

Wildlife lists -
Insects and other invertebrates recorded at
Il-Majjistral Nature and History Park
2014-2019



A list of insects and other invertebrates seen and identified at il-Majjistral Park from 2014 to 2019. If you want to send your sightings of invertebrates you see in the Park email us on alex@majjistral.org

R= regularly recorded in Majjistral

	English name	Scientific name	Maltese name	Remarks
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	Farfett tal-Fejġel; Farfett tar-Reġina	Regularly recorded in almost all months of the year. Eggs and larvae have been found on Rue (Fejġel- <i>Ruta chalepensis</i>) and Fennel (Bużbież- <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>)
2	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	Farfett tal-Kromb	R
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Farfett tal-Kaboċċi	R. Larvae have been seen on the Perennial Wall-rocket (Ġargir Isfar- <i>Diplotaxis tenuifolia</i>)
4	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>	Farfett tal-Ġargir	R
5	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	Farfett tas-Silla	R
6	Mediterranean Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	Farfett taż-Żiju	
7	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	Ikħal tad-Denb Twil	
8	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	Ikħal tad-Denb Qasir	
9	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus celina</i>	Farfett tal-Anglu	
10	Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	Danaus	
11	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	Kannella tax-Xemx	R
12	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	Kannella Żgħir	
13	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Farfett tal-Ħurrieq	
14	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Farfett tax-Xewk	R. Large numbers can occur on some days during migration. In 2019 large numbers were recorded in April, June, July and October.
15	Lappet Moth	<i>Gastropacha quercifolia</i>	Werqa Niexfa	
16	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>	Ħabbara	R
17	Maltese Spurge Hawkmoth	<i>Hyles sammuti</i>	Baħrija tat-Tengħud	Larvae have been seen on Pine Spurge (Tengħud Komuni - <i>Euphorbia pinea</i>)
18	Death's Head Hawkmoth	<i>Acherontia atropos</i>	Baħrija ta' Ras il-Mewt	
19	Convolvulus Hawkmoth	<i>Agrius convolvuli</i>	Baħrija tal-Leblieb	A few caterpillars have been observed at Majjistral
20	Mediterranean Tiger Moth	<i>Cymbalophora pudica</i>	Żarżur	R

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21	Crimson Speckled Moth	<i>Utetheisa pulchella</i>	Is-Sbejġha	
22	Swordgrass Moth	<i>Xylena exsoleta maltensis</i>		Only the caterpillars of this species have been noticed.
23		<i>Uresiphita gilvata</i>		Only the caterpillars have been recorded, some observed on their feeding plant – Spanish Broom, (<i>Genista -Spartium junceum</i>).
24	Green Drab	<i>Ophiura tirhaca</i>	Baħrija tar-Rummien	
25	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	Mazzarell Aħmar	R
26	Scarlet Darter	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	Mazzarell Skarlat	
27	Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>	Mazzarell Sultan	
28	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>	Ġurat tar-Raba'	R
29	Common Bush Cricket			
30	Mediterranean Slant-faced Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i> ssp. <i>mediterranea</i>	Ġurat ta' Rasu Twila	Recorded on a number of times
31	Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>	Debba tax-Xitan Kbira	
32	Praying Mantis	<i>Rivetina baetica</i>		
33	European Dwarf Praying Mantis	<i>Ameles spallanzania</i>	Debba tax-Xitan Żgħira	
34	Cicada	<i>Cicada orni</i>	Werżieq ta' Bi Nhar	R
35	Ant-lion	<i>Macronemurus appendiculatus</i>	Qerd in-Nemel	
36	Common Paper Wasp	<i>Polistes omissus</i>	Żunżan tax-Xehda	
37	Large Paper Wasp	<i>Polistes gallicus</i>	Żunżan tax-Xehda Kbira	R
38	Large Yellow-banded Scolid Wasp	<i>Megascolia bidens</i>	Qerd iż-Żaqquq	
39	Scolid Wasp	<i>Scolia hirta unifasciata</i>		
40	Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Naħla tal-Għasel	R
41	Large Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>	Bomblu Iswed	R
42	Bumble Bee	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	Bomblu	
43	Devil's Coach-horse	<i>Ocypus olens</i>	Katarina-Għolli-Denbhek	
44	Maltese Glow-worm	<i>Lampyrus pallida</i>	Musbieħ il-Lejl	R especially the larvae that at times are abundant
45	Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>	Nannakola tas-Seba' Tikki	
46	Gourd Ladybird	<i>Chnootriba elaterii</i>	Nannakola tal-Faqqus il-Ħmir	R on plants of Squirting Cucumber (<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>)
47	Common Oil Beetle	<i>Meloe tucius</i>	Dliela Żejtnija	
48	Churchyard Beetle	<i>Blaps gigas</i>	Ħanfusa tal-Kantina	Have been recorded on a number of occasions
49	White-spotted Barbary Bug	<i>Oxythyrea funesta</i>	Busuf tat-Tikki Bojod	R
50	Onion Weevil	<i>Brachycerus undatus</i>	Bumunqar tal-Basal	R
51	Striped Shield Bug	<i>Graphosoma lineatum</i>	Spallut Irrigat	R
52	Soldier Bug	<i>Spilostethus pandurus</i>	Suldat	R
53	Earth-boring Dung Beetle	<i>Thorectes intermedius</i>		R. Identification by Thomas Cassar
54	Great Ground Beetle	<i>Carabus morbillosus alternans</i>	Bunitien	
55	Lobed Argiope	<i>Argiope lobata</i>	Brimba Kbira tal-Widien	
56	Banded Argiope	<i>Argiope trifasciata</i>	Brimba Rrigata	
57	Daddy Long-legs Spider	<i>Pholcus phalangioides</i>	Brimba tad-Djar	
58	Pantropical Jumper	<i>Plexippus paykulli</i>		

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59	Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchipus schaefferi</i>	Gamblu tal-Għadajjar	Recorded in only two ponds so far in Majjistral
60	Brown Garden Snail	<i>Cornu aspersum</i>	Għakrux raġel	R
61	Green Garden Snail	<i>Cantareus apertus</i>	Moghża	R
62	Red-banded Snail	<i>Eobania vermiculata</i>	Għakrux Mara	
63	Sandhill Snail	<i>Theba pisana</i>	Lhudija	R
64		<i>Sphincterochila candidissima</i>	Bebbuxa Bajda	R
65		<i>Tudorella melitense</i>	No Maltese name	R
66		<i>Trochoidea spratti</i>	No Maltese name	



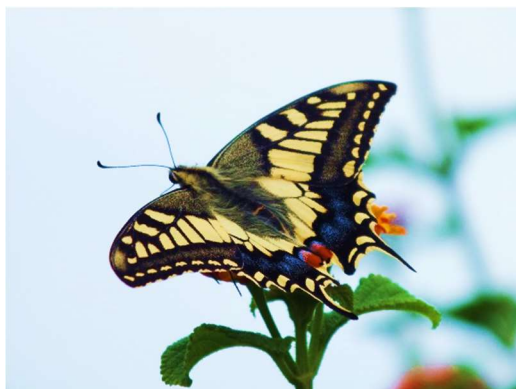
Swallowtail young larva on Fringed Rue -



Swallowtail larva on Fringed Rue



Egg of Swallowtail on Fennel



Swallowtail



Large White



Larvae of Large White



Eastern Bath White



Long-tailed Blue



Long-tailed Blue



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Plain Tiger



Wall Brown



Painted Lady



Lappet Moth



Maltese Spurge Hawkmoth larvae on Pine Spurge



Larva of Convolvulus Hawkmoth



Tiger Moth



Crimson Speckled Moth



larva of Swordgrass Moth



Red-veined Darter male



Female Red-veined Darter



male Scarlet Darter



Blue Emperor



Egyptian Grasshopper mating



Egyptian Grasshopper young



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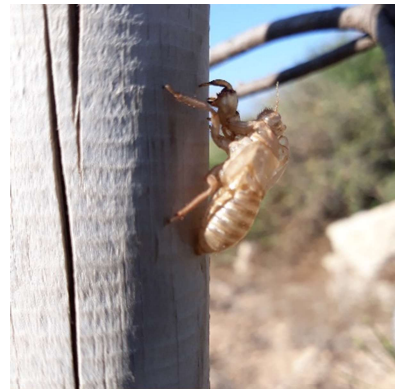
European Dwarf Praying Mantis



Praying Mantis nest



Cicada



Cicada skin



Ant Lion pit trap (by larva)



Large Paper Wasp and nest
Rue



Common Paper Wasp



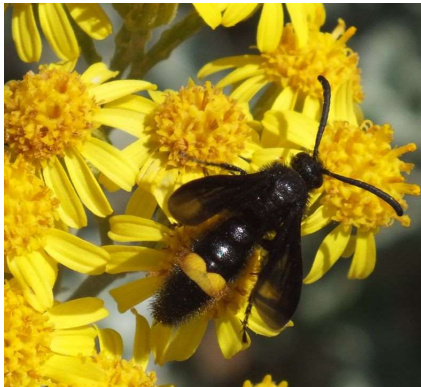
Paper wasp on Fringed



Yellow-banded Scolid Wasp



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Scolia hirta unifasciata



Honey Bee



Large Carpenter Bee



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Devil's Coach Horse



Glowworm larva



Glowworm larva feeding on Brown Garden Snail



Gourd Ladybird on Squirting Cucumber



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Freshwater Shrimps in rock pool



Brown Garden Snail



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Sandhill Snail



Sphincterochila candidissima

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