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Abstract

Ancient forests are known to host a biodiversity of high ecological distinctiveness and are likely to provide habitat for red-listed species. Yet, few studies have investigated the role of forest continuity for the conservation of threatened species. We used species-presence data on red-listed species from 12 taxonomic groups (*Spermatophyta, Pteridophyta, Bryophyta, Lichens, Chiroptera, Aves, Squamata, Amphibia, Coleoptera, Lepidoptera, Odonata* and *Orthoptera*) to ascertain if ancient forests are an important habitat for threatened species in five mountain and subalpine protected areas in France. We compared the effect of the amount of historical forest (1853-1860) with the effect of the amount of current forest on the distribution of red-listed species in six circular buffers landscape ranging in radius from 100 to 1500m. We showed that the amount of historical forest in the landscape had a positive effect on forest *Spermatophyta, Bryophyta, Coleoptera* and edge forest *Pteridophyta* with a better predictive power than current forest area, highlighing a colonization credit in recent forests. Conversely, edge-forest lepidopterans were more negatively affected by historical than by current forest area, highlighting an extinction debt in recent forests. Our findings underline that implementing protective measures of ancient forests could be a better strategy than afforestation to preserve threatened forest species in mountain and subalpine forest landscapes.

I. Introduction

Forests with a long temporal continuity, i.e. forests with no change in land use for at least 150 years, also known as ancient forests (AF) as opposed to recent forests (RF), have particular conservation value because they host species guilds with low dispersal and competitive abilities that have trouble persisting after forest/habitat destruction (Bergès & Dupouey 2021; Hermy & Verheyen 2007). Even though the total surface area of temperate forests is currently expanding (Keenan *et al.* 2015; Mather 1992), AF area is still eroding. Indeed, it is estimated that 10 to 40% of the forests present in the 19th century have disappeared in European countries today (Bergès & Dupouey 2021). Despite this insidious erosion and behind the recommendations of the IUCN (IUCN 2016), only two European countries (Great Britain and Belgium) have adopted measures to protect AFs (Goldberg *et al.* 2007; Kervyn *et al.* 2017).

Species extinction probability is strongly related to population size, disturbances and the species' functional traits (Fischer & Lindenmayer 2007; Davies 2019). Therefore, extinction risk is likely to increase for species with low mobility, low dispersal and competition abilities and high habitat specialisation (Kotiaho *et al.* 2005; Cooke *et al.* 2020). In addition, rare species are particularly sensitive to past human activities (Lavergne *et al.* 2005) and the proportion of extinct or threatened species is better explained by 1900's indicators of human activities than by current one, showing a time lag effect (Gosselin & Callois 2021). Threatened species may therefore share many traits with ancient forest species. However, whereas many studies have highlighted the high ecological distinctiveness of AF biodiversity, only a few focused on the importance of these forests for threatened species (Bergès & Dupouey 2021). Two studies found a positive correlation between ancient forest species richness and threatened species richness for bryophytes, lichens, macro fungi, beetles, butterflies and spiders, one in Czech Republic (Hofmeister *et al.* 2019) and the other in Sweden (Fritz *et al.* 2008). However, these studies did not directly characterise forest continuity and only studied correlations between biodiversity indices. Only Flensted *et al.* (2016) actually evaluated the effect of past landscape context on the distribution of threatened forest species. The authors showed that threatened forest species

richness in Danish forests was better correlated with historical forest area (mapped between 1760 and 1820) than with current forest area for mammals, saproxylic beetles, butterflies, vascular plants and four groups of fungi. However, this study was carried out in a highly fragmented landscape (14% of Denmark is currently forested) and did not explore the response of non-forest species, although they might react differently to the temporal continuity of the forest and be relevant for the implementation of conservation measures. Indeed, open-habitat dependent species can persist in recent forests for several reasons: (1) the canopy cover may remain rather low, (2) they are close to the forest edge (Harper *et al.* 2005), and (3) their occurrence may be related to an extinction debt (Jackson & Sax 2010; Milberg *et al.* 2019).

To date, the role of past land use on forest biodiversity has rarely been studied in mountain forests (Janssen 2016; Bergès & Dupouey 2021). These forests have globally been less affected by deforestation and have undergone less intense sylvicultural management than their lowland counterparts, which might lead to weaker impacts on threatened species than those observed by Flensted *et al.* (2016).

Our aim was to analyse the response of threatened species from multiple taxonomic groups to historical and current landscape contexts, using species observations in forest only. We used a large dataset of threatened forest and non-forest species presence from 12 taxonomic groups (Spermatophyta, Pteridophyta, Bryophyta, lichens, Chiroptera, Aves, Squamata, Amphibia, Coleoptera, Lepidoptera, Odonata and Orthoptera) in five protected areas in the French mountains. We assessed the probability of observing a threatened species within each taxonomic group as a function of the amount of historical or current forest in concentric circular buffers of different radii. More specifically, we tested the following hypothesis: 1- Due to habitat limitation, the occurrence of threatened forest species should increase with the increasing amount of current forest in the landscape, while the occurrence of non-forest species should decrease. 2- A delayed response to land-use change would occur in recent forests (former open lands) due to dispersal and recruitment limitations of threatened forest species (colonisation credit) and persistence of threatened non-forest species (extinction debt). Thus, the occurrence of threatened forest species should increase with the amount of historical forest in the landscape, and should be better predicted by the amount of historical forest than by the amount of current forest. Conversely, the occurrence of non-forest species should increase with the amount of historical open land in the landscape (and thus should decrease with the amount of historical forest in the landscape), and should be better predicted by the amount of historical open land than by the amount of current open land.

II. Materials and methods

II.1. Study area

The study area encompassed five National Parks (NP) in the southern half of France. The Vanoise, the Ecrins and the Mercantour NPs cover a large part of the French Alps and benefit from a mountain climate with a continental influence. The Cevennes and the Pyrenees NPs cover part of the Massif Central and the Pyrenean range and have a mountain climate with, respectively, a mediterranean and oceanic influence. The study covered all the elevation range where forest is naturally present. Current forest cover in the five parks ranges from 19% to 68%, while historical forest cover ranges from 10 to 17% (**Table 1**). Deforestation represents 5.5% to 17% of the historical forested area but forest is currently in expansion and increased by +97% to +347% since 1853-1864. The Vanoise NP displayed the lowest forest cover with the largest share of AFs, while the Cevennes NP had the highest forest cover with the smallest share of AFs. Conifers dominated in the Vanoise, Ecrins and Mercantour NPs, while broadleaves dominated in the Cevennes and Pyrenees NPs.

Table 1: Description of the forest context in the five National Parks of our study area. Surface areas are in km² and percentages in brackets for current and historical forest area are relative to the total surface area while the historical forest loss is relative to the historical forest area. Forest expansion is relative to the historical forest area, and the share of ancient, deciduous, coniferous and mixed forests are relative to the current forest area.

| National parks | | Vanoise | Ecrins | Mercantour | Cevennes | Pyrenees |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total surface are | а | 1 577 | 1 702 | 2 134 | 3 731 | 2 523 |
| Current forest are | ea | 298.1 (19%) | 571.8 (34%) | 1 122.1 (52%) | 2 523.2 (68%) | 740.6 (29%) |
| Historical forest | area (1853-1864) | 151.3 (10%) | 179.8 (11%) | 374.9 (18%) | 564 (15%) | 392.6 (16%) |
| Historical forest century | t loss since mid-19 th | 23.7 (16%) | 29 (16%) | 27.4 (7%) | 31.5 (5.6%) | 52.8 (13%) |
| Forest expansion since mid-19 th century | | + 97% | + 218% | + 199% | + 347% | + 89% |
| | Share of ancient forest | 43% | 26% | 31% | 21% | 46% |
| Current forest | Share of decidous forest | 16% | 25% | 16% | 44% | 59% |
| | Share of coniferous forest | 76% | 54% | 71% | 35% | 22% |
| | Share of mixed forest | 8% | 21% | 13% | 21% | 19% |
| | Elevation range (m) | [636 ; 2 480] | [670 ; 2 443] | [153 ; 2 728] | [104;1698] | [293; 2 555] |

II.2. Species presence data

We prepared our database by assembling existing databases from the National Park managers, the National Botanical Conservatories and the French Nature and Landscape Information System (https://openobs.mnhn.fr/). These data are based on opportunistic observations and do not contain information on species absence but they include a high number of observations of red-listed species, which are invaluable for describing the distribution of these species. Twelve taxonomic groups were considered: Spermatophyta, Pteridophyta, Bryophyta, lichens, Chiroptera, Aves, Squamata, Amphibia, Coleoptera, Lepidoptera, Odonata and Orthoptera. We selected observations made from January 2000 to July 2018 and retained only those made in closed forest (i.e. tree cover \geq 40 % according to the French National Forest map BD FORET[®] V2) at least 10 m from the forest edge and more than 1 500 m from the boundaries of the study area. Data were thinned using spThin R package (Aiello-Lammens et al. 2015) by setting the minimum distance between observations of each species to 200m for birds and chiropterans and 100m for other taxonomic groups. Species classified as "Vulnerable", "Endangered" and "Critically Endangered" in the IUCN regional red lists were considered threatened. If the species status was not available at the regional level (no regional list, species classified "Data Deficient" or omitted from the regional list), we used the national or European red list status instead (IUCN 2012). This information was derived from Gargominy and Régnier (2021) and synonyms were solved according to the official French taxonomic nomenclature (Gargominy et al. 2020). As there is no official national or regional IUCN red list for lichens in France, we used the information provided by Roux (2020). Based on the references listed in Appendix S1, the species were classified into three categories (Schneider et al. 2021): forest-dependent species (forest species: "FS"), open habitatdependent species (non-forest species: "NFS") and forest-edge or generalist species (edge species: "ES").

As the dataset contained only presence data, we generated a set of pseudo-absences at the nodes of a 200 x 200 m grid. Then, we applied a list of filters to only keep: (1) pseudo-absences located in sectors (on a 2x2 km grid) with at least one observation of a threatened or non-threatened species from the corresponding taxonomic group, (2) pseudo-absences located in closed forests, and (3) pseudo-absences located more than 10 m from the forest edge and more than 1500 m from the boundaries of the study area.

II.3. Environmental factors

Large-scale context may determine local responses but the landscape scale of effect is difficult to determine a priori (Avon et al. 2015). One common method is to measure landscape characteristics at different nested spatial scales and then determine which scale best explains the ecological response to the landscape context (Jackson and Fahrig 2015). We therefore calculated the percentage of historical or current forest area in six circular buffers with radii of 100, 250, 500, 750, 1 000 and 1 500 m (noted B₁₀₀ to B₁₅₀₀) for each threatened species observation point and each pseudo-absence point. We calculated the forested area in the current landscape using the BD FORET[®] V2 map (consistent with the FAO's definition of "forest", FAO 2012), drawn in our study area between 2014 and 2018 by the French National Geographical Institute. We identified historical forests using the Ordnance survey maps drawn between 1853 and 1864, which are the reference in France for identifying long-continuity forests (Bergès & Dupouey 2021). All the maps had previously been vectorised and georeferenced according to Favre et al. (2013) by the National Research Institute for Agriculture, food and the Environment (INRAE) and the National Parks (Thomas et al. 2017). We also included elevation (from the French DEM BD ALTI[®] 25 m) and stand tree species composition (coniferous/deciduous/mixed, from the BD FORET[®] V2 forest map) to control for local biotic and abiotic conditions. To control for potential sampling bias, we also included slope and distance to the closest path in the analyses.

The data were processed with the sf (Pebesma 2018) and raster (Hijmans 2020) packages from the R 4.1.1 application (R Core Team 2021).

II.4. Statistical analyses

We used logistic regressions to analyse the effect of the selected environmental variables on the probability (p) of observing a threatened species. We analysed forest, edge and non-forest species separately for each taxonomic group. In each case, the parks where the number of observations of threatened species was below five for a taxonomic group were excluded from the analyses of the taxonomic group concerned.

From the 69 126 potential pseudo-absences generated, 10 000 were drawn at random and weighted so that the total weight of pseudo-absences equalled the total weight of presences in each model, as recommended by Barbet-Massin *et al.* (2012). We then fitted and compared three logistic regression models. First, we started with a full model (M_{full}) with the following environmental variables as predictors: national park identity, elevation, stand tree species composition, distance to the closest path and slope (see equation 1).

Eq. 1 M_{full} logit (p) = α + β_1 .Park + β_2 .Elevation + β_3 .Stand_composition + β_4 .Distance_to_path + β_5 .Slope

Second, using dredge function of package MuMIn (Kamil 2020), we selected the best set of environmental variables as the environmental model (M_{Env}) by choosing the model with the lowest Akaïke information criterion (AIC) and the fewest predictors.

Third, two models based on M_{Env} were compared: $M_{Act[i]}$, which included the effect of the current forest area in the buffer *i*, and $M_{Hist[i]}$, which included the effect of the historical forest area in 1853-1864 in the same buffer *i* (equation 2).

| Eq. 2 | M _{Act[i]} | $logit (p) = M_{Env} + \beta_i.Surf_{Act[i]}$ | |
|-------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | M _{Hist[i]} | logit (p) = $M_{Env} + \beta'_i.Surf_{Hist[i]}$ | with $i \in [B_{100} : B_{1500}]$ |

We calculated the difference in AIC (Δ_{AIC}) between each model and the model M_{Env} and estimated the values of the coefficients (β_i and β'_i) associated with historical and current forest area in each model. We used the coefficient of the model with the lowest AIC for interpretation.

To ensure that pseudo-absence random-draws had no effect, we repeated this procedure 20 times using 20 random draws of 10 000 pseudo-absences and results were summarised by their mean \pm standard deviation. The coefficients for each buffer size are provided in **Appendix S2**.

III. Results

III.1. Data summary

Of the 8 061 species recorded, 696 were identified as threatened. *Spermatophyta, Coleoptera* and *Lepidoptera* were the most diverse groups while *Spermatophyta* and *Aves* had the largest number of observations. All three habitat preferences (forest species: FS, edge species: ES and non-forest species: NFS) were present in the different taxonomic groups, except for *Squamata, Amphibia, Odonata* and *Orthoptera*, which contained only non-forest species (see the list of threatened species in **Appendix S3**).

III.2. Response of threatened species to current or historical forest area in the landscape

In accordance with our first hypothesis, the probability of observing a threatened forest species rose with increasing current forested area in the landscape while non-forest species were negatively

affected (**Figure 16** and **Appendix S2**). Current forested area had a significant positive effect on threatened FS spermatophytes ($\beta_{750} = 2.6 \pm 0.1$), birds ($\beta_{1000} = 1.2 \pm 0.08$) and beetles ($\beta_{250} = 5.4 \pm 0.06$). Conversely, NFS spermatophytes ($\beta_{100} = -2.8 \pm 0.1$) and birds ($\beta_{250} = -2.7 \pm 0.1$) as well as ES lepidopterans ($\beta_{1500} = -3.5 \pm 0.07$) were negatively affected by the current forested area in the landscape.

Our second hypothesis was also verified for several taxonomic groups. Some groups of threatened forest species responded to landscape changes with delay and their presence was better explained by the historical landscape than by the current one (Figure 1). FS Spermatophytes ($\beta_{1500} = 1.5 \pm 0.08$), bryophytes ($\beta_{500} = 0.8 \pm 0.04$) and beetles ($\beta_{250} = 2.0 \pm 0.02$), as well as ES pteridophytes ($\beta_{250} = 1.4 \pm 0.03$) were positively affected by the amount of historical forest in the landscape, M_{hist} being a better model than M_{Act}. In addition, historical forested area negatively affected ES lepidopterans ($\beta_{100} = -1.7 \pm 0.03$).

Neither historical nor current forested area in the landscape affected odonatans, Orthopterans, chiropterans, reptiles, amphibians, lichens, NFS pteridophytes, NFS and ES bryophytes (Figure 1).

Results were robust to pseudo-absence random-draws, Δ_{AIC} varied very little and all the β coefficients were included into the IC_{95%} calculated by the first model of the 20 iterations of pseudo-absence random-draws (**Appendix S2**).

The optimal landscape scale of effect varied among taxonomic groups and the effect tested (current or historical forested area). Historical forest affected bryophytes, beetles and lepidopterans at a rather small landscape scale, whereas spermatophytes were influenced at a large landscape scale. On the other hand, current forest area affected spermatophytes and coleopterans at a small landscape scale while birds and lepidopterans were influenced at a large landscape scale (Figure 1).



Type of forest ----- Historical forest ----- Current forest

Figure 1: Differences in AIC between models M_{Act} or M_{Hist} and M_{Env} for each taxonomic group and type of threatened species (forest, edge or non-forest). Δ_{AIC} between -2 and +2 (shaded area) means there is no statistical difference between models MAct or MHist and MEnv. Error bars represent standard deviation between the 20 iterations. The higher the Δ_{AIC} , the more explanatory the model. Empty boxes = non-applicable model.

IV. Discussion

IV.1.Effect of historical and current landscape context on the probability of observing a threatened species

Several forest taxonomic groups responded positively to the amount of current forest in the landscape. These results confirm our first hypothesis and show the importance of preserving habitats for the maintenance of threatened species (Pykälä 2019). However, FS chiropterans did not respond to current forest cover but this lack of effects for chiropterans may be due to the small number of observations that may have led to a limited statistical power of the models (N=24). FS bryophytes did not respond to current forest cover but this group include both epiphytic and non-epiphytic species that may be poorly affected by the amount of forest in the landscapes (McCune *et al.* 2021; Nordén *et al.* 2014). Conversely, current forested area negatively affected NFS spermatophytes and birds with a small landscape scale of effect, suggesting these species can be found in forests, but they might not tolerate dense forest cover. More investigation is needed, mixing observations inside and outside forest habitats, to properly analyse the effect of land abandonment and afforestation on threatened non-forest species.

Historical forested area better explained the presence of threatened forest spermatophytes than did current forested area at the largest landscapes scale, indicating that these species can be better maintained in large historically wooded areas, i.e. probably the areas least influenced by human activities. Indeed, forest cores may have been less affected by wood and litter extraction or by grazing, which led to the degradation of the forest cover during the 20th century (Jalut *et al.* 1998; Leroy 1957; Tochon 1872). Our results agree with Lavergne *et al.* (2005), who showed that rare species are maintained in the least anthropogenised ecosystems, and with Kimberley *et al.* (2014), who showed that AFs support more rare species than RFs when AF patches are large. Flensted *et al.* (2016) showed that the richness of red-listed spermatophytes was better correlated to former forested area than to the current one on 10x10km grids, as did Paltto *et al.* (2006) in Sweden with 5-km-radius circles. These studies, as well as our own results, suggest that i) the optimal landscape scale of effect is certainly greater than the 1.5-km radius covered by our largest buffer and ii) that the effect occurs in forest landscapes with various degrees of forest fragmentation.

ES pteridophytes were also positively affected by historical forest area while current forest had no effect. However, this taxonomic group was dominated by *Dryopteris oreades* and *Dryopteris ardechensis* wich are mostly found in screes, an unfavourable habitat for cultivation that is usually found in ancient forests, which may indirectly explain our result.

Current forest area had a greater impact on FS and NFS birds than historical forest area. These species are highly mobile and are probably not limited by their dispersion ability, which explains the large landscape scale effect for current forest area. High forest cover is beneficial for FS birds but has a significant negative effect on NFS birds and management should be adapted according to conservation objectives (Ram *et al.* 2020).

The stronger effect of historical than current landscape on threatened forest beetles is in agreement with Flensted *et al.*'s (2016) results. Most of the threatened forest beetles we analysed were actually saproxylic beetles. These species are highly dependent on the forest context and may have a limited dispersal ability (Irmler *et al.* 2010), which could induce a colonization credit in RFs (Brin *et al.* 2016). However, when the landscape is slightly fragmented, the distribution of saproxylic beetles seems to be more affected by the habitat quality (the abundance and diversity of dead wood, in particular) than by dispersal limitation (Janssen *et al.* 2016). Furthermore, forest continuity and stand maturity may have additive effects on the species richness and functional composition of saproxylic

beetle communities (Janssen *et al.* 2017). If forest continuity is a necessary (but insufficient) condition to obtain very mature stands (Nordén *et al.* 2014), it is also true that past human societies cleared forests for agriculture and pasture in the most favourable and accessible areas. AFs are thus more frequently found in the least accessible or steepest areas (Abadie *et al.* 2018; Flinn *et al.* 2005; Thomas *et al.* 2017). Therefore, AFs may be subject to less logging pressure and thus become more mature than RFs, which could result in an indirect effect of historical forest cover. Our study did not distinguish between these two effects. Further investigation is required to properly disentangle the forest continuity and maturity effects on the response of species, especially in mountain forests (Janssen *et al.* 2019).

Forest bryophytes were also positively affected by the amount of historical forest in the landscape. Because of their low dispersion capacities and their sensitivity to habitat change, bryophytes appear to be good indicator species for forest continuity (Mölder *et al.* 2015) and our results show the importance of ancient forests for the conservation of threatened species. However, the model M_{Hist} is only slightly better than M_{Env} . This weak difference is probably due to the heterogeneity of the FS group that includes both epiphytic and non-epiphytic species able to persist in residual canopy areas in cultural landscapes, which may mitigate our results (Fenton & Frego 2005).

Historical forested area negatively affected ES lepidopterans at the smallest landscape scale, whereas current forested area had no effect at this landscape scale. This suggests that these species occur in forest but only in recent forest due to an extinction debt. Indeed, past land use can indirectly affect butterfly communities because some grassland species may persist in forests for more than 100 years after canopy closure (Burst et al. 2017). Thus, clearcuts in post-agricultural forests have been shown to contain 35% more grassland species than clearcuts in AFs (Milberg et al. 2019). Therefore, vegetation that develops in forest clearcuts on former grasslands favours typical grassland-dependant lepidopterans (lbbe et al. 2011), even in clearcuts more than 10 years old (Ram et al. 2020). Our study did not take forest management into account; some lepidopteran observations could have been located in former clearcuts even though the forest was considered closed on the BD FORET[®] V2 map (the canopy cover threshold of 40% can be reached in less than 10 years in mountain areas; Fuhr et al. 2015). Agricultural land abandonment and tree canopy closure are the two main threats for Lepidoptera (Erhardt 1995; Öckinger et al. 2006) and our results show that forest-edge Lepidoptera species were negatively affected by the amount of current forest in the landscape at the largest landscape scale. Targeted management in recent forests, for example, maintaining a network of clearings, could be an efficient tool for the conservation of lepidopterans threatened by intensive agricultural practices (Ram et al. 2020).

The amount of current forest or the amount of historical forest in the landscape did not affect the other taxonomic groups included in our study. Orthopterans are ectothermic organisms that depend mainly on the amount of heat reaching the ground and are generally negatively affected by forest cover. Thus, the abundance of threatened orthopterans is negatively affected by tree cover and advanced successional stages (Helbing *et al.* 2014) and the presence of forest near dry grasslands has a negative effect on their species richness (Bieringer & Zulka 2003). Our models probably did not detect any effect due to the low number of observations (n=18) in our dataset. While reptiles are also ectotherms, our results do not show any effect of forested area in the landscape. However, the link between reptile species richness and forested area is unclear in the literature. Indeed, the meta-analysis carried by Thompson & Donnelly (2018) does not conclude on differences in species richness or abundance between secondary forests and open areas or between old-growth and secondary forests. In addition, threatened lichens did not respond to either historical or current landscape in our study contrary to Fritz *et al.*'s (2008) results. However, these authors used a larger continuity gradient

(more than 350 years) and used correlation between ancient-forests species richness and threatened species richness. Moreover, lichens are particularly sensitive to the quality of their habitat (substrate, shade, humidity, air pollution, etc.) and maybe not strongly limited by their dispersal ability in slightly fragmented ecosystems (Nordén *et al.* 2014; Janssen *et al.* 2019). Finally, odonates may not respond to forest area in our study because they spend most of their life cycle in the larval stage and depend almost exclusively on the quality of the aquatic environment in which they develop. In addition, their high dispersal capacity at the adult stage probably make them rather independent of the landscape context (McPeek 2008).

IV.2.Use of biodiversity data: limits and perspectives

Like any natural history collection dataset (Newbold 2010), our dataset has several limitations. The first concerns the over-sampling of some taxonomic groups, and even of some species due to societal preferences (Troudet et al. 2017). In our dataset, birds and spermatophytes were better represented than other taxonomic groups, and some charismatic species were more sampled than other species in the same taxonomic group. These species therefore weighted more in our models. The second limitation concerns the spatial distribution of the recorded observations. In the absence of a preplanned sampling design, observers may have selected sites based on previous observations, restricting themselves to easily accessible areas and resampling the same sector over time. Finally, since the sampling protocols, if any, are unknown, the dataset contains no information on species absence. However, despite these weaknesses, these types of databases also has several advantages: they cover large areas and provide information on rare species; they allow a multi-taxonomic approach, which should provide more general results (Westgate et al. 2014) and finally, they can help refine niche models when they are combined with standardised presence/absence data (Coron et al. 2018) or processed with deep learning techniques (Botella et al. 2018). These types of databases are therefore particularly important tools for ecological research and will become increasingly important with the development of participative science and the era of big data in biodiversity research (Hampton et al. 2013). We strongly encourage managers to complement biodiversity inventory efforts on taxonomic groups that have been under-sampled because of their low societal interest or due to lack of observers with the necessary scientific skills for species determination.

IV.3.Implications for conservation

In accordance with previous works (Flensted *et al.* 2016), our results show that forest continuity matters for red-listed species in landscapes with limited forest fragmentation. They confirm the importance of ancient forests for red-listed species and we therefore encourage policy makers to follow the IUCN recommendations (IUCN 2016) by adopting protective measures for AFs in order to preserve biodiversity.

The current forest area had less effect than the historical forest area (or had no effect) on threatened forest species for some taxonomic groups. On the other hand, high current forest area had a negative effect on some threatened non-forest species. This result questions the effectiveness of afforestation measures to preserve both forest and non-forest red-listed species. Indeed, while afforestation appears to be an effective measure for preserving forest species (Newmark *et al.* 2017), the objective could be missed due to the colonisation credit of threatened forest species in recent forests while being detrimental to non-forest threatened species. Landscape planning should be adapted to the conservation objectives but protecting ancient forests is a good compromise to preserve both forest and non-forest threatened species and can be more effective and less expensive than untargeted reforestations.

In addition, plantations and intensive management may also induce loss of forest biodiversity (Bremer & Farley 2010; Paillet *et al.* 2010), which could mitigate differences between recent and

ancient forests. Indeed, plantation may cause a recruitement limitation of threatened species in recent forests while intensive management of ancient forest can lead to the loss of their conservation value attributes (Bergès *et al.* 2017; Depauw *et al.* 2019). The protection of ancient forests is thus not only about fighting deforestation, but also about sustainable forest management and further research is needed in this way (Bergès & Dupouey 2021).

Some authors argue that forest continuity matters more than tree age for conservation of biodiversity (McMullin & Wiersma 2019), however, we agree with Janssen *et al.* 2019 that forest continuity and stand maturity are complementary components because they affect biodiversity by different ways: ancientness is related to species dispersal limitations while stand maturity is related to habitat requirements (Janssen *et al.* 2017). Nevertheless, ancient forests are easier to map than mature forests and managers should use historical maps to identify new high-priority conservation areas.

V. Conclusion

Our results confirm the role of temporal forest continuity in maintaining threatened forest species for multiple taxonomic groups in mountain ecosystems and highlight that the landscape scale of effect differ dramaticaly among taxonomic groups. Our results also show that for some group current forest cover rate is detrimental to non-forest threatened species. Thus, conservation measures will need to strike a balance between the conservation of both groups of species. We encourage stakeholders to prioritise ancient forest conservation measures over afforestation measures to preserve threatened forest species with the least impact on non-forest species.

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Appendix S1: List of references used to classify species according to their preferred habitat.

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Appendix S2: Values of the 20 β_i coefficients estimated with different pseudo-absence random draws for the effect of the historical or current forested area according to different buffer sizes. The shaded area correspond to the 95% confidence interval of the coefficient estimates in the first iteration of pseudo-absence random draws. Empty boxes = non-applicable models. Points for the 20 pseudo-absence random-draws are jittered on the x axis for a better visualisation.



Historical forest Current forest **Appendix S3:** List of threatened species classified by taxonomic group with species' forest affinity (FS: forest species; ES: edge species; NFS: non-forest species) and number of occurrences.

| Species | Forest affinity | Number of occurrences |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Spermatophyta | | |
| Achillea erba-rotta subsp. erba-rotta All., 1773 | ES | 1 |
| Achillea nobilis L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Aconitum napellus subsp. burnatii (Gáyer) JM.Tison, 2010 | NFS | 13 |
| Adonis aestivalis L., 1762 | NFS | 1 |
| Adonis flammea Jacq., 1776 | NFS | |
| Adonis vernalis L., 1753 | NFS | 18 |
| Aethionema saxatile (L.) W.T.Aiton, 1812 | ES | 1 |
| Alchemilla plicata Buser, 1893 | NFS | 1 |
| Anacamptis coriophora (L.) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, 1997 | NFS | 5 |
| Anacamptis laxiflora (Lam.) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, 1997 | NFS | 1 |
| Androsace septentrionalis L., 1753 | NFS | 3 |
| Apera interrupta (L.) P.Beauv., 1812 | NFS | 1 |
| Aphyllanthes monspeliensis L., 1753 | NFS | 2 |
| Arabis auriculata Lam., 1783 | NFS | 2 |
| Arenaria ligericina Lecoq & Lamotte, 1847 | NFS | 3 |
| Arenaria montana L., 1755 | ES | 54 |
| Artemisia chamaemelifolia Vill., 1779 | NFS | 1 |
| Asperula tinctoria L., 1753 | ES | 1 |
| Aster amellus L., 1753 | ES | 2 |
| Aster pyrenaeus Desf. ex DC., 1805 | NFS | 3 |
| Astragalus alopecuroides L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Astragalus penduliflorus Lam., 1779 | NFS | 1 |
| Astragalus vesicarius subsp. pastellianus (Pollini) Arcang., 1882 | NFS | 8 |
| Astragalus vesicarius subsp. vesicarius L., 1753 | NFS | 2 |
| Blitum virgatum L., 1753 | ES | 3 |
| Brachypodium retusum (Pers.) P.Beauv., 1812 | NFS | 2 |
| Briza minor L., 1753 | NFS | 3 |
| Buglossoides incrassata subsp. permixta (Jord.) L.Cecchi & Selvi, 2014 | ES | 1 |

| Species | Forest affinity | Number of occurrences |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Bupleurum longifolium L., 1753 | ES | 2 |
| Bupleurum rotundifolium L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Calamagrostis pseudophragmites (Haller f.) Koeler, 1802 | ES | 5 |
| Carduus personata (L.) Jacq., 1776 | NFS | 6 |
| Carex depauperata Curtis ex With., 1787 | FS | 5 |
| Carex depressa Link, 1800 | FS | 9 |
| Carex flava L., 1753 | NFS | 8 |
| Carex hordeistichos Vill., 1779 | NFS | 2 |
| Carex limosa L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Carex mairei Coss. & Germ., 1840 | NFS | 1 |
| Carex maritima Gunnerus, 1772 | NFS | 1 |
| Carex oedipostyla Duval-Jouve, 1870 | NFS | 19 |
| Carex olbiensis Jord., 1846 | NFS | 1 |
| Carex pauciflora Lightf., 1777 | NFS | 2 |
| Carlina biebersteinii Bernh. ex Hornem., 1819 | NFS | 1 |
| Circaea alpina L., 1753 | FS | 9 |
| Cirsium carniolicum subsp. rufescens (Ramond ex DC.) P.Fourn., 1940 | NFS | 17 |
| Cirsium glabrum DC., 1815 | NFS | 2 |
| Cirsium heterophyllum (L.) Hill, 1768 | NFS | 25 |
| Cistus laurifolius L., 1753 | ES | 5 |
| Cistus umbellatus L., 1753 | ES | 21 |
| Cochlearia pyrenaica DC., 1821 | NFS | 6 |
| Coeloglossum viride (L.) Hartm., 1820 | NFS | 2 |
| Colchicum alpinum DC., 1805 | NFS | 5 |
| Corallorhiza trifida Châtel., 1760 | FS | 2 |
| Cotoneaster nebrodensis (Guss.) K.Koch, 1853 | ES | 1 |
| Crocus vernus (L.) Hill, 1765 | NFS | 1 |
| Cruciata glabra (L.) Ehrend., 1958 | ES | 3 |
| Cynoglossum germanicum Jacq., 1767 | ES | 2 |
| Cytinus hypocistis (L.) L., 1767 | ES | 2 |
| Daboecia cantabrica (Huds.) K.Koch, 1872 | ES | 19 |

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| Daphne cneorum L., 1753 | ES | 6 |
| Daphne striata Tratt., 1814 | NFS | 1 |
| Dasiphora fruticosa (L.) Rydb., 1898 | NFS | 1 |
| Delphinium consolida L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Dichoropetalum carvifolia (Vill.) Pimenov & Kljuykov, 2007 | NFS | 1 |
| Draba incana L., 1753 | NFS | 2 |
| Draba nemorosa L., 1753 | NFS | 7 |
| Dracocephalum austriacum L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Drosera rotundifolia L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Epipogium aphyllum Sw., 1814 | FS | 26 |
| Eriophorum gracile Koch ex Roth, 1806 | NFS | 1 |
| Eryngium alpinum L., 1753 | NFS | 23 |
| Euphorbia illirica Lam., 1788 | NFS | 8 |
| Euphorbia seguieriana subsp. loiseleurii (Rouy) P.Fourn., 1936 | ES | 3 |
| Festuca airoides Lam., 1788 | NFS | 3 |
| Festuca amethystina L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Festuca longifolia Thuill., 1799 | NFS | 1 |
| Fritillaria moggridgei Baker, 1879 | NFS | 16 |
| Gagea bohemica (Zauschn.) Schult. & Schult.f., 1829 | NFS | 1 |
| Galium pusillum L., 1753 | NFS | 11 |
| Galium tricornutum Dandy, 1957 | NFS | 1 |
| Gentiana utriculosa L., 1753 | NFS | 7 |
| Gratiola officinalis L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Gymnadenia odoratissima (L.) Rich., 1817 | NFS | 7 |
| Hackelia deflexa (Wahlenb.) Opiz, 1838 | ES | 43 |
| Hedysarum boutignyanum (A.Camus) Alleiz., 1928 | NFS | 11 |
| Hedysarum brigantiacum Bourn., Chas & Kerguélen, 1992 | NFS | 1 |
| Herminium monorchis (L.) R.Br., 1813 | NFS | 7 |
| Hieracium isolanum (Besse & Zahn) Zahn, 1916 | NFS | 1 |
| Horminum pyrenaicum L., 1753 | NFS | 33 |
| Hypochaeris uniflora Vill., 1779 | NFS | 3 |

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| Hyssopus officinalis L., 1753 | NFS | 17 |
| Iberis carnosa Willd., 1800 | ES | 1 |
| Illecebrum verticillatum L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Impatiens noli-tangere L., 1753 | ES | 13 |
| Inula bifrons (L.) L., 1763 | ES | 1 |
| Iris graminea L., 1753 | ES | 1 |
| Juncus capitatus Weigel, 1772 | NFS | 15 |
| Juniperus phoenicea L., 1753 | ES | 1 |
| Kalmia procumbens (L.) Gift, Kron & P.F.Stevens ex Galasso, Banfi & F.Conti, 2005 | NFS | 2 |
| Lamium galeobdolon subsp. montanum (Pers.) Hayek, 1929 | FS | 16 |
| Lappula squarrosa (Retz.) Dumort., 1827 | ES | 2 |
| Laserpitium gallicum L., 1753 | ES | 1 |
| Lathraea squamaria L., 1753 | FS | 21 |
| Lathyrus cirrhosus Ser., 1825 | ES | 1 |
| Lepidium villarsii Gren. & Godr., 1847 | NFS | 6 |
| Linaria angustissima (Loisel.) Borbás, 1900 | NFS | 1 |
| Linaria pelisseriana (L.) Mill., 1768 | NFS | 3 |
| Linaria supina (L.) Chaz., 1790 | NFS | 3 |
| Linnaea borealis L., 1753 | FS | 31 |
| Linum austriacum L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Lunaria rediviva L., 1753 | FS | 42 |
| Luzula desvauxii Kunth, 1841 | NFS | 4 |
| Lysimachia minima (L.) U.Manns & Anderb., 2009 | NFS | 4 |
| Lysimachia tenella L., 1753 | NFS | 2 |
| Lythrum hyssopifolia L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Matthiola valesiaca J.Gay ex Boiss., 1867 | NFS | 16 |
| Mentha arvensis L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Micranthes clusii (Gouan) B.Bock, 2012 | NFS | 21 |
| Moehringia lebrunii Merxm., 1965 | NFS | 6 |
| Molopospermum peloponnesiacum (L.) W.D.J.Koch, 1824 | NFS | 36 |
| Muscari botryoides (L.) Mill., 1768 | NFS | 16 |

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| Myricaria germanica (L.) Desv., 1824 | ES | 10 |
| Neotinea maculata (Desf.) Stearn, 1974 | NFS | 1 |
| Neottia cordata (L.) Rich., 1817 | FS | 8 |
| Nepeta nuda L., 1753 | ES | 1 |
| Nothobartsia spicata (Ramond) Bolliger & Molau, 1992 | NFS | 6 |
| Odontites luteus subsp. lanceolatus (Gaudin) P.Fourn., 1937 | NFS | 1 |
| Omalotheca norvegica (Gunnerus) Sch.Bip. & F.W.Schultz, 1861 | ES | 2 |
| Ophrys speculum Link, 1799 | NFS | 1 |
| Orobanche rapum-genistae Thuill., 1799 | ES | 10 |
| Orobanche salviae F.W.Schultz ex W.D.J.Koch, 1833 | FS | 1 |
| Oxytropis fetida (Vill.) DC., 1802 | NFS | 9 |
| Oxytropis pilosa (L.) DC., 1802 | NFS | 3 |
| Phelipanche arenaria (Borkh.) Pomel, 1874 | NFS | 1 |
| Phelipanche lavandulacea (F.W.Schultz) Pomel, 1874 | NFS | 1 |
| Phyteuma cordatum Balb., 1809 | NFS | 4 |
| Pinguicula alpina L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Pinguicula grandiflora subsp. rosea (Mutel) Casper, 1962 | NFS | 1 |
| Pinguicula longifolia subsp. longifolia Ramond ex DC., 1805 | NFS | 2 |
| Pinguicula reichenbachiana Schindl., 1908 | NFS | 2 |
| Pinus nigra subsp. salzmannii (Dunal) Franco, 1943 | FS | 41 |
| Poa hybrida Gaudin, 1808 | NFS | 2 |
| Polemonium caeruleum L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Polygala alpina (DC.) Steud., 1821 | NFS | 1 |
| Potamogeton natans L., 1753 | ES | 2 |
| Potentilla alba L., 1753 | ES | 11 |
| Potentilla cinerea Chaix ex Vill., 1779 | NFS | 1 |
| Potentilla delphinensis Gren. & Godr., 1848 | NFS | 12 |
| Potentilla fagineicola Lamotte, 1877 | NFS | 1 |
| Psilurus incurvus (Gouan) Schinz & Thell., 1913 | NFS | 3 |
| Quercus cerris L., 1753 | FS | 8 |
| Radiola linoides Roth, 1788 | NFS | 6 |

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| Ranunculus trichophyllus subsp. eradicatus (Laest.) C.D.K.Cook, 1967 | ES | 2 |
| Rhaponticum centauroides (L.) O.Bolòs, 1970 | NFS | 7 |
| Rhynchospora alba (L.) Vahl, 1805 | NFS | 4 |
| Ruscus hypoglossum L., 1753 | FS | 12 |
| Salix daphnoides Vill., 1779 | ES | 1 |
| Salvia aethiopis L., 1753 | ES | 5 |
| Saussurea alpina (L.) DC., 1810 | NFS | 1 |
| Saxifraga cuneifolia subsp. cuneifolia L., 1759 | FS | 1 |
| Saxifraga hirculus L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Saxifraga iratiana F.W.Schultz, 1851 | NFS | 1 |
| Schoenus ferrugineus L., 1753 | NFS | 5 |
| Scrophularia pyrenaica Benth., 1846 | NFS | 1 |
| Silene inaperta L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Silene noctiflora L., 1753 | NFS | 2 |
| Silene viridiflora L., 1762 | ES | 9 |
| Spergula segetalis (L.) Vill., 1789 | NFS | 1 |
| Spiranthes aestivalis (Poir.) Rich., 1817 | NFS | 7 |
| Stipa pennata L., 1753 | NFS | 2 |
| Streptopus amplexifolius (L.) DC., 1805 | NFS | 5 |
| Swertia perennis L., 1753 | NFS | 13 |
| Symphytum bulbosum K.F.Schimp., 1825 | ES | 3 |
| Tephroseris helenitis (L.) B.Nord., 1978 | NFS | 27 |
| Thalictrum lucidum L., 1753 | ES | 1 |
| Trichophorum alpinum (L.) Pers., 1805 | NFS | 1 |
| Trifolium saxatile All., 1773 | NFS | 3 |
| Trinia glauca (L.) Dumort., 1827 | NFS | 1 |
| Trochiscanthes nodiflora (All.) W.D.J.Koch, 1824 | ES | 35 |
| Turgenia latifolia (L.) Hoffm., 1814 | NFS | 1 |
| Utricularia minor L., 1753 | ES | 2 |
| Vaccinium microcarpum (Turcz. ex Rupr.) Schmalh., 1871 | ES | 1 |
| Veronica montana L., 1755 | NFS | 1 |

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| Veronica spicata L., 1753 | NFS | 2 |
| Vicia cassubica L., 1753 | ES | 5 |
| Vicia disperma DC., 1813 | NFS | 1 |
| Viola pinnata L., 1753 | ES | 2 |
| Viscaria vulgaris Bernh., 1800 | NFS | 1 |
| Pteridophyta | | |
| Allosorus hispanicus (Mett.) Christenh., 2012 | NFS | 1 |
| Allosorus tinaei (Tod.) Christenh., 2012 | NFS | 2 |
| Botrychium matricariifolium (Retz.) W.D.J.Koch, 1845 | NFS | 11 |
| Cystopteris dickieana R.Sim, 1848 | NFS | 3 |
| Diphasiastrum alpinum (L.) Holub, 1975 | ES | 2 |
| Dryopteris ardechensis Fraser-Jenk., 1981 | ES | 59 |
| Dryopteris oreades Fomin, 1911 | ES | 22 |
| Lycopodiella inundata (L.) Holub, 1964 | NFS | 4 |
| Spinulum annotinum (L.) A.Haines, 2003 | ES | 7 |
| Bryophyta | | |
| Amblyodon dealbatus (Hedw.) P.Beauv., 1804 | NFS | 1 |
| Andreaea rothii subsp. falcata (Schimp.) Lindb., 1879 | NFS | 1 |
| Andreaea rothii subsp. rothii F.Weber & D.Mohr, 1807 | NFS | 2 |
| Anthoceros agrestis Paton, 1979 | ES | 2 |
| Atrichum angustatum (Brid.) Bruch & Schimp., 1844 | ES | 15 |
| Barbilophozia lycopodioides (Wallr.) Loeske, 1907 | FS | 13 |
| Bartramia stricta Brid., 1803 | NFS | 2 |
| Bazzania flaccida (Dumort.) Grolle, 1972 | FS | 2 |
| Biantheridion undulifolium (Nees) Konstant. & Vilnet, 2010 | NFS | 1 |
| Blasia pusilla L., 1753 | NFS | 1 |
| Brachydontium trichodes (F. Weber) Milde, 1869 | FS | 2 |
| Brachytheciastrum velutinum (Hedw.) Ignatov & Huttunen, 2002 | FS | 10 |
| Brachythecium glareosum (Bruch ex Spruce) Schimp., 1853 | ES | 4 |
| Brachythecium mildeanum (Schimp.) Schimp., 1862 | ES | 1 |

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| Brachythecium tenuicaule (Spruce) Kindb., 1900 | FS | 3 |
| Brachythecium tommasinii (Sendtn. ex Boulay) Ignatov & Huttunen, 2002 | NFS | 1 |
| Bryum gemmiparum De Not., 1865 | NFS | 4 |
| Bryum ruderale Crundw. & Nyholm, 1963 | NFS | 1 |
| Buckia vaucheri (Lesq.) D.Ríos, M.T.Gallego & J.Guerra, 2018 | NFS | 1 |
| Calypogeia arguta Nees & Mont., 1838 | ES | 15 |
| Calypogeia suecica (Arnell & J.Perss.) Müll.Frib., 1904 | FS | 1 |
| Campyliadelphus chrysophyllus (Brid.) R.S.Chopra | ES | 6 |
| Campylium protensum (Brid.) Kindb., 1894 | ES | 4 |
| Campylophyllopsis calcarea (Crundw. & Nyholm) Ochyra, 2010 | FS | 10 |
| Campylopus pilifer Brid., 1819 | NFS | 15 |
| Cephaloziella baumgartneri Schiffn., 1905 | NFS | 2 |
| Cephaloziella dentata (Raddi) Steph., 1897 | NFS | 2 |
| Cephaloziella hampeana (Nees) Schiffn.ex Loeske, 1903 | ES | 9 |
| Cephaloziella integerrima (Lindb.) Warnst., 1902 | FS | 1 |
| Cephaloziella phyllacantha (C.Massal. & Carestia) Müll.Frib., 1913 | FS | 1 |
| Cephaloziella rubella (Nees) Warnst., 1902 | FS | 1 |
| Cephaloziella stellulifera (Taylor ex Carrington & Pearson) Croz., 1903 | NFS | 2 |
| Cephaloziella turneri (Hook.) Müll.Frib., 1913 | NFS | 6 |
| Cinclidotus danubicus Schiffn. & Baumgartner, 1906 | NFS | 1 |
| Codonoblepharon forsteri (Dicks.) Goffinet, 2004 | FS | 18 |
| Conardia compacta (Drumm. ex Müll.Hal.) H.Rob. | FS | 1 |
| Coscinodon cribrosus (Hedw.) Spruce, 1849 | NFS | 20 |
| Crossocalyx hellerianus (Nees ex Lindenb.) Meyl., 1939 | FS | 1 |
| Cynodontium strumiferum (Hedw.) Lindb., 1864 | ES | 2 |
| Dicranum fuscescens Sm. | FS | 1 |
| Dicranum muehlenbeckii Bruch & Schimp., 1847 | FS | 1 |
| Dicranum spadiceum J.E.Zetterst., 1865 | ES | 3 |
| Didymodon acutus (Brid.) K.Saito, 1975 | NFS | 5 |
| Didymodon ferrugineus (Schimp. ex Besch.) M.O.Hill, 1981 | NFS | 3 |
| Didymodon glaucus Ryan, 1901 | NFS | 1 |

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| Didymodon spadiceus (Mitt.) Limpr., 1888 | ES | 1 |
| Didymodon tophaceus (Brid.) Lisa, 1837 | NFS | 5 |
| Douinia ovata (Dicks.) H.Buch, 1928 | FS | 9 |
| Encalypta vulgaris Hedw., 1801 | ES | 7 |
| Entosthodon attenuatus (Dicks.) Bryhn, 1908 | ES | 2 |
| Entosthodon fascicularis (Hedw.) Müll.Hal., 1848 | NFS | 1 |
| Entosthodon muhlenbergii (Turner) Fife, 1985 | NFS | 2 |
| Entosthodon obtusus (Hedw.) Lindb., 1865 | NFS | 4 |
| Entosthodon pulchellus (H.Philib.) Brugués | NFS | 1 |
| Eucladium verticillatum (With.) Bruch & Schimp., 1846 | ES | 48 |
| Eurhynchium angustirete (Broth.) T.J.Kop., 1967 | FS | 3 |
| Fissidens exilis Hedw., 1801 | ES | 1 |
| Fissidens gracilifolius BruggNann. & Nyholm, 1986 | FS | 1 |
| Fissidens osmundoides Hedw., 1801 | NFS | 1 |
| Fissidens rivularis (Spruce) Schimp., 1851 | NFS | 2 |
| Fossombronia angulosa (Dicks.) Raddi, 1818 | NFS | 20 |
| Fossombronia caespitiformis (Raddi) De Not. ex Rabenh., 1860 | ES | 1 |
| Fossombronia pusilla (L.) Nees, 1838 | NFS | 3 |
| Fossombronia wondraczekii (Corda) Dumort. ex Lindb., 1873 | ES | 1 |
| Fuscocephaloziopsis lunulifolia (Dumort.) Vána & L.Söderstr., 2013 | FS | 1 |
| Gongylanthus ericetorum (Raddi) Nees, 1836 | NFS | 12 |
| Grimmia elatior Bruch ex BalsCriv. & De Not., 1838 | NFS | 6 |
| Grimmia funalis (Schwägr.) Bruch & Schimp., 1845 | NFS | 6 |
| Grimmia incurva Schwägr., 1811 | NFS | 2 |
| Grimmia longirostris Hook., 1818 | NFS | 4 |
| Grimmia muehlenbeckii Schimp., 1860 | ES | 2 |
| Grimmia orbicularis Bruch ex Wilson, 1844 | NFS | 7 |
| Grimmia tergestina Tomm. ex Bruch & Schimp., 1845 | NFS | 2 |
| Gymnostomum viridulum Brid., 1826 | NFS | 1 |
| Gyroweisia tenuis (Hedw.) Schimp., 1876 | ES | 1 |
| Habrodon perpusillus (De Not.) Lindb., 1863 | FS | 38 |

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| Heterocladiella dimorpha (Brid.) Ignatov & Fedosov, 2019 | NFS | 4 |
| Heterocladium wulfsbergii I.Hagen, 1909 | FS | 3 |
| Homalothecium philippeanum (Spruce) Schimp., 1851 | ES | 3 |
| Hydrogonium croceum (Brid.) Jan Kucera, 2013 | NFS | 3 |
| Hygrohypnum luridum (Hedw.) Jenn., 1913 | ES | 12 |
| Hylocomiastrum umbratum (Hedw.) M.Fleisch. ex Broth., 1925 | FS | 1 |
| Hyocomium armoricum (Brid.) Wijk & Margad., 1961 | ES | 29 |
| Isopterygiella pulchella (Hedw.) Ignatov & Ignatova, 2020 | NFS | 2 |
| Kiaeria starkei (F. Weber & D. Mohr) I. Hagen, 1915 | NFS | 1 |
| Leptodon smithii (Hedw.) F. Weber & D.Mohr, 1803 | FS | 23 |
| Lescuraea plicata (Schleich. ex F. Weber & D.Mohr) Broth. | NFS | 7 |
| Lescuraea radicosa (Mitt.) Mönk., 1927 | NFS | 1 |
| Lescuraea saxicola (Schimp.) Molendo, 1864 | NFS | 1 |
| Lewinskya acuminata (H.Philib.) F.Lara, Garilleti & Goffinet, 2016 | ES | 28 |
| Lewinskya shawii (Wilson) F.Lara, Garilleti & Goffinet, 2016 | NFS | 1 |
| Lophocolea fragrans (Moris & De Not.) Gottsche, Lindenb. & Nees, 1845 | FS | 2 |
| Lophozia ascendens (Warnst.) R.M.Schust., 1952 | FS | 3 |
| Mannia androgyna (L.) A.Evans, 1938 | NFS | 9 |
| Mannia fragrans (Balb.) Frye & L.Clark, 1937 | NFS | 1 |
| Mannia triandra (Scop.) Grolle, 1975 | NFS | 4 |
| Marchantia quadrata Scop., 1772 | NFS | 31 |
| Meesia uliginosa Hedw., 1801 | NFS | 3 |
| Mesoptychia bantriensis (Hook.) L.Söderstr. & Vána, 2012 | NFS | 13 |
| Mesoptychia heterocolpos (Thed. ex Hartm.) L.Söderstr. & Vána, 2012 | NFS | 5 |
| Mesoptychia turbinata (Raddi) L.Söderstr. & Vána, 2012 | NFS | 8 |
| Mnium marginatum (Dicks.) P.Beauv. | FS | 4 |
| Mnium spinosum (Voit) Schwägr., 1816 | FS | 8 |
| Mnium thomsonii Schimp., 1876 | ES | 8 |
| Mylia anomala (Hook.) Gray, 1821 | NFS | 1 |
| Myurella julacea (Schwägr.) Schimp., 1853 | NFS | 7 |
| Neoorthocaulis attenuatus (Mart.) L.Söderstr., De Roo & Hedd., 2010 | ES | 3 |

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| Neoorthocaulis floerkei (F. Weber & D. Mohr) L. Söderstr., De Roo & Hedd., 2010 | NFS | 2 |
| Obtusifolium obtusum (Lindb.) S.W.Arnell, 1956 | FS | 4 |
| Odontoschisma fluitans (Nees) L.Söderstr. & Vána, 2013 | NFS | 1 |
| Orthothecium intricatum (Hartm.) Schimp., 1851 | FS | 15 |
| Orthotrichum pumilum Sw. ex anon. | NFS | 7 |
| Orthotrichum rogeri Brid., 1812 | ES | 11 |
| Orthotrichum scanicum Grönvall, 1885 | ES | 2 |
| Orthotrichum stellatum Brid., 1826 | ES | 1 |
| Orthotrichum tenellum Bruch ex Brid., 1827 | NFS | 18 |
| Oxyrrhynchium schleicheri (R.Hedw.) Röll | FS | 4 |
| Palustriella commutata (Hedw.) Ochyra, 1989 | ES | 26 |
| Palustriella decipiens (De Not.) Ochyra, 1989 | NFS | 2 |
| Pedinophyllum interruptum (Nees) Kaal., 1893 | FS | 7 |
| Phaeoceros carolinianus (Michx.) Prosk., 1951 | NFS | 2 |
| Phaeoceros laevis (L.) Prosk., 1951 | NFS | 7 |
| Philonotis calcarea (Bruch & Schimp.) Schimp., 1856 | NFS | 2 |
| Philonotis capillaris Lindb., 1867 | NFS | 14 |
| Philonotis rigida Brid., 1827 | NFS | 3 |
| Philonotis tomentella Molendo, 1864 | NFS | 5 |
| Plagiomnium elatum (Bruch & Schimp.) T.J.Kop., 1968 | NFS | 3 |
| Plagiomnium medium (Bruch & Schimp.) T.J.Kop., 1968 | FS | 4 |
| Plagiomnium rostratum (Schrad.) T.J.Kop., 1968 | ES | 5 |
| Plagiothecium laetum Schimp., 1851 | FS | 9 |
| Plagiothecium piliferum (Sw.) Schimp., 1851 | NFS | 5 |
| Plagiothecium platyphyllum Mönk., 1927 | FS | 4 |
| Plasteurhynchium striatulum (Spruce) M.Fleisch., 1925 | FS | 9 |
| Platydictya jungermannioides (Brid.) H.A.Crum, 1964 | FS | 10 |
| Platyhypnum duriusculum (De Not.) Ochyra, 2013 | NFS | 2 |
| Pogonatum nanum (Schreb. ex Hedw.) P.Beauv., 1805 | ES | 2 |
| Pohlia bulbifera (Warnst.) Warnst., 1904 | NFS | 1 |
| Pohlia proligera (Kindb.) Lindb. ex Broth. | ES | 2 |

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| Pohlia sphagnicola (Bruch & Schimp.) Broth., 1903 | NFS | 1 |
| Polytrichastrum alpinum (Hedw.) G.L.Sm., 1971 | ES | 16 |
| Porella obtusata (Taylor) Trevis., 1877 | NFS | 7 |
| Pottiopsis caespitosa (Brid.) Blockeel & A.J.E.Sm. | NFS | 1 |
| Pterygoneurum ovatum (Hedw.) Dixon, 1934 | NFS | 1 |
| Ptilidium pulcherrimum (Weber) Vain. | FS | 4 |
| Ptilium crista-castrensis (Hedw.) De Not., 1867 | FS | 27 |
| Ptychostomum creberrimum (Taylor) J.R.Spence & H.P.Ramsay, 2005 | NFS | 1 |
| Ptychostomum elegans (Nees) D.Bell & Holyoak, 2020 | ES | 5 |
| Ptychostomum imbricatulum (Müll.Hal.) Holyoak & N.Pedersen, 2007 | NFS | 5 |
| Ptychostomum torquescens (Bruch & Schimp.) Ros & Mazimpaka, 2013 | ES | 5 |
| Ptychostomum zieri (Hedw.) Holyoak & N.Pedersen, 2007 | NFS | 7 |
| Racomitrium ericoides (Brid.) Brid., 1819 | ES | 2 |
| Racomitrium sudeticum (Funck) Bruch & Schimp., 1845 | NFS | 4 |
| Rhizomnium pseudopunctatum (Bruch & Schimp.) T.J.Kop., 1968 | ES | 1 |
| Rhynchostegiella curviseta (Brid.) Limpr., 1896 | ES | 8 |
| Rhynchostegium murale (Hedw.) Schimp., 1852 | ES | 5 |
| Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus (Lindb.) T.J.Kop., 1971 | FS | 1 |
| Riccardia chamedryfolia (With.) Grolle, 1969 | ES | 8 |
| Riccia beyrichiana Hampe, 1838 | NFS | 18 |
| Riccia ciliata Hoffm., 1795 | NFS | 1 |
| Riccia ciliifera Link ex Lindenb. | NFS | 2 |
| Riccia crozalsii Levier, 1902 | NFS | 5 |
| Riccia gougetiana Durieu & Mont., 1849 | NFS | 3 |
| Riccia nigrella DC., 1815 | NFS | 7 |
| Riccia subbifurca Warnst. ex Croz., 1903 | FS | 2 |
| Riccia warnstorfii Limpr. ex Warnst., 1899 | NFS | 11 |
| Saccogyna viticulosa (L.) Dumort., 1831 | FS | 10 |
| Saelania glaucescens (Hedw.) Broth., 1894 | NFS | 16 |
| Scapania aequiloba (Schwägr.) Dumort., 1835 | ES | 10 |
| Scapania aspera M.Bernet & Bernet, 1888 | ES | 14 |

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| Scapania compacta (Roth) Dumort., 1835 | ES | 26 |
| Scapania cuspiduligera (Nees) Müll.Frib., 1915 | NFS | 3 |
| Scapania paludicola Loeske & Müll.Frib., 1915 | NFS | 1 |
| Scapania scandica (Arnell & H.Buch) Macvicar, 1926 | NFS | 17 |
| Scapania umbrosa (Schrad.) Dumort., 1835 | FS | 8 |
| Schistochilopsis opacifolia (Culm. ex Meyl.) Konstant., 1994 | NFS | 1 |
| Schistostega pennata (Hedw.) F. Weber & D.Mohr, 1803 | FS | 9 |
| Sciuro-hypnum curtum (Lindb.) Ignatov, 2008 | FS | 1 |
| Scleropodium touretii (Brid.) L.F.Koch, 1949 | ES | 11 |
| Scorpidium cossonii (Schimp.) Hedenäs, 1989 | NFS | 1 |
| Scorpiurium circinatum (Brid.) M.Fleisch. & Loeske, 1907 | ES | 16 |
| Seligeria donniana (Sm.) Müll.Hal., 1848 | FS | 2 |
| Seligeria pusilla (Hedw.) Bruch & Schimp., 1846 | FS | 2 |
| Serpoleskea confervoides (Brid.) Loeske, 1904 | NFS | 1 |
| Solenostoma confertissimum (Nees) Schljakov, 1981 | NFS | 1 |
| Solenostoma hyalinum (Lyell) Mitt., 1870 | ES | 3 |
| Solenostoma sphaerocarpum (Hook.) Steph., 1901 | NFS | 1 |
| Southbya tophacea (Spruce) Spruce, 1850 | NFS | 4 |
| Syntrichia montana var. montana Nees, 1819 | NFS | 4 |
| Syntrichia virescens (De Not.) Ochyra, 1992 | NFS | 1 |
| Targionia hypophylla L., 1753 | NFS | 15 |
| Thuidium recognitum (Hedw.) Lindb., 1874 | FS | 6 |
| Timmia austriaca Hedw., 1801 | ES | 1 |
| Tortella inclinata (R.Hedw.) Limpr., 1888 | NFS | 3 |
| Tortula atrovirens (Sm.) Lindb., 1864 | NFS | 1 |
| Tortula inermis (Brid.) Mont., 1832 | NFS | 1 |
| Tortula marginata (Bruch & Schimp.) Spruce, 1845 | ES | 2 |
| Trichostomum brachydontium Bruch, 1829 | ES | 49 |
| Trichostomum crispulum Bruch, 1829 | ES | 17 |
| Ulota hutchinsiae (Sm.) Hammar, 1852 | ES | 4 |

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| Lichens | | |
| Acarospora admissa (Nyl.) Kullh., 1871 | NFS | 1 |
| Acrocordia salweyi (Leight. ex Nyl.) A. L. Sm., 1911 | FS | 2 |
| Ainoa mooreana (Carroll) Lumbsch & I. Schmitt, 2001 | NFS | 1 |
| Alyxoria ochrocheila (Nyl.) Ertz & Tehler, 2011 | FS | 1 |
| Anaptychia crinalis (Schleich.) Vezda | FS | 3 |
| Anema moedlingense Zahlbr., 1908 | NFS | 1 |
| Arthonia leucopellaea (Ach.) Almq., 1880 | FS | 3 |
| Aspicilia laevata (Ach.) Arnold, 1887 | ES | 3 |
| Bacidina caligans (Nyl.) P. Clerc | ES | 1 |
| Baeomyces placophyllus Ach., 1803 | NFS | 4 |
| Bellemerea diamarta (Ach.) Hafellner & Cl.Roux | NFS | 1 |
| Bellemerea sanguinea (Kremp.) Hafellner & Cl.Roux | ES | 2 |
| Biatora chrysantha (Zahlbr.) Printzen, 1994 | FS | 2 |
| Biatora nylanderi Anzi, 1860 | FS | 1 |
| Biatora ocelliformis (Nyl.) Arnold, 1870 | FS | 1 |
| Biatoridium monasteriense J. Lahm ex Körb., 1860 | FS | 1 |
| Bryonora rhypariza (Nyl.) Poelt, 1983 | ES | 2 |
| Bryoria bicolor (Ehrh.) Brodo & D.Hawksw., 1977 | ES | 13 |
| Bryoria implexa (Hoffm.) Brodo & D.Hawksw., 1977 | FS | 1 |
| Bryoria subcana (Nyl. ex Stizenb.) Brodo & D.Hawksw., 1977 | ES | 3 |
| Buellia epigaea (Pers.) Tuck. | NFS | 1 |
| Calicium trabinellum (Ach.) Ach., 1810 | FS | 2 |
| Caloplaca conversa (Kremp.) Jatta, 1900 | NFS | 1 |
| Caloplaca exsecuta (Nyl.) Dalla Torre & Sarnth., 1902 | NFS | 1 |
| Catolechia wahlenbergii (Ach.) Körb., 1855 | ES | 13 |
| Chaenotheca brunneola (Ach.) Müll.Arg., 1862 | FS | 3 |
| Chaenotheca phaeocephala (Turner) Th.Fr., 1861 | ES | 2 |
| Chaenothecopsis epithallina Tibell, 1975 | FS | 1 |
| Chaenothecopsis pusiola (Ach.) Vain., 1927 | FS | 1 |

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| Chaenothecopsis savonica (Räsänen) Tibell, 1984 | FS | 1 |
| Chaenothecopsis subparoica (Nyl.) Tibell, 1995 | ES | 1 |
| Cladonia sulphurina (Michx.) Fr., 1831 | FS | 1 |
| Cliostomum corrugatum (Ach.) Fr., 1845 | ES | 2 |
| Collema glebulentum (Nyl. ex Cromb.) Degel., 1952 | NFS | 1 |
| Cyphelium inquinans (Sm.) Trevis., 1862 | FS | 1 |
| Cyphelium karelicum (Vain.) Räsänen, 1939 | FS | 1 |
| Cyphelium notarisii (Tul.) Blomb. & Forssell, 1880 | ES | 2 |
| Cyphelium pinicola Tibell, 1969 | ES | 1 |
| Degelia atlantica (Degel.) P. M. Jørg. & P. James | FS | 6 |
| Fuscidea austera (Nyl.) P. James, 1980 | NFS | 1 |
| Fuscidea gothoburgensis (H. Magn.) V. Wirth & Vezda | ES | 1 |
| Fuscopannaria sampaiana Tav. | FS | 1 |
| Graphis betulina (Pers.) Ach. | ES | 1 |
| Gyalecta derivata (Nyl.) H.Olivier, 1911 | FS | 3 |
| Hypocenomyce anthracophila (Nyl.) P. James & Gotth. Schneid. | ES | 1 |
| Hypogymnia austerodes (Nyl.) Räsänen, 1943 | ES | 2 |
| Ionaspis obtecta (Vain.) R. Sant., 2004 | NFS | 1 |
| Ionaspis suaveolens (Fr.) Th.Fr. ex Stein | NFS | 1 |
| Lecanora caesiosora Poelt, 1966 | ES | 1 |
| Lecanora eurycarpa Poelt, Leuckert & Cl.Roux non Nyl. | NFS | 1 |
| Lecanora orbicularis (Schaer.) Vain., 1899 | NFS | 1 |
| Lecidea albohyalina (Nyl.) Th.Fr., 1874 | FS | 1 |
| Lecidea paupercula Th.Fr., 1874 | NFS | 1 |
| Lepraria lobificans Nyl., 1873 | NFS | 8 |
| Leptogium corticola (Taylor) Tuck., 1849 | FS | 1 |
| Leptogium furfuraceum (Harm.) Sierk, 1964 | ES | 1 |
| Llimoniella phaeophysciae Diederich, Ertz & Etayo, 2010 | FS | 1 |
| Lobaria linita (Ach.) Rabenh., 1845 | ES | 1 |
| Lobaria virens (With.) J. R. Laundon | FS | 9 |
| Lobothallia parasitica (B. de Lesd.) | NFS | 1 |

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| Massalongia carnosa (Dicks.) Körb., 1855 | ES | 5 |
| Megalospora tuberculosa (Fée) Sipman, 1983 | FS | 1 |
| Melanelia panniformis (Nyl.) Essl., 1978 | ES | 1 |
| Melanelia tominii (Oksner) Essl. | NFS | 1 |
| Menegazzia terebrata (Hoffm.) A.Massal., 1854 | ES | 14 |
| Micarea adnata Coppins, 1983 | FS | 1 |
| Micarea lutulata (Nyl.) Coppins, 1980 | NFS | 1 |
| Microcalicium disseminatum (Ach.) Vain., 1927 | FS | 3 |
| Neocatapyrenium radicescens (Nyl.) Breuss, 1996 | NFS | 1 |
| Ochrolechia szatalaensis Vers. | FS | 1 |
| Opegrapha vulpina Vondrák, Kocourk. & Tretiach, 2008 | NFS | 1 |
| Parmeliella testacea P. M. Jørg. | FS | 2 |
| Peltigera neopolydactyla (Gyeln.) Gyeln., 1932 | ES | 1 |
| Peltigera scabrosa Th.Fr., 1861 | NFS | 1 |
| Pertusaria glomerata (Ach.) Schaer., 1826 | ES | 1 |
| Physcia phaea (Tuck.) Thoms. | NFS | 2 |
| Placopsis gelida (L.) Linds., 1866 | NFS | 1 |
| Placynthium lismorense (Cromb.) Vain., 1909 | NFS | 1 |
| Porina hoehneliana (Jaap) R. Sant., 1952 | FS | 2 |
| Porina leptosperma Müll.Arg., 1883 | FS | 1 |
| Porpidia platycarpoides (Bagl.) Hertel, 1987 | NFS | 1 |
| Pycnora sorophora (Vain.) Hafellner, 2001 | ES | 2 |
| Ramboldia elabens (Fr.) Kantvilas & Elix, 2007 | ES | 2 |
| Ramonia subsphaeroides (Tav.) Vezda | FS | 3 |
| Rhizocarpon postumum (Nyl.) Arnold, 1870 | ES | 1 |
| Rhizocarpon subgeminatum Eitn. | NFS | 1 |
| Rosellinula haplospora (Th.Fr. & Almq.) R. Sant., 1986 | NFS | 1 |
| Sarcogyne fallax H. Magn., 1935 | NFS | 2 |
| Schaereria cinereorufa (Schaer.) Th.Fr., 1861 | ES | 1 |
| Solenopsora liparina (Nyl.) Zahlbr., 1919 | NFS | 1 |
| Sticta fuliginosa (Dicks.) Ach., 1803 | FS | 26 |

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| Sticta limbata (Sm.) Ach., 1803 | FS | 23 |
| Sticta sylvatica (Huds.) Ach., 1803 | FS | 19 |
| Strigula angustata Cl.Roux & Sérus. | FS | 3 |
| Strigula buxi Chodat, 1912 | FS | 4 |
| Strigula endolithea Cl.Roux & Bricaud | ES | 1 |
| Strigula minor (Vezda) Cl.Roux & Sérus. | FS | 3 |
| Thelidium dionantense (Hue) Zschacke | NFS | 1 |
| Thelotrema lepadinum (Ach.) Ach., 1803 | FS | 5 |
| Trapelia placodioides Coppins & P. James, 1984 | ES | 2 |
| Usnea longissima Ach., 1810 | FS | 3 |
| Usnea schadenbergiana Göp. & Stein | ES | 1 |
| Verrucaria constricta Zschacke, 1933 | NFS | 1 |
| Verrucaria geophila Zahlbr. | ES | 1 |
| Verrucula polycarparia NavRos. & Cl.Roux | ES | 1 |
| Xylographa trunciseda (Th.Fr.) Minks. ex Redinger | FS | 2 |
| Chiroptera | | |
| Miniopterus schreibersii (Natterer in Kuhl, 1817) | NFS | 2 |
| Myotis bechsteinii (Kuhl, 1817) | FS | 11 |
| Myotis blythii (Tomes, 1857) | NFS | 11 |
| Myotis capaccinii (Bonaparte, 1837) | NFS | 1 |
| Nyctalus lasiopterus (Schreber, 1780) | FS | 10 |
| Nyctalus noctula (Schreber, 1774) | FS | 3 |
| Rhinolophus euryale Blasius, 1853 | ES | 2 |
| Rhinolophus ferrumequinum (Schreber, 1774) | ES | 31 |
| Aves | | |
| Acrocephalus scirpaceus (Hermann, 1804) | NFS | 1 |
| Actitis hypoleucos (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 5 |
| Aegolius funereus (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 562 |
| Alcedo atthis (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 4 |
| Alectoris graeca (Meisner, 1804) | NFS | 110 |

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| Alectoris rufa (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 10 |
| Anser anser (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Anthus campestris (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 2 |
| Anthus pratensis (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 3 |
| Ardea alba Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 2 |
| Ardea purpurea Linnaeus, 1766 | NFS | 10 |
| Ardeola ralloides (Scopoli, 1769) | NFS | 1 |
| Bonasa bonasia (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 97 |
| Bubo bubo (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 30 |
| Bubulcus ibis (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Carduelis carduelis (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 27 |
| Carduelis citrinella (Pallas, 1764) | FS | 54 |
| Ciconia ciconia (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Ciconia nigra (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 7 |
| Columba livia Gmelin, 1789 | NFS | 1 |
| Columba oenas Linnaeus, 1758 | FS | 60 |
| Corvus corax Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 222 |
| Coturnix coturnix (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 4 |
| Delichon urbicum (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 2 |
| Dendrocopos leucotos (Bechstein, 1803) | FS | 277 |
| Dendrocopos medius (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 1 |
| Dendrocopos minor (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 6 |
| Egretta garzetta (Linnaeus, 1766) | NFS | 6 |
| Emberiza cia Linnaeus, 1766 | NFS | 86 |
| Emberiza citrinella Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 40 |
| Emberiza hortulana Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 17 |
| Emberiza schoeniclus (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Falco naumanni Fleischer, 1818 | NFS | 3 |
| Falco peregrinus Tunstall, 1771 | NFS | 157 |
| Ficedula hypoleuca (Pallas, 1764) | FS | 72 |
| Gallinago gallinago (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |

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| Glaucidium passerinum (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 408 |
| Grus grus (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 7 |
| Hirundo rustica Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 5 |
| Jynx torquilla Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 10 |
| Lagopus muta (Montin, 1776) | NFS | 11 |
| Lanius senator Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 1 |
| Linaria cannabina (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 28 |
| Merops apiaster Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 1 |
| Monticola saxatilis (Linnaeus, 1766) | NFS | 6 |
| Muscicapa striata (Pallas, 1764) | NFS | 9 |
| Nucifraga caryocatactes (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 432 |
| Nycticorax nycticorax (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Otus scops (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 10 |
| Pandion haliaetus (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 17 |
| Petronia petronia (Linnaeus, 1766) | NFS | 2 |
| Phylloscopus sibilatrix (Bechstein, 1793) | FS | 16 |
| Poecile montanus (Conrad von Baldenstein, 1827) | FS | 421 |
| Prunella collaris (Scopoli, 1769) | NFS | 42 |
| Puffinus mauretanicus P. R. Lowe, 1921 | NFS | 2 |
| Puffinus puffinus (Brünnich, 1764) | NFS | 1 |
| Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 108 |
| Pyrrhula pyrrhula (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 727 |
| Rallus aquaticus Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 1 |
| Saxicola rubetra (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 18 |
| Saxicola rubicola (Linnaeus, 1766) | NFS | 11 |
| Scolopax rusticola Linnaeus, 1758 | FS | 32 |
| Serinus serinus (Linnaeus, 1766) | NFS | 24 |
| Spatula clypeata (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Spinus spinus (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 137 |
| Sternula albifrons (Pallas, 1764) | NFS | 1 |
| Streptopelia turtur (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 9 |

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| Sylvia borin (Boddaert, 1783) | NFS | 55 |
| Sylvia curruca (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 72 |
| Sylvia undata (Boddaert, 1783) | NFS | 13 |
| Tachymarptis melba (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 26 |
| Tetrao urogallus aquitanicus Ingram, 1915 | FS | 433 |
| Tetrao urogallus Linnaeus, 1758 | FS | 297 |
| Tichodroma muraria (Linnaeus, 1766) | NFS | 52 |
| Turdus pilaris Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 113 |
| Turdus torquatus Linnaeus, 1758 | FS | 158 |
| Tyto alba (Scopoli, 1769) | NFS | 2 |
| Upupa epops Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 13 |
| Vanellus vanellus (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Squamata | | |
| Anguis fragilis Linnaeus, 1758 | NFS | 14 |
| Coronella austriaca Laurenti, 1768 | NFS | 5 |
| Emys orbicularis (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Mauremys leprosa (Schweigger, 1812) | NFS | 1 |
| Natrix maura (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Timon lepidus (Daudin, 1802) | NFS | 6 |
| Vipera aspis (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 26 |
| Vipera aspis aspis (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Vipera aspis zinnikeri Kramer, 1958 | NFS | 4 |
| Vipera berus (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Amphibia | | |
| Alytes obstetricans (Laurenti, 1768) | NFS | 20 |
| Bombina variegata (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 7 |
| Calotriton asper (Al. Dugès, 1852) | NFS | 92 |
| Pelophylax kl. esculentus (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Rana pyrenaica Serra-Cobo, 1993 | NFS | 35 |
| Triturus marmoratus (Latreille, 1800) | NFS | 1 |

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| Coleoptera | | |
| Aeletes atomarius (Aubé, 1843) | FS | 1 |
| Ampedus brunnicornis Germar, 1844 | FS | 1 |
| Anthaxia istriana Rosenhauer, 1847 | FS | 2 |
| Brachygonus ruficeps (Mulsant & Guillebeau, 1855) | FS | 4 |
| Buprestis haemorrhoidalis Herbst, 1780 | FS | 1 |
| Calopus serraticornis (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 2 |
| Cardiophorus anticus Erichson, 1840 | FS | 3 |
| Cerambyx cerdo Linnaeus, 1758 | FS | 6 |
| Cerambyx welensii (Küster, 1845) | FS | 2 |
| Cetonischema speciosissima (Scopoli, 1786) | FS | 2 |
| Corticeus longulus (Gyllenhal, 1827) | FS | 1 |
| Dolotarsus lividus (C.R. Sahlberg, 1833) | FS | 5 |
| Elater ferrugineus Linnaeus, 1758 | FS | 4 |
| Episernus striatellus (Brisout de Barneville in Grenier, 1863) | FS | 1 |
| Erotides cosnardi (Chevrolat, 1831) | FS | 2 |
| Eupotosia mirifica (Mulsant, 1842) | FS | 2 |
| Gnorimus variabilis (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 7 |
| Hyperisus declive (Dufour, 1843) | FS | 1 |
| Ischnomera cinerascens (Pandellé in Grénier, 1867) | FS | 1 |
| Judolia sexmaculata (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 2 |
| Kisanthobia ariasi (Robert, 1858) | FS | 1 |
| Lamia textor (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 1 |
| Melandrya dubia (Schaller, 1783) | FS | 1 |
| Merohister ariasi (Marseul, 1864) | FS | 1 |
| Morimus asper (Sulzer, 1776) | FS | 3 |
| Mycetochara quadrimaculata (Latreille, 1804) | FS | 1 |
| Necydalis ulmi Chevrolat, 1838 | FS | 3 |
| Osmoderma eremita (Scopoli, 1763) | FS | 11 |
| Oxylaemus variolosus (Dufour, 1843) | FS | 1 |

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| Philothermus evanescens (Reitter, 1876) | FS | 2 |
| Phloeostichus denticollis W. Redtenbacher, 1842 | FS | 1 |
| Platysoma lineare Erichson, 1834 | FS | 1 |
| Prostomis mandibularis (Fabricius, 1801) | FS | 9 |
| Pycnomerus terebrans (Olivier, 1790) | FS | 3 |
| Pytho depressus Linnaeus, 1767 | FS | 2 |
| Rhizophagus brancsiki Reitter, 1905 | FS | 4 |
| Rosalia alpina (Linnaeus, 1758) | FS | 37 |
| Sphaerites glabratus (Fabricius, 1792) | FS | 2 |
| Stephanopachys quadricollis (Marseul, 1878) | FS | 1 |
| Teredus cylindricus (Olivier, 1790) | FS | 1 |
| Triplax lacordairii Crotch, 1870 | FS | 1 |
| Triplax melanocephala (Latreille, 1804) | FS | 1 |
| Wanachia triguttata (Gyllenhal, 1810) | FS | 1 |
| Xylita laevigata (Hellenius, 1786) | FS | 1 |
| Zilora obscura (Fabricius, 1794) | FS | 2 |
| Lepidoptera | | |
| Aricia morronensis (Ribbe, 1910) | NFS | 1 |
| Boloria euphrosyne (Linnaeus, 1758) | ES | 2 |
| Brenthis ino (Rottemburg, 1775) | ES | 1 |
| Carterocephalus palaemon (Pallas, 1771) | ES | 2 |
| Chazara briseis (Linnaeus, 1764) | NFS | 9 |
| Coenonympha dorus (Esper, 1782) | NFS | 1 |
| Cupido minimus (Fuessly, 1775) | NFS | 2 |
| Erebia gorgone Boisduval, 1833 | NFS | 1 |
| Erebia pronoe (Esper, 1780) | NFS | 2 |
| Eumedonia eumedon (Esper, 1780) | ES | 26 |
| Fabriciana niobe (Linnaeus, 1758) | ES | 1 |
| Hesperia comma (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 1 |
| Hyponephele lycaon (Rottemburg, 1775) | NFS | 10 |

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| Lysandra hispana (Herrich-Schäffer, 1852) | NFS | 2 |
| Melitaea diamina (Lang, 1789) | ES | 2 |
| Nymphalis antiopa (Linnaeus, 1758) | ES | 67 |
| Papilio alexanor Esper, 1800 | NFS | 2 |
| Parnassius apollo (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 9 |
| Parnassius mnemosyne (Linnaeus, 1758) | ES | 2 |
| Phengaris alcon (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) | NFS | 14 |
| Pieris ergane (Geyer, 1828) | NFS | |
| Polygonia egea (Cramer, 1775) | NFS | 5 |
| Polyommatus amandus (Schneider, 1792) | ES | 1 |
| Polyommatus damon (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) | NFS | 6 |
| Polyommatus daphnis (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) | ES | 5 |
| Polyommatus dolus (Hübner, 1823) | ES | 2 |
| Polyommatus eros (Ochsenheimer, 1808) | NFS | 1 |
| Satyrus actaea (Esper, 1781) | NFS | 9 |
| Satyrus ferula (Fabricius, 1793) | NFS | 5 |
| Scolitantides orion (Pallas, 1771) | NFS | 1 |
| Zygaena hilaris Ochsenheimer, 1808 | ES | 1 |
| Zygaena trifolii (Esper, 1783) | ES | 1 |
| Zygaena viciae (Denis & Schiffermüller, 1775) | ES | 1 |
| Odonata | | |
| Aeshna juncea (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 4 |
| Coenagrion hastulatum (Charpentier, 1825) | NFS | 1 |
| Cordulegaster bidentata Selys, 1843 | NFS | 34 |
| Lestes dryas Kirby, 1890 | NFS | 6 |
| Lestes sponsa (Hansemann, 1823) | NFS | 1 |
| Macromia splendens (Pictet, 1843) | NFS | 3 |
| Sympetrum danae (Sulzer, 1776) | NFS | 1 |
| Sympetrum flaveolum (Linnaeus, 1758) | NFS | 2 |
| Orthoptera | | |

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| ampsocleis glabra (Herbst, 1786) | NFS | 14 |
| olysarcus denticauda (Charpentier, 1825) | NFS | 1 |
| olysarcus scutatus (Brunner von Wattenwyl, 1882) | NFS | 1 |
| seudochorthippus montanus (Charpentier, 1825) | NFS | 2 |
| | | |