus</i>	Alpine Aster							Y		flowering
	<i>Bupthalmum salicifolium</i>	Yellow Ox-eye		Y			Y	Y	Y		flowering
	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Musk Thistle							Y		flowering
	<i>Carlina acanthifolia</i>	Acanthus-leaved Carlina Thistle		Y		Y					In bud, distinctive leaves
	<i>Carlina vulgaris</i>	Common Carlina Thistle				Y					
	<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	Cupidone		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Wonderfully in flower
	<i>Centuarea leucophaca</i>					Y					
	<i>Centaurea montana</i>	Perennial Cornflower						Y			Flowering, Chamois viewpoint
	<i>Centaurea pectinata</i>	"Ena Sharples" knapweed				Y					Stony area Marais
	<i>Cirsium tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Thistle			Y						Roadside frequent, probably this species
	<i>Echinops</i> sp				Y						
	<i>Hieracium</i> agg.	Hawkweed			Y			Y			
	<i>Lactuca perennis</i>	Blue Lettuce		Y	Y	Y					flowering
	<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort		Y	Y						
	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy		Y	Y			Y	Y		Other species possible
	<i>Petasites albus</i>	White Butterbur		Y				Y			By stream
	<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed						Y	Y		Probably this species
	<i>Prenanthes purpurea</i>	Purple Lettuce		Y	Y				Y		Just in flower
	<i>Tanacetum corymbosum</i>	Tansy			Y						
	<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Dandelion		Y		Y	Y	Y			
	<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard		Y			Y		Y		
	<i>Scorzonera</i> species				Y			Y			Flowering, chocolate coloured centre
13	Boraginaceae (Forget-me-nots, Bugloss)										
	<i>Cerinthe glabra</i>	Smooth Honeywort						Y	Y		Flowering, meadows
	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Hound's-tongue						Y	Y		Reddish flower, other species possible
	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss			Y			Y			Frequent Archiane
	<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	Phacelia (Heliotrope)						Y			
	<i>Pulmonaria angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Lungwort				Y		Y			Not in flower. Wood Col de Menee
14	Brassicaceae (Cabbages)										
	<i>Alliaria petiolate</i>	Garlic Mustard		Y				Y			
	<i>Arabis turrita</i>	Tower Rock-cress		Y	Y				Y		Long seed pods

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	Capsella bursa-pastoris	Shepherd's Purse					Y		Y		Car park Archiane and by mountain refuge Combeau.
	Cardamine sp			Y				Y			Leaves only seen
15	Buxaceae (Box)										
	Buxus sempervirens	Box		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		frequent
16	Campanulaceae (Bellflowers)										
	Campanula glomerata	Clustered Bellflower			Y			Y	Y		
	Campanula media						Y				
	Campanula rapunculoides	Creeping Bellflower		Y							
	Campanula rhomboidalis	Broad-leaved Harebell									
	Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell		Y	Y			Y	Y		Probably this species
	Campanula speciosa	Pyrenean Bellflower			Y						
	Campanula species								Y		Several species seen
	Campanula trachelium	Nettle-leaved Bellflower									probable
	Phyteuma nigrum	Black Rampion			Y						over
	Phyteuma orbiculare	Round-headed Rampion			Y				Y		
	Phyteuma spicatum	Spiked Rampion						Y			over
17	Caprifoliaceae (inc Dipsacaceae and Valerianaceae) (Honeysuckle, Valerians, Scabious)										
	Lonicera etrusca					Y					Shrubby. Les Claps
	Lonicera xylosteum	Fly Honeysuckle			Y						
	Centranthus angustifolius	Narrow-leaved Valerian						Y	Y		
	Centranthus ruber	Red Valerian		Y			Y				
	Dipsacus fullonum	Wild Teasel			Y		Y				
	Knautia purpurea				Y						
	Knautia sp				Y	Y					
18	Caryophyllaceae (Pinks and Catchflies)										
	Cerastium arvense	Field Mouse-ear						Y	Y		Probably this species
	Dianthus barbatus	Fringed pink		Y					Y		In flower
	Dianthus sylvestris	Wood Pink							Y		
	Gypsophila repens	Alpine Gypsophila						Y	Y		In flower
	Petrohagia prolifera	Proliferous Pink			Y						
	Saponaria ocymoides	Rock Soapwort		Y							In flower
	Silene italica	Italian Catchfly		Y		Y		Y	Y		In flower
	Silene nutans	Nottingham Catchfly					Y				
	Silene otites	Spanish Catchfly			Y						
	Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion				Y		Y	Y		In flower
	Stellaria media	Common Chickweed		Y	Y						
19	Chenopodiaceae (Chenopods)										
	Chenopodium bonus-henricus	Good King Henry						Y	Y		
20	Cistaceae (Rock-rose)										
	Helianthemum italicum					Y					
	Helianthemum nummularium	Common Rock-rose				Y					
	Helianthemum species							Y	Y		
21	Clusiaceae (St John's-worts)										
	Hypericum hyssopifolium	St John's-wort			Y						
	Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort			Y						
	Hypericum species							Y	Y		

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22	Convolvulaceae (Bindweed)										
	Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed		Y	Y						
	Convolvulus cantabrium				Y						In flower
	Cuscuta ephthymum	Common Dodder		Y	Y			Y	Y		Locally frequent
	Verbena officinalis	Vervain		Y	Y						
23	Cornaceae (Dogwood)										
	Cornus sanguinea	Dogwood		Y	Y			Y	Y		
24	Corylaceae (Hazel)										
	Corylus avellana	Hazel		Y	Y			Y			
25	Crassulaceae (Stonecrops)										
	Sedum species							Y	Y		
	Sempervivum tectorum	Common Houseleek							Y		
	Sempervivum species								Y		
27	Ericaceae (inc. Pyrolaceae) (Heathers and Wintergreens)										
	Pyrola chlorantha	Pale-green Wintergreen		Y							
	Pyrola secunda	Nodding Wintergreen		Y							
28	Euphorbiaceae (Spurge)										
	Euphorbia cyparissias	Cypress Spurge		Y	Y			Y	Y		
	Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury						Y			Les Nonieres roadside
29	Fabaceae (Peas)										
	Anthyllis montana	Mountain Kidney Vetch			Y						
	Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch			Y			Y			
	Colutea arborescens	Bladder-senna				Y					Marais rocky area
	Coronilla minima						Y				
	Genista purgans	Pyrenean Broom				Y					
	Hippocrepis comosa	Horseshoe Vetch							Y		Probably this species, not in flower
	Laburnum anagyroides	Laburnum			Y			Y			
	Lathyrus aphaca	Yellow Vetchling				Y					
	Lathyrus latifolius	Broad-leaved Everlasting Pea				Y					
	Onobrychis viciifolia	Sainfoin		Y	Y						
	Ononis fruticosa	Shrubby Restharrow		Y	Y						
	Ononis natrix	Yellow Restharrow			Y	Y	Y		Y		In flower
	Ononis repens	Restharrow			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Securigera varia	Crown Vetch		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Spartium junceum	Spanish Broom			Y	Y					
	Tetragonolobus maritimus	Dragon's-teeth				Y					In the Marais
	Trifolium rubens	Purple Clover						Y	Y		
	Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch			Y						
	Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch							Y		
30	Fagaceae (Oaks and Beeches)										
	Fagus sylvatica	Beech			Y			Y	Y		
	Quercus pubescens	Downy Oak			Y	Y					
31	Gentianaceae (Gentians)										
	Blackstonia perfoliata	Yellow-wort				Y					
	Gentiana lutea	Great Yellow Gentian			Y			Y	Y		
	Gentianella campestris	Field Gentian						Y	Y		

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32	Geraniaceae (Crane's-bill)										
	Geranium phaeum	Dusky Crane's-bill						Y	Y		
	Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert			Y				Y		
	Geranium sanguineum	Bloody Crane's-bill				Y		Y	Y		
	Geranium sylvaticum	Wood Crane's-bill						Y			Probable
34	Juglandaceae (Walnut)										
	Juglans regia	Walnut			Y	Y	Y				Frequently as a crop
35	Lamiaceae (Labiates)										
	Ajuga chamaepitys	Ground Pine					Y				
	Ajuga reptans	Bugle						Y	Y		
	Ballota nigra	Black Horehound			Y						
	Betonica (Stachys)	Betony						Y			Out well
	Clinopodium acinos	Basil Thyme						Y	Y		Maybe other species
	Lavandula angustifolia	Common Lavender		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		
	Melittis melissophyllum	Bastard Balm		Y	Y						
	Prunella grandiflora	Large selfheal		Y	Y				Y		
	Prunella laciniata	Cut-leaved Selfheal		Y				Y	Y		
	Salvia pratensis	Meadow Clary		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Maybe other species also
	Salvia sclarea	Clary Sage					Y	Y			Housemaids armpits!
	Salvia verticillata	Whorled Clary						Y			probable
	Stachys recta	Perennial Yellow Woundwort			Y						
	Teucrium chamedrys	Wall Germander			Y		Y		Y		
	Teucrium montanum	Mountain Germander							Y		
	Teucrium sp						Y				Cut leaved, edge arable field
	Thymus vulgaris	Common Thyme		Y							
	Thymus species				Y	Y		Y	Y		
36	Lentibulariaceae (Butterworts)										
	Pinguicula grandiflora	Large-flowered Butterwort						Y	Y		over
37	Linaceae (Flax)										
	Linum catharticum	Fairy Flax				Y		Y			
	Linum perenne	Perennial Flax				Y			Y		Probably this species
	Linum suffruticosum	White Flax			Y			Y	Y		Probably this species
38	Malvaceae (Mallow)										
	Malva sylvestris	Common Mallow		Y	Y						
39	Moraceae (Mulberry)										
	Morus nigra	Black Mulberry			Y						
40	Oleaceae (Ash and Olive)										
	Fraxinus excelsior	Ash		Y	Y			Y			
	Ligustrum vulgare	Wild Privet		Y		Y					
41	Orobanchaceae (Broomrapes)										
	Melampyrum nemorosum	Wood Cow-wheat		Y	Y	Y		Y			Out well
	Orobanche gracilis	Slender Broomrape			Y						
	Rhinanthus minor	Yellow Rattle		Y				Y			
	Rhinanthus sp			Y				Y			May also be present
42	Papaveraceae (inc. Fumariaceae) (Poppies and Fumitories)										
	Papaver rhoeas	Common Poppy		Y			Y				

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43	Plantaginaceae (inc Globulariaceae, part Scrophulariaceae) (Plantains, Toadflax, Speedwells)										
	Cymbalaria muralis	Ivy-leaved Toadflax					Y				On wall
	Digitalis lutea	Straw Foxglove		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Small yellow foxglove
	Erinus alpinus	Fairy Foxglove							Y		In gulley
	Globularia repens	a globularia							Y		Probable, over
	Linaria repens	Striped Toadflax		Y		Y	Y				
	Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain		Y		Y			Y		
	Plantago major	Greater Plantain		Y	Y	Y			Y		
	Plantago media	Hoary Plantain		Y	Y	Y			Y		
	Veronica beccabunga	Brooklime							Y		
	Veronica spicata	Spiked Speedwell							Y		In flower
44	Plumbaginaceae (Leadwort)										
	Armeria alliacea	Plantain-leaved Thrift							Y		over
45	Polygalaceae (Milkwort)										
	Polygala sp							Y	Y		
46	Polygonaceae (Docks and Bistorts)										
	Persicaria vivipara	Alpine Bistort							Y		Nearly over
	Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel							Y		
	Rumex scutatus	French Sorrel				Y		Y			Shield like leaf
47	Primulaceae (Primrose)										
	Primula veris	Cowslip		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
48	Ranunculaceae (Buttercups)										
	Aquilegia vulgaris	Columbine			Y						
	Clematis vitalba	Traveller's Joy		Y	Y						
	Helleborus foetidus	Stinking Hellebore		Y	Y			Y	Y		leaves
	Hepatica nobilis	Liverleaf			Y	Y					leaves
	Ranunculus sp			Y	Y						Not ID'ed to species
	Thalictrum sp	Meadow-rue		Y	Y						
	Trollius europaeus	Globeflower							Y		over
49	Resedaceae (Mignonettes)										
	Reseda phyteuma	Corn Mignonette						Y			Edge arable field
50	Rosaceae (Roses)										
	Alchemilla alpina	Alpine Lady's-mantle							Y		In flower
	Alchemilla sp							Y	Y		
	Cotoneaster integerrimus	Wild Cotoneaster						Y	Y		
	Crataegus monogyna	Common Hawthorn		Y	Y						
	Dryas octopetala	Mountain Avens							Y		over
	Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry		Y	Y				Y		
	Geum urbanum	Wood Avens		Y							
	Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil		Y							
	Prunus avium	Wild Cherry		Y							
	Rosa canina agg.	Dog Rose		Y	Y			Y			
	Rubus agg.	Blackberry		Y	Y		Y		Y		
	Rubus caesius	Dewberry					Y				
	Rubus idaeus	Raspberry			Y						
	Sanguisorba minor	Salad Burnet		Y	Y				Y		
	Sanguisorba minor muricata	Fodder Burnet									Probably present
	Sorbus aria	Common Whitebeam		Y	Y				Y		
	Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan						Y			

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51	Rubiaceae (Bedstraw)										
	Cruciata laevipes	Crosswort		Y					Y		
	Galium aparine	Cleavers					Y				
	Galium mollugo	Hedge Bedstraw		Y	Y						Probably this species
	Galium odoratum	Woodruff						Y			Not in flower
	Galium pumilum	a bedstraw							Y		Possibly this species
	Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw			Y			Y	Y		
	Rubia peregrina	Wild Madder				Y		Y			
52	Salicaceae (Willows)										
	Populus nigra betulifolia	Black Poplar				Y					As Tetards at Marais
	Populus speices					Y					Possibly white
53	Santalaceae (inc. Viscaceae) (Sandalwoods and Mistletoes)										
	Thesium divaricatum	Bastard Toadflax		Y		Y					
	Thesium sp							Y	Y		Possibly <i>alpinum</i>
54	Saxifragaceae (Saxifrages)										
	Saxifraga rotundifolia	Round-leaved Saxifrage						Y			
55	Scrophulariaceae (Figworts and Mulleins)										
	Scrophularia canina	Small-flowered Figwort		Y							
	Scrophularia nodosa						Y				Probably this species
	Verbascum nigrum	Dark Mullein			Y				Y		
	Verbascum pulverulentum	Hoary Mullein		Y	Y		Y		Y		Likely this species
56	Thymelaeaceae (Daphnes)										
	Daphne sp							Y	Y		Not in flower
57	Tilaceae (Lime)										
	Tilia cordata	Small-leaved Lime		Y	Y						
58	Urticaceae (Nettles)										
	Parietaria judaica	Pellitory-of-the-wall			Y						Jansac
	Urtica dioica	Common Nettle		Y	Y		Y		Y		Not frequent
59	Violaceae (Violets)										
	Viola sp			Y							Leaves only

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	MONOCOTYLEDONS										
60	Amaryllidaceae (Daffodils)										
	Narcissus poeticus	Pheasant's-eye Daffodil							Y		Not in flower
61	Asparagaceae (Asparagus, Hyacinths)										
	Anthericum liliago	St Bernard's Lily			Y						Not in flower
	Aphyllanthes monspeliensis	Blue Grass Lily				Y					Not in flower
	Convallaria majalis	Lily-of-the-Valley			Y						Not in flower
	Dipcadi serotinum	Dipcadi			Y						Not in flower
	Polygonatum odoratum	Angular Solomon's-seal			Y						
65	Liliaceae (Lilies)										
	Lilium martagon	Martagon Lily			Y			Y	Y		In flower
	Tofieldia calyculata	Alpine Asphodel						Y			
66	Melanthiaceae (Paris, Trilliums)										
	Paris quadrifolia	Herb Paris						Y			
	Veratrum album	White False Helleborine						Y	Y		

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68	Orchidaceae (Orchids)										
	Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal Orchid		Y			Y	Y			
	Cephalanthera damasonium	White Helleborine			Y			Y			over
	Cephalanthera rubra	Red Helleborine			Y			Y			Flowering well
	Cypripedium calceolus	Lady's Slipper						Y			over
	Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Common Spotted Orchid		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		
	Dactylorhiza incarnata	Early Marsh Orchid				Y					Marais
	Dactylorhiza (Coeloglossum) viridis	Frog Orchid						Y			Possible, over
	Epipactis atrorubens	Dark-red Helleborine		Y	Y			Y			Out well
	Epipactis helleborine	Broad-leaved Helleborine									probably present
	Epipactis muelleri			Y		Y					
	Epipactis palustris	Marsh Helleborine				Y					Marais
	Goodyera repens	Creeping Lady's-tresses		Y							
	Gymnadenia conopsea	Fragrant Orchid		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Out well some large specimens at the Marais could be <i>densiflora</i>
	Gymnadenia odoratissima	Short-spurred Fragrant Orchid									Looked for ..not found
	Himantoglossum hircinum	Lizard Orchid		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Frequent roadsides
	Neottia (Listera) ovata	Common Twayblade		Y		Y		Y			
	Neottia nidus-avis	Bird's-nest Orchid		Y	Y			Y			
	Nigritella nigra	Black Vanilla Orchid							Y		Out well
	Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid				Y					One only
	Ophrys insectifera	Fly Orchid						Y			over
	Orchis ustulata	Burnt Orchid						Y	Y		
	Platanthera bifolia	Lesser Butterfly Orchid				Y					
	Platanthera chlorantha	Greater Butterfly Orchid				Y		Y			
	Traunsteinera globosa	Round-headed Orchid						Y	Y		Just over

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BIRDS										
Family Ardeidae (Hérons)										
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			Y	Y	Y			
Family Accipitridae (Hawks and Eagles)										
	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		Y			Y	Y	Y	
	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>					Y			
	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		Y						
	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			Y	Y		Y	Y	
	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>						Y		
Family Falconidae (Falcons)										
	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		Y		Y		Y	Y	
	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			Y					
Family Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)										
	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Y							
	Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Y		Y		Y	Y		
Family Strigidae (Owls)										
	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>					Y			
Family Apodidae (Swifts)										
	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>					Y	Y		
Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)										
	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	
	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			Y		Y			
	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			Y	Y				
Family Hirundinidae (Swallows and Martins)										
	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				Y	Y			
	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>				Y				
Family Motacillidae (Pipits and Wagtails)										
	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						Y		
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		Y						
Family Prunellidae (Accentors)										
	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>						Y	Y	
Family Troglodytidae (Wrens)										
	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Family Turdidae (Thrushes)										
	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			Y	Y		Y		
	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			Y			Y	Y	
	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>							Y	
Family Muscicapidae (Flycatchers and Chats)										
	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>							Y	
	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				Y				
Family Sylviidae (Sylviid Warblers)										
	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Family Phylloscopidae (Leaf Warblers)										
	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	

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	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Family Regulidae (Crests)										
	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>							Y	
Family Paridae (Tits)										
	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			Y	Y	Y			
	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>		Y				Y	Y	
	Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>						Y	Y	
	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			Y					
	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		Y	Y			Y		
Family Sittidae (Nuthatches)										
	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			Y	Y				
Family Corvidae (Crows)										
	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	
	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>							Y	
	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>						Y	Y	
	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Y		Y	Y		Y		
	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				Y			Y	
Family Passeridae (Sparrows)										
	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Family Fringillidae (Finches)										
	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		Y			Y	Y	Y	
	Citrl Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>						Y	Y	
	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		Y				Y	Y	
	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			Y				Y	
Family Emberizidae (Buntings)										
	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>					Y	Y		
	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				Y		Y	Y	

MAMMALS										
	Alpine Marmot	<i>Marmota marmot</i>							H	
	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>		Y						
	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>				Y		Y		
	Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>						Y		
	Serotine	<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>						?		
	a pipistrelle bat	<i>Pipistrellus sp.</i>				Y		Y		
	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Y							
FISH, AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES										
	Brown Trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>						Y		
	Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>				Y				
	Midwife Toad	<i>Alytes obstetricans</i>				Y				
	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>				Y				
	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	

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BUTTERFLIES											
Family Hesperidae (Skippers)											
	Red Underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>		Y							
	Large Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus alveus</i>		Y				Y	Y		
	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Family Papilionidae (Swallowtails)											
	Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>					Y				
	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		Y			Y				
	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		Y			Y				
Family Pieridae (Whites)											
	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crateagi</i>		Y			Y	Y	Y		
	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		Y			Y				
	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		Y							
	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		Y	Y		Y				
	Clouded yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		Y		Y					
	Berger's/Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacarensis/ hyale</i>				Y	Y	Y			
	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		Y							
Family Lycaenidae (Blues, coppers and hairstreaks)											
	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>						Y			
	Purple-edged Copper	<i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>						Y			
	Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium spini</i>			Y						
	Provencal Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido alcetas</i>		Y							
	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>		Y			Y				
	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>							Y		
	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		Y		Y		Y			
	Meleager's Blue	<i>Polommatus daphnis</i>		Y							
	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>		Y	Y	Y					
	Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes baton</i>					Y				
	Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>		Y			Y				
	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		Y		Y					
	Northern Brown Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>		Y			Y	Y	Y		
	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>			Y			Y			
	Escher's Blue	<i>Poyommatus escheri</i>		Y	Y	Y					
Family Nymphalidae (Vanessids, fritillaries and browns)											
	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>		Y	Y						
	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>		Y				Y			
	High Brown Fritillary	<i>Argynnis adippe</i>					Y				
	Lesser Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis ino</i>							Y		
	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Boloria dia</i>		Y			Y	Y			
	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>		Y		Y					
	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>		Y			Y	Y			
	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>					Y				
	Comma	<i>Polygona c-album</i>		Y				Y			

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	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>		Y							
	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		Y					Y		
	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>		Y	Y						
	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			Y			Y	Y		
	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		Y			Y	Y	Y		
	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Almond-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia albertanus</i>			Y			Y	Y		
	Common Brassy Ringlet	<i>Erebia cassioides</i>							Y		
	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>							Y		
	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>			Y	Y	Y				
	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>		Y	Y		Y		Y		

MOTHS

Family Crambidae (Grass moths)

	Lesser Pearl	<i>Sitochroa verticalis</i>		Y							
	Meadow Grey	<i>Scoparia pyralis</i>			Y						

Family Erebidae (Owlet moths)

	Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>		Y			Y				
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Family Zygaenidae (Forester and burnet moths)

	Forester Moth	<i>Adscita statice</i>		Y		Y	Y	Y			
	Billowing Burnet	<i>Zygaena ephialtes</i>			Y						
	Merry Burnet	<i>Zygaena hylaris</i>					Y				
	Narrow-bordered Five-spot /Five- spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena lonicerae/ Z.trifolii</i>			Y	Y		Y			Difficult to separate
	Honeysuckle Burnet	<i>Zygaena lonicera</i>				Y		Y			
	Retinent Burnet	<i>Zygaena romeo</i>		Y				Y			
	Slender Burnet	<i>Zygaena loti</i>		Y			Y	Y			
	Six-spot burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>				Y			Y		
	Southern six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena transalpina</i>		Y			Y				

Family Geometridae (Thorns, beauties, umbers and allies)

	Grass Emerald	<i>Pseudoterpna pruinata</i>		Y							
	Riband Wave	<i>Idaea aversata</i>			Y						
	Purple Treble-bar	<i>Aplocera praeformata</i>							Y		
	Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>						Y			
	Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>		Y					Y		
	Common Pink-barred	<i>Rhodostrophia vibicaria</i>		Y	Y						
	Mediterranean Lace Border	<i>Scopula submutata</i>			Y						

Family Sphingidae (Hawkmoths)

	Small Elephant Hawkmoth	<i>Deilephila porcellus</i>						Y			
	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		Y			Y				

Family Thaumetopoeidae

	Pine Processionary	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Caterpillar tents
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Family Noctuidae (Noctuids)											
	Stripped lychnis	<i>Sshargacucullia lychnitis</i>			Y						caterpillars
	Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glybica</i>		Y			Y				
	Spotted Sulphur	<i>Acontia trabealis</i>		Y							
Family Adelidae (Longhorns)											
	Brassy Longhorn	<i>Nemophora metallica</i>				Y		Y			
Family Pterophoridae											
	"Twin-spot" Plume	<i>Stenoptillia sp.</i>						Y			
Family Micropterigidae											
	A micro moth	<i>Micropteryx aglaella</i>			Y						

Order Odonata											
	Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>				Y					
	Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>				Y					
	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>				Y					
	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>				Y					
Order Hymenoptera											
	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		Y							
	European Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>					Y				
	Large Cuckoo Wasp	<i>Stilbum cyanurum</i>						Y			
	European Paper Wasp	<i>Polistes dominula</i>						Y			
	A wood ant	<i>Formica sp</i>							Y		
Order Neuroptera											
	Mantis-fly	<i>Mantispa styriaca</i>			Y						
Order Diptera											
	Giant Crane Fly	<i>Tipula maxima</i>						Y			
	A hoverfly	<i>Volucella zonaria</i>		Y							
	A hoverfly	<i>Volucella pelucens</i>						Y			
Order Hemiptera											
	Plant bug	<i>Calocoris roseomaculatus</i>		?					Y		
	Plant bug	<i>Brachycoleus spp</i>						Y			
		<i>Lygaeus equestris</i>		Y	Y			Y			
	Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>		Y		Y	Y				
		<i>Corizus hyoscyami</i>				Y	Y				
	Box Bug	<i>Gonocerus acuteangulatus</i>		Y			Y				
	Shieldbug	<i>Eurygaster spp</i>		Y							
	Shieldbug	<i>Carpocoris mediterraneus</i>		Y		Y	Y				
	Hairy Shieldbug	<i>Dolycoris baccarum</i>		Y		Y	Y				
	Green Shieldbug	<i>Palomena prasina</i>		Y							
	Brassica Bug	<i>Eurydema oleracea</i>		Y							
	Striped Shieldbug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>		Y	Y		Y	Y			
	Plant Bug	<i>Calocoris norwegicus</i>					Y				
	Dock Bug	<i>Coreus marginatus</i>					Y				
Order Coleoptera											
	Bloody-nosed Beetle	<i>Timarcha tenebricosa</i>				Y					
	Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia Aurata</i>			Y						
	A Chafer beetle	<i>Tropinota hirta</i>			Y						
	Bee Beetle	<i>Triclus asciatus</i>				Y					
	Thistle Weevil	<i>Larinus carlinae</i>							Y		

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	A dung-rolling beetle	<i>Sisyphus schaefferi</i>		Y							
	A darkling beetle	<i>Asida sp</i>						Y			
	A False Blister Beetle	<i>Oedema ?femorata</i>			Y		Y				
	A False Blister Beetle	<i>Chrysanthia sp</i>				Y					
	A Tumbling Flower Beetle	<i>Mordella sp</i>			Y						
	A Pot Beetle	<i>Cryptocephalus sp</i>					Y				
	A Checkered Beetle	<i>Trichodes apiarius</i>					Y				
	A Ckeckered Beetle	<i>Trichodes leucpsideus</i>					Y				
	A Longhorn Beetle	<i>Stenurella bifasciata</i>					Y				
	7Spot ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>					Y				
Order Orthoptera											
	Field cricket	<i>Gryllus campestris</i>						Y			Heard
	Large Banded Grasshopper	<i>Arcyptera fusca</i>						Y			
	Sharp-tailed Grasshopper	<i>Euchorthippus declivus</i>			Y						
	French Stone Grasshopper	<i>Prionotropis azami</i>				Y	Y				
	Great Green Bush-cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>		Y			Y				
	Small Alpine Bush-cricket	<i>Anonconotus alpinus</i>						Y			
	Oak Bush-cricket	<i>Meconema thalassinum</i>					Y				
	Wartbiter	<i>Decticus verrucivorus</i>						Y			
Order Dictyoptera											
	Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>		Y							
Order Diplopoda											
	Pill Millipede	<i>Glomeris connexa</i>				Y					
Class Arachnida											
	Oak spider	<i>Aculepeira ceropegia</i>									
Phylum Mollusca											
	Roman snail	<i>Helix pomatia</i>			Y	Y	Y	Y			
	A snail	<i>Zebrina detrita</i>		Y							
	Leopard slug	<i>Limax maximus</i>				Y					

A note on some Vercors bugs, Sheila Brooke.



Amongst the many invertebrates that we saw there were several Heteroptera, mainly Shieldbugs and allies. In and around Les Nonieres and further afield we spotted *Dolycoris baccarum*, (the Hairy Shieldbug), *Palomena prasina*, the (Green Shieldbug) and *Eurydema oleracea*, (the Brassica Bug) all of which are found in the UK. Also present was the shieldbug ally *Gonocerus acuteangulatus*, (the Box Bug), no doubt fuelled by the masses of Box found growing in the region. In the UK it has spread from Box Hill and found Hawthorn and Buckthorn acceptable alternatives. *Pyrhocoris apterus*, (the Fire Bug), was commonly found crawling around on the ground but, although present, it is much less common in the UK. The Striped Shieldbug *Graphosoma italicum* (=lineatum) was seen most days and may soon cross the channel, as might the Ground Bug *Lygaeus equestris*, a striking red and black insect, both common in France and other mainland European countries. *Corizus hyoscyami*, another red and black bug, is spreading in the UK from coastal areas inland but clearly also enjoys Alpine terrain in France. *Carpocoris* is a common genus in mainland Europe and *C. mediterraneus* was probably the species we commonly saw. *Calocoris roseomaculatus* was seen a couple of times and is an attractive plant bug with pink markings. It is a good year for this in the UK so maybe also in France. A few others were seen but not identified to species.



Photos: top – *Graphosoma italicum* (Graham Bellamy).
Above left - *Corizus hyoscyami* and right - *Calocoris roseomaculatus* (both Betty Cooke)