

Fabulous Fuerteventura

Mariposa Nature Tours trip report 23rd February – 1st March 2025



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Trip report by David Fairhurst

Images kindly shared by our guests

(Images above kindly shared by guests, clockwise from top left: Fuerteventura Green-striped White (Dave W); Fuerteventura Stonechat (Don); Greenish Black-tip (Jean); Houbara Bustard (Jean))



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Introduction

With our tour leaders having enjoyed several prior visits to Fuerteventura in search of its compelling wildlife, we were confident that our guests for the inaugural Fabulous Fuerteventura tour were in for a treat this week. And so it was to prove as the week unfolded, with some superlative wildlife encounters enjoyed by all. Joining us for the week were Diana, Dave W, Elizabeth, Liz, Jean, Frances, Teresa, and Don.

What follows is a daily diary for the week, followed by species lists and a gallery of guests' images.

Day 1 Sunday 23 February. Arrival day.

Guests arrived smoothly throughout the day, and several arrived with time enough in hand to join the leaders for an hour or two out in the field. The dunes and bay adjacent to the hotel had a few birds including Sandwich Terns and Yellow-legged Gulls, and plenty of the Macaronesian endemic Berthelot's Pipits.



Day 2 Monday 24 February

After breakfast we drove the short distance to the Tindaya Plain. This large plain is flanked on the east by impressive volcanic hills, and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. We spent the morning exploring the various tracks that criss-cross this wonderful place.

The apparent barren landscape is punctuated with small spiky 'Barbed-Wire bushes' but the more commonly accepted name is Canadian Gorse *Launaea arborescens*. This is probably the most common plant on the island as the wide-ranging and omnipresent goats indiscriminately munch everything else.



It didn't take us long to find a couple of Houbara Bustards feeding quietly close to the vehicles. This was quickly followed the chaos of a displaying male Houbara! We watched this crazy display for ages as he ran around in the classic headless chicken mode. With his white ruff up he was unable to see where he was going, and tripped over several times!

The displaying male Houbara was soon followed by three Black-bellied

Sandgrouse. Like the Houbara we were able to spend plenty of time with them and even managed to get telescopes on them for frame-filling views.

A short walk in a small barranco on the plain resulted in fabulous views of several Spectacled Warblers, Great Grey Shrikes, Barbary Partridges and, overhead, Plain Swifts.

A small patch of Brown-bells *Dipcadi serotinum* were spotted on the track-side and these proved to be smothered with the colourful caterpillars of the stunning Noctuid moth *Polytela cliens*. These incredible looking caterpillars were a brilliant sight, some quite large and already burrowing into the ground to pupate. During our evening checklist we joked that, in the absence of an accepted English name, this should be known as the Mariposa Moth!



Polytela cliens © Dave W



Stone Curlew © Jean

Further along the tracks three gorgeous Cream-coloured Coursers were located feeding in a loose group and again we were able to spend a good while watching them. What a morning this had been!

We spent the late morning enjoying a lovely stroll along the clifftops at Taca seeing two pairs of very smart Egyptian Vultures, before having our lunch overlooking the brilliantly blue sea.

The cultivated area around Las Parcelas was our first stop after lunch and, along with Great Grey Shrikes (their former name being Desert Grey Shrike) and Spanish Sparrows, we found a confiding pair of Stone Curlews. It was wonderful to watch these strange creatures at very close quarters.

Nearby we had a welcome café stop at Puertito los Molinos and then explored the small freshwater pools at the end of the barranco. The ponds and stream are a magnet for dragonflies, and it didn't take long to find Broad Scarlet, Lesser Emperor, and Sahara Bluetails.

The area around the car park (as well as being inundated with Muscovy Ducks) was within the territory of a pair of Fuerteventura Chats, and it was great to watch these endemic birds at very close quarters.



Sahara Bluetail © Dave W

Our last stop of the day was at the magnificent restored windmill at Tefia Abajo, where we enjoyed a family of cute Barbary Ground Squirrels.

Day 3 Tuesday 25 February

Jon Dunn and David Moore (owners of and also tour leaders for Mariposa) happened also to be present on Fuerteventura during the duration of our stay, spending most of their time specifically looking for butterflies. This was very handy as we were able to share sightings. They had told us about large numbers of desirable butterflies seen the day before at Morro Velosa.



Greenish Black-tip © Jean

The plan today was to be on the mountain before the sun had warmed the butterflies up, the idea being to make catching up with them a little easier before they were really active, and it worked! Wandering around the stony landscape taking in the breathtaking views whilst serenaded by Mediterranean Short-toed Larks was a fabulous experience, and it didn't take too long before we found our quarry.

A stunning Greenish Black-tip was found basking in the early morning sunshine, and everybody was able to get wonderfully close views of this gorgeous and notoriously unapproachable species. As the ground warmed several more Black-tips became active, buzzing about with typical speed and vigour.

Nearby is the beautiful small town of Betancuria, and the rest of the morning was spent exploring there. Butterflies were much in evidence with Small Whites proving common, but we also managed a couple of Monarchs, several African Grass Blues, and an example of the endemic Fuerteventura Green-striped White. Birds here included Sardinian Warblers, Laughing Dove, African Blue Tits, and quite a few singing Canary.



Monarch © Jean

We returned back to the Mirador Morro Velosa for lunch amidst its spectacular views. Greenish Black-tips were whizzing around everywhere but as expected proving impossible to see stationary – thank goodness we came earlier! Good numbers of Fuerteventura Green-striped Whites were also on the wing, and likewise never sat still.

Several *Echium decaisnei* were in flower around the parking area – this attractive Canary Island endemic is found only on Fuerteventura.

After lunch we headed south of Betencuria to Vega de Rio Palmes. Here we strolled along the barranco amongst the old, tall Palm Trees (it felt rather prehistoric) to the dried-out dam. It was a very pleasant walk. We had lovely views of Common Kestrels, a surprise 'purring' Turtle Dove, and our only sighting of Goldfinches.



Great Grey Shrike © Jean

A small wet patch had a collection of dragonflies including yet more Sahara Bluetails, Broad Scarlet, and Blue Emperor.

As we returned a close Great Grey Shrike carrying food alerted us to its nest in a prickly thorn bush right by the path, the bird then proceeded to brood its tiny young just inches away – an intimate and special treat to witness this event at close, but respectful, quarters.

Day 4 Wednesday 26 February

Today we headed south. Our first stop was some 40 minutes south of the hotel at the Barranco de la Florida. There were two small pools of water holding a nice array of birds including Ruddy Shelducks, Black-winged Stilts, Green Sandpiper, Common Redshank, and Little Ringed Plovers. We had heard about an Eastern Yellow Wagtail here, and it didn't take long to locate the first-winter male feeding along the waters' edge. Several Laughing Doves flashed past, but like yesterday failed to oblige fully and land in the open.



Ruddy Shelduck © Jean



Black-winged Stilt © Jean

Further south we stopped briefly at the Oasis Park to make use of their facilities, and to see a few butterflies including several African Grass Blues and a gorgeously fresh Monarch. Several of the group had brief but conclusive views of female African Migrant butterflies. These recent colonists feed on ornamental Cassia plants and are large, being Brimstone-sized but with the colours 'reversed' – in African Migrant the males are pale white, and the females yellowish in tone.

Further south again at Club Aldiana we stopped to explore a small ravine. This site is wonderful for Plain Tiger butterflies. These old-world Monarchs (sometimes know colloquially as African Monarch, or African Queen) can be difficult to catch up with, but here there was plenty of their food plant growing. Along with half a dozen beautiful adults flying around we were able to find large numbers of their striking caterpillars feeding on Apple of Sodom *Calotropis procera*.



Plain Tiger © Dave W

This site is also well known for its large number of Barbary Ground Squirrels and we spent a while watching them. As we returned to the mini-buses a very showy male Spectacled Warbler was collecting food and affording wonderful views.

We lunched further south in the Gran Valle (with a friendly goat taking a break from eating the endemic wildflowers to join us!), and then took a short walk to see some amazing convergent evolution. Growing here are several spiky, succulent-looking

plants that, despite their appearance, are not cacti. *Euphorbia canariensis* and *Euphorbia handiensis* have evolved to deal with the same environmental issues as cacti and have come up with the same solutions. Yet more Egyptian Vultures were seen with several pairs hanging speculatively around a goat pen...

Mid-afternoon, and we had an explore of the Jandia



Euphorbia handiensis © David F

National Park. Half the group opted for a stroll while the other half took a drive around.

It was very pleasant but a wee bit lacking in wildlife, so we ended the day in a lovely beach café in La Pared before heading back north to the hotel.



Plain Tiger © Jean



Barbary Ground Squirrel © Jean

Day 5 Thursday 27 February

We returned to Morro Velosa for the first hour today to enjoy the spectacular views and eventually caught up with a group of showy of Trumpeter Finches. A beautiful Canary *Alium Alium canariense* was found growing out of a rock, and was the only one of its kind we saw all week. Canary Island Beach Daisy *Asteriscus sericeus* on the other hand was common and the parking area here was full of its' beautiful large yellow flowers.



Trumpeter Finch © Jean



Fuerteventura Stonechat © Don

Leaving Don and Dave W on the mountain to spend time with the butterflies we headed south and explored the scenic (if somewhat narrow) roads south of Betancuria.

A pair of friendly Ravens give us plenty of entertainment and photographic opportunities and several more pairs of Fuerteventura Chats also showed very well. A couple of tracks and trails were explored, with a smelly Egyptian Sage *Salvia aegyptiaca* being found before a brief stop in Betancuria as we returned.

We lunched again at Morro Velosa (it's not possible to get bored with the view here on the roof of Fuerteventura!) enjoying yet more Greenish Black-tips and Fuerteventura Green-striped Whites.

After lunch we travelled north to the Los Molinas Dam. The area held only a small amount of water birds included Little Ringed Plovers, Green and Common Sandpipers, Ruddy Shelducks and, keeping a keen eye on proceedings, some Egyptian Vultures. A distant Cream-coloured Courser was unfortunately seen just by the guides.

At Las Parcelas we had seconds of the pair of Stone Curlews, even bettering our previous photographs (if that was possible!). Nearby, and feeding on the nectar of the yellow flowers of Lanzarote Bird's-foot Trefoil *Lotus lancerottensis* were several Lang's Short-tailed Blue and Long-tailed Blue butterflies – it was wonderful to see them both side by side, and to compare the two species.



Fuerteventura Green-striped White © Dave W

We ended the day back at Puertito los Molinos for a welcome drink and an explore around the freshwater pools.

Day 6 Friday 28 February



Houbara Bustard © Don

Having enjoyed ourselves on our first visit to Tindaya Plain, we thought we would do it again, and it didn't disappoint. It took a wee bit longer to find our first few birds but what was presumably the same male Houbara was eventually located in full display.

He wasn't particularly close but three other Houbaras were, and it didn't take long for the displaying male to work his way over towards us. Unbelievably the sight of the other Houbaras (presumably females?) sent our male into a frenzy and he went berserk. He went into overdrive, and was in continual display for 10-15 minutes and at one point was repeatedly circling a female! She clearly wasn't impressed by his antics, and after a few minutes took flight.

We had shared our find of the Brown Bells and caterpillars to Jon and David, so they had visited the site to see the spectacle. Jon wanted a nice background for his photographs so had temporarily moved a small boulder, under which he had found East Canary Island Gecko! As we were back on the plain it would have been rude not see if they were still under the carefully replaced boulder, and sure enough, one was still present.



East Canary Gecko © Don



Team Mariposa © Jean

As we continued to drive the tracks we located two pairs of stunning Black-bellied Sandgrouse, and a pair of smart Trumpeter Finches. It had been another incredible morning.

From Tindaya we headed north through Lajares (with a brief windmill and supermarket stop) and then up to El Cotillo, before moving on to the Faro de Toston.

Lunch was taken overlooking the north coast of Fuerteventura with views across to

Lanzarote. As we walked toward the lighthouse the large area of volcanic rock was hiding quite a few wading birds, and it was lovely to be able to stand and watch the mixed group of

Sanderlings, Ruddy Turnstones, Ringed, and Kentish Plovers. The Kentish Plovers were particularly smart, and were involved in lots of displaying and courtship fighting.

Once at the lighthouse we were able to enjoy the small passage of Cory's Shearwaters, with birds passing just beyond the breakers and so affording excellent views. On the shoreline in front of us, feeding amongst the rocks, was a wintering Whimbrel.

During a brief stop at the facilities in El Cotillo we located a very showy Fuerteventura Green-striped White feeding on the flowers of Sea Rocket next to the toilet block!

Our finally stop of the day was just west of Lajares, under the watchful eye of the Montana de la Mareta. Here we had a stroll along the shallow sandy barranco. In the warm breeze and lovely sunshine it



was gorgeous. Highlights included a friendly Desert Locust, Great Grey Shrikes, Spectacled Warblers, and the lovely Large Yellow Rest Harrow *Ononis natrix*.

Day 7 Saturday 1 March

Today was departure day and, with David Moore's assistance, we all got away smoothly and headed for home after a brilliant week, in which we were blessed with glorious weather and some terrific wildlife. Thank you everybody for your wonderful company and sense of humour - we hope to see you again soon!

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FABULOUS FUERTEVENTURA 23 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH 2025

	Species name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
	Butterflies							
1	Monarch <i>Danaus plexippus</i>		✓	✓				
2	Plain Tiger <i>Danaus chrysippus</i>			✓				
3	Small White <i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓			
4	Fuerteventura Green-striped White <i>Euchloe hesperidum</i>		✓		✓	✓		
5	Greenish Black Tip <i>Euchloe charltonia</i>		✓		✓			
6	African Migrant <i>Catopsilia florella</i>			✓				
7	Clouded Yellow <i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓					
8	Bath White <i>Pontia daplidice</i>							
9	African Grass Blue <i>Zizeeria knysna</i>		✓	✓	✓			
10	Long-tailed Blue <i>Lampides boeticus</i>				✓			
11	Lang's Short-tailed Blue <i>Leptotes pirithous</i>				✓			
12	Desert Babul Blue <i>Azanus ubaldus</i>							
13	Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>				✓			
14	Painted Lady <i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	Daily total:	2	7	6	8	2		
	Running total:	2	7	9	12	12		
	Birds							
1	Ruddy Shelduck <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
2	Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓						
3	Barbary Partridge <i>Alectoris Barbara</i>	✓	✓			✓		
4	Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>							
5	Plain Swift <i>Apus unicolor</i>	✓				✓		
6	Pallid Swift <i>Apus pallidus</i>							
7	Houbara Bustard <i>Chlamydotis undulata</i>	✓				✓		
8	Black-bellied Sandgrouse <i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	✓				✓		
9	Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	Eurasian Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
11	African Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>							
12	Laughing Dove <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓			
13	Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>							
14	Eurasian Coot <i>Fulica atra</i>							
15	Eurasian Stone-curlew <i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>	✓			✓			
16	Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>							
17	Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓	✓			
18	Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>							
19	Common Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					✓		
20	Little Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓	✓			
21	Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>					✓		
22	Eurasian Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>					✓		
23	Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>							

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24	Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i>							
25	Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i>							
26	Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>					✓		
27	Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>					✓		
28	Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>							
29	Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i>							
30	Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓		✓	✓			
31	Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓				
32	Common Redshank <i>Tringa tetanus</i>			✓				
33	Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i>							
34	Cream-coloured Courser <i>Cursorius cursor</i>	✓			✓			
35	Black-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>							
36	Yellow-legged Gull <i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
37	Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>							
38	Sandwich Tern <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	✓						
39	Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i>							
40	Cory's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>					✓		
41	Manx Shearwater <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>							
42	Barolo Shearwater <i>Puffinus baroli</i>							
43	White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>							
44	Northern Gannet <i>Morus bassanus</i>							
45	African Sacred Ibis <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>							
46	Hadada Ibis <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>			✓				
47	Eurasian Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>							
48	Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>							
49	Western Cattle Egret <i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>			✓				
50	Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓				
51	Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓		✓				
52	Western Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>							
53	Egyptian Vulture <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
54	Eurasian Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus</i>							
55	Common Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
56	Eurasian Hoopoe <i>Upupa epops</i>					✓		
57	Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i>							
58	Common Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
59	Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>							
60	Monk Parakeet <i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>			✓				
61	Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>							
62	Great Grey Shrike <i>Lanius excubitor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
63	Northern Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
64	African Blue Tit <i>Cyanistes teneriffae</i>		✓		✓			
65	Mediterranean Short-toed Lark <i>Alaudala rufescens</i>	✓			✓	✓		
66	Red-vented Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>							
67	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓						
68	Common House Martin <i>Delichon urbicum</i>							
69	Red-rumped Swallow <i>Cecropis daurica</i>							

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70	Canary Islands Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus canariensis</i>							
71	Common Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus colybita</i>							
72	Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>							
73	Eurasian Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓				
74	Sardinian Warbler <i>Curruca melanocephala</i>		✓					
75	Spectacled Warbler <i>Curruca conspicillata</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		
76	Goldcrest <i>Regulus regulus</i>							
77	Common Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>							
78	Common Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>							
79	Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>							
80	European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓					
81	Black Redstart <i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>		✓					
82	Canary Islands Stonechat <i>Saxicola dacotiae</i>	✓	✓		✓			
83	Northern Wheatear <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>							
84	Spanish Sparrow <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
85	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>							
86	Grey Wagtail <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>							
87	White Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓				
88	Berthelot's Pipit <i>Anthus berthelotii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
89	Canary Islands Chaffinch <i>Fringilla canariensis</i>							
90	Common Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>							
91	Trumpeter Finch <i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>	✓			✓	✓		
92	European Greenfinch <i>Chloris chloris</i>							
93	Common Linnet <i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
94	European Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓					
95	Atlantic Canary <i>Serinus canaria</i>		✓					
#	Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓					
#	Yellow-browed Warbler <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>		✓					
#	Eastern Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla tschutschensis</i>			✓				
#	Booted Eagle <i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>			✓				
	Daily total:	27	26	28	22	22		
	Running total:	27	37	47	47	54		
Miscellaneous other fauna recorded during the tour								
	Red-veined Darter <i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>							
	Scarlet Darter <i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>							
	Sahara Bluetail <i>Ischnura saharensis</i>							
	Lesser Emperor <i>Anax parthenope</i>							
	Blue Emperor <i>Anax imperator</i>							
	East Canary Gecko <i>Tarentola angustimentalis</i>							
	Atlantic Lizard <i>Gallotia atlantica</i>							
	Barbary Ground Squirrel <i>Atlantoxerus getulus</i>							
	<i>Polytela cliens</i> [Noctuid moth, larvae]							

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	Plants							
	Asphodels Asphodelaceae							
20	Aloevera <i>Aloe vera</i>	✓	✓					
21	Onion-Leafed Asphodel <i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>		✓			✓		
22	Branched Asphodel <i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>			✓		✓		
24	Amaryllis Family Amaryllidaceae							
25	Canary Islands Garlic <i>Allium canariense</i>			✓		✓		
26	Canary Islands Sea Daffodil <i>Pancratium canariense</i>		✓					
	Asparagus Family Asparagaceae							
27	Centuryplant <i>Agave americana</i>	✓	✓					
33	Brown Bells <i>Dipcadi serotinum</i>	✓	✓					
34	Sea Squill <i>Drimys maritima</i>		✓					
	Palms Arecaceae							
36	Canary Islands Date Palm <i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	✓	✓			✓		
	Grasses Poaceae							
42	Giant Reed <i>Arundo donax</i>	✓						
44	Buffel-grass <i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	✓	✓					
47	Golden Dog's-tail <i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	✓						
#	Annual Beard Grass <i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>						✓	
#	<i>Tetrapogon villosus</i>			✓				
	Poppy Family Papaveraceae							
54	White Ramping-fumitory <i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	✓						
	Stonecrop Family Crassulaceae							
61	Balsam Aeonium <i>Aeonium balsamiferum</i>	✓						
	Caltrops Family Zygophyllaceae							
67	Cretan Fagonia/Virgin's Mantle <i>Zygophyllum (Fagonia) creticum</i>	✓	✓					
68	Canary Islands Bean-caper <i>Zygophyllum (Tetraena) fontanesii</i>				✓			
	Pea Family Fabaceae							
69	Western Coastal Wattle <i>Acacia cyclops</i>				✓			
70	Blue-leaved Wattle <i>Acacia saligna</i>			✓				
73	Pitch Trefoil <i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	✓	✓					
74	Crimson Pea <i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>			✓				
77	<i>Lotus glinoides</i>				✓			
78	Lanzarote Bird's-foot-trefoil <i>Lotus lancerottensis</i>	✓	✓					
84	<i>Ononis hesperia</i>			✓			✓	
93	Purple Vetch <i>Vicia benghalensis</i>		✓					
	Rose Family Rosaceae							
96	Almond <i>Prunus amygdalus</i>	✓						
	Nettle Family Urticaceae							
102	Narrow-leaved Forskaolea <i>Forsskaolea angustifolia</i>			✓				
	She-oaks Casuarinaceae							
108	Coastal She-oak <i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>			✓				

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	Wood-sorrels Oxalidaceae							
111	Bemuda Buttercup <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	✓		✓				
	Spurge Family Euphorbiaceae							
115	Balsam Spurge <i>Euphorbia balsamifera</i>					✓		
116	Canary Islands Spurge <i>Euphorbia canariensis</i>				✓			
117	Jandía Spurge <i>Euphorbia handiensis</i>				✓			
120	King Juba's Spurge <i>Euphorbia regis-jubae</i>	✓		✓				
121	Matted Sandmat <i>Euphorbia serpens</i>				✓			
123	Annual Mercury <i>Mercurialis annua</i>	✓						
124	Castor-oil Plant <i>Ricinus communis</i>	✓		✓				
	Sumac Family Anacardiaceae							
132	Peruvian Pepper Tree <i>Schinus molle</i>	✓	✓					
	Mallow Family Malvaceae							
136	Common Mallow <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	✓						
138	Canary Islands Tree Mallow <i>Malva acerifolia</i>			✓				
	Rock-rose Family Cistaceae							
139	Canary Islands Rock-rose <i>Helianthemum canariense</i>	✓	✓					
	Mignonettes Resedaceae							
142	Lanzarote Mignonette <i>Reseda lancelotae</i>			✓		✓		
	Cabbage Family Brassicaceae							
144	Sea Rocket <i>Cakile maritima</i>					✓	✓	
146	Cress Rocket <i>Carrichtera annua</i>	✓	✓	✓				
147	<i>Crambe sventenii</i>			✓				
150	<i>Erucastrum canariense</i>			✓				
152	Hoary Mustard <i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	✓	✓					
153	<i>Lobularia canariensis</i>			✓				
157	Horn-fruit <i>Notoceras bicornis</i>	✓	✓					
	Sea-heaths Frankeniaceae							
159	Capitate Sea-heath <i>Frankenia capitata</i>		✓					
	Leadwort Family Plumbaginaceae							
165	<i>Limonium papillatum</i>						✓	
	Knotgrass Family Polygonaceae							
170	Bladder Dock <i>Rumex vesicarius</i>	✓		✓				
	Campion Family Caryophyllaceae							
175	Snow-white Allseed <i>Polycarpha nivaea</i>						✓	
182	Fimbriate Spurrey <i>Spergularia fimbriata</i>			✓				
	Amaranth Family Amaranthaceae							
193	Vermiculate Saltwort <i>Caroxylon vermiculatum</i>			✓				
195	<i>Patellifolia procumbens</i>					✓		
196	Divaricate Saltwort <i>Salsola divaricata</i>				✓			
198	Shrubby Sea-blite <i>Suaeda vera</i>		✓					
200	Moquin-Tandon's Saltwort <i>Traganum moquinii</i>		✓					
	Iceplants Aizoaceae							
202	Canary Islands Iceplant <i>Aizoon canariense</i>	✓		✓				

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205	Common Iceplant <i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	✓				✓		
206	Slender-leaved Iceplant <i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>	✓	✓					
	Purslane Family Portulacaceae							
211	Common Purslane <i>Portulaca oleracea</i>				✓			
	Primrose Family Primulaceae							
216	Blue Scarlet Pimpernel <i>Lysimachia loeflingii</i>	✓	✓					
	Dogbane Family Apocynaceae							
225	Burchard's Carrionflower <i>Apteranthes burchardii</i>			✓				
	Borage Family Boraginaceae							
230	Bonnet's Bugloss <i>Echium bonnetii</i>	✓		✓				
231	Decaisne's Viper's-bugloss <i>Echium decaisnei</i>			✓				
234	Many-branched Heliotrope <i>Heliotropium ramosissimum</i>	✓	✓					
	Bindweed Family Convolvulaceae							
238	Medusa's Head <i>Convolvulus caput-medusae</i>				✓			
240	Red Dodder <i>Cuscuta planiflora</i>		✓					
241	Alfalfa Dodder <i>Cuscuta approximata</i>				✓			
	Nightshade Family Solanaceae							
242	Recurved Thorn-apple <i>Datura innoxia</i>			✓				
245	Canary Boxthorn <i>Lycium intricatum</i>			✓				
246	Shrub Tobacco <i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	✓		✓				
	Olive Family Oleaceae							
250	Olive <i>Olea europaea</i>			✓				
	Plantain Family Plantaginaceae							
251	Sea-rosemary <i>Campylanthus salsoloides</i>			✓				
255	Nanorrhinum heterophyllum <i>K. sagittata</i> var <i>sagittata</i>	✓	✓					
	Dead-nettle Family Lamiaceae							
263	False Ground-pine <i>Ajuga iva</i>					✓		
268	Egyptian Sage <i>Salvia aegyptiaca</i>					✓		
269	Wild Clary <i>Salvia verbenaca</i>		✓					
	Daisy Family Asteraceae							
277	<i>Andryala perezii</i>					✓		
#	<i>Asteriscus schultzei</i>						✓	
278	Fuerteventura Sea-daisy <i>Asteriscus sericeus</i>			✓				
281	Field Marigold <i>Calendula arvensis</i>		✓					
286	Cardoon <i>Cynara cardunculus</i>			✓				
287	Woody Fleabane <i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>			✓				
289	Tall Fleabane <i>Erigeron floribundus</i>	✓	✓	✓				
293	Canary Islands Candleplant <i>Kleinia neriifolia</i>	✓	✓					
294	Shrubby Sow-thistle <i>Launaea arborescens</i>	✓						
295	Bare-stemmed Launaea <i>Launaea nudicaulis</i>	✓						
299	Western Phagnalon <i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	✓						
	<i>Phagnalon saxatile</i>	✓						
304	Painted Reichardia <i>Reichardia tingitana</i>	✓	✓					
314	Smooth Sow-thistle <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>				✓			

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317	<i>Volutaria bollei</i>			✓				
319	Tubular Knapweed <i>Volutaria tubuliflora</i>	✓						
	Umbellifers Apiaceae							
323	<i>Astydamia Astydamia latifolia</i>						✓	

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