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Naturetrek Tour Report

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Cyprus Lesser White-Toothed Shrew by Alan Outen



Glossy Ibis by Andy Harding



Collared Flycatcher by Andy Harding



Spiny-footed Lizard by Alan Outen

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With 16 Naturetrek clients

Day 1

Friday 31st March

Most of the ten clients who were travelling from Heathrow T5 on the same flight as Alan and Andy met up with the leaders before departure, with the remainder being contacted on the plane. A smooth flight and a punctual arrival augured well, and thus it proved. There were no problems with baggage reclaim, so it was a lovely reunion with Turgay, our regular essential guide and fixer. The remaining six clients were already ensconced on our luxury coach for the trip north. So, once water had been distributed, we set off. The efficient microphone allowed most of the briefing for the trip and subsequent questions to be completed during the journey, as well as a few humorous anecdotes. The crossing from the Greek to the Turkish side was quite slow, given the lack of traffic and only a passport check being required these days. Nonetheless the early departure time from London and ever-improving roads meant a prompt arrival at Bellapais Monastery Village Hotel, in Girne. A lovely cool drink awaited us, and the presence of several long-serving staff was as reassuring as ever. The check-in procedure and help with luggage was extremely efficient allowing plenty of time to shower and settle in before meeting up before dinner.

The buffet dinner was again a big success. The quality was fine and, while by no means rushed, it was rather quicker than the table service of earlier years, allowing more time for chat and discussion before folks were too tired. Indeed, it was a noisy, garrulous group which had to be called to order so that the programme for the morrow could be reiterated. A Kotschy's Gecko and the millipede *Pachyiulus flavipes* were seen by a few en route back to their rooms.

Day 2

Saturday 1st April

Mainly dull with a few light showers and occasional sunshine 20°C max.

The day started brilliantly. Overnight rain had left several small puddles immediately outside the hotel. At least four Red-rumped Swallows were taking up mud for their nests, allowing great photographic opportunities at point-blank range for most of the group, who had emerged for the pre-breakfast walk. After watching these for at least 10 minutes we had to disturb them briefly to stroll the short distance to the nearby ravine, heavily vegetated, but with its share of rubbish. Our normal vantage points were barred to us by spoil heaps, and further development of a partially built 'hotel' (it has slowly been getting bigger over the last nine years!) was also unhelpful. Cetti's Warblers called frustratingly, as always, but two Chukars, initially only seen in flight, gradually drew closer to us on the opposite 'bank' giving quite splendid views. As always, a distant Black Francolin called, unseen, and there was no indication of migrating passerines which was possibly an ominous sign.

Our side of the ravine was also of far less interest botanically and for invertebrates, since several rough areas had been cleared and flattened. Nonetheless, it afforded an opportunity to see a few species typical of the Mediterranean flora including *Lamium moschatum*, *Ecballium elaterium* (Squirting Cucumber), and the ubiquitous *Glebionis* (=Chrysanthemum) coronarium (Crown Daisy).

Breakfast was, unlike previous years, a buffet, so the cooked-to-order omelettes were not a possibility. On the other hand there was no portion control! Afterwards we drove just a couple of kilometres up to Bellapais Abbey.

After enjoying fabulous views of the Abbey from the approach road, we looked at the Tree of Idleness (as featured in Lawrence Durrell's novel Bitter Lemons), and other floral delights such as Veronica cymbalaria, Phagnalon rupestre subsp graecum, Verbascum levanticum, Bauhinia variegata, Tetraclinis articulata and Lygos rhaetan. The overcast conditions meant no Agama Lizards were besporting themselves and no butterflies. A Common Kestrel and a few Swifts which eventually proved to be Pallid failed to get the birding pulse going. Most of the group bought tickets to go inside the Monastery and felt well rewarded for doing so. In addition, the quaint old streets provided plenty of interest and a narrow side turning next to some gardens produced much botanical interest including Urtica pilulifera, Crataegus azarolus, Dodonea viscosa and Laurus nobilis. So, in the end, we spent rather more time here than originally planned.

Following a brief stop back in Girne to allow withdrawal of local currency, we drove to our usual stop below Five-finger Mountain. Birding was fairly hard work here with just brief views of both Cyprus and Sardinian Warblers and, strangely, long periods of complete silence. A distant Peregrine and an equally distant Raven were augmented by our first encounter with beautiful territorial male Cyprus Wheatears. Butterflies were still hard to come by, with only a couple of Orange Tips and one rapid-flying Cleopatra, but plants were well up to scratch, including Helichrysum conglobatum, Lithodora hispidula subsp versicolor, Sarcopoterium spinosum, Tragopogon sinuatus, Bellevalia nivalis, Vicia peregrina, Arbutus andrachne, Gagea peduncularis, and our first orchids, with fine specimens of Anatolian Orchid (Orchis anatolica), Naked Man Orchid (Orchis italica), Small Yellow Bee Orchid (Ophrys sicula) and Ophrys mammosa. A Troodos Lizard and a Kotschy's Gecko provided reptilian interest. The first of many of the common large centipedes Scolopendra cingulata was also found whilst among the Heteropteran bug species were Horistus infuscatus and Closterotomus annulatus, both new to the all-time list for this tour.

The Herbarium stop is that in name only. Sadly, the building itself has been completely gutted. What has become of the collection and what the plans are for the future of the building are not at present known to us, but Alan has been informed that this is quite a story! However, we were able to take our picnic lunch at the local cafe, the staff of which were happy to supply drinks, as always, in a mutually cooperative arrangement.

Our post lunch walk brought birdlessness to new heights, but not for want of trying...a largish raptor, briefly seen, probably a Steppe Buzzard, was the highlight. The slow walk up through the forest was excellent for flowers, and insects, making the stop very worthwhile. Scandix pecten-veneris (Shepherd's Needle), Vicia narbonensis, Erodium gruinum, Moraea (=Gynandiris) sisyrinchium, Anthyllis (=Physanthyllis) tetraphylla (Bladder Vetch), Misopates orontium (Weasel Snout) and the endemic Silene fraudatrix were among the floral highlights whilst the Flower Chafer Beetle (Oxythyrea funesta), the curious endemic grasshopper species Modicogryllus cyprius and a number of true-bug species were perhaps the best of the invertebrates.

We were able to drive more directly to Girne and its ancient harbour than in previous years, so there was time for those who wished to visit the castle museum and its famous ancient wreck and take in its large collection, albeit at a bit of a gallop. Others walked the entire harbour walls in more leisurely fashion, enjoying the scene and taking a coffee or a beer. This was, scenically and culturally, an excellent end to the day and we had nice views of Common Kingfisher. Plants here included *Morus alba* (White Mulberry), *Hyoscyamus aureus* (Golden Henbane) and *Melia azederach* (Persian Lilac or Indian Bead Tree).

The buffet format was retained for dinner, at which we were joined, once again, by David and Ros Sparrow, editors of the recently produced megatome 'Wildlife of Cyprus'. The live entertainment provided meant that once

we had finished eating, we moved to the reception area for the nightly log. Before that, David gave the group some insight into the rationale for, and the methodological approach to, the book. At the same time Ros briefed Andy on two recently encountered good sites which we shall certainly visit (see later!). The log itself was dominated by a very impressive plant list with much smaller contributions from the other sections of fauna. We hoped to address this imbalance tomorrow.

However the last species noted for the day was a bird – a Scops Owl calling, which most of the group heard en route to their rooms

Day 3

Sunday 2nd April

Sunny spells 22°C max.

We took breakfast an hour earlier than usual, disdaining our morning stroll, to allow an earlier departure for the Korucam Burnu peninsula, on which our whole day was centred. Traffic was very light, and we were soon taking the turn down the coastal road towards the point, and immediately encountered a Hoopoe which stayed around only briefly. At this point there are a few specimens of the South American shrub *Parkinsonia aculeata* along the roadside. The road is both winding and picturesque, but we made no further stops until our normal 'random' stop about two kilometres before Sadrazamkoy. Before most people were out of the bus, a male Black Francolin was located calling at decent range. Fortunately, it stayed long enough for all to get a good view of this iconic species. A showy male Cyprus Warbler appeared almost as quickly – we hear many, but good views can be tricky. While birding here is always a bit awkward, given the amount of vegetation, a Nightingale was seen by most of the group, and briefly heard – an excellent find. As usual, all three of the Cyprus *Cistus* species were easily available – sometimes together. There were floral goodies aplenty, including *Tuberaria guttata, Gagea graeca. Orobanche pubescens, Linum strictum* and *Lagoecia cuminoides*, Although Orchid species were a little down numerically, we still managed to find *Ophrys sicula. O.umbilicata*, the endemic *Ophrys lapethica, Orchis fragrans* and *Serapias orientalis*. Another interesting grasshopper was also found, this one being *Pyrgomorpha cognata*.

The cafe in which we have taken lunch for the past few years had shut: the owner still lived there but he had retired! So we took a side road to a nearby new restaurant where the food had been ordered by Turgay the day before. The chicken and potatoes slow-cooked in parcels in the traditional clay oven alongside the road were just lovely, as were the wild asparagus omelettes prepared for the vegetarians, who generously shared them for us all to sample their delicious taste. Here, we finally saw our first Starred Agama of the week (*Laudakia stellio cypriaca*), but the real bonus here was a Turkish Gecko - the first ever seen on this trip, though remarkably, we were to see it again during this week. Another species seen here which was to prove far more common than usual during the week was the attractive False Widow Spider species *Steatodea paykulliana*, whilst the bug species *Liolobus walkeri* was another one new to the all time list for this tour.

Then on a short distance to Sadrazamkoy village and its famous water-tank. The area immediately adjacent seemed to have been both grazed and trampled to some extent by the villagers' cattle, so was not as productive for plants and invertebrates as previously. It seemed it was mostly the choicest species that had been most affected. Nonetheless, we found the beautiful red Pheasant's-eye (Adonis annua), Scabiosa prolifera, Bellardia trixago, Notobasis syriaca and Centaurea hyaloplepis. On the other hand, there were certainly more birds than in the previous few years. Lots of Spanish Sparrows were joined by numbers of the commoner finches, and Blackcaps, Lesser Whitethroats and Chiffchaffs from the Warbler tribe. An Ortolan Bunting was an excellent find, while three Tree

Pipits bathing in a small puddle gave wonderful views. For most of the group, this was topped off by a superb male Collared Flycatcher which showed itself off delightfully. Some of the group thought the Black-headed Wagtails in adjacent fields were even more attractive. Single male *thunbergi* and *beema* races of *Flava* or Yellow Wagtail, as well as a few White Wagtails, provided further attractive company. Several of the endemic Cyprus Marsh Frogs were seen and photographed but there was no sign this year of the hoped-for Cyprus Tree Frogs.

Everyone then set off for the point at various paces. The botanists were able to compare *Onobrychis crista-galli* and *O.caput-galli*, whilst among other species seen were *Hedysarum spinossissimum*, *Medicago orbicularis*, *M. blancheana*, *M. truncatula*, *Anchusa strigosa*, *A. italica*, *Alkanna lehmanii*, and *Citrullus colocynthis*, the latter unfortunately missed by the botanical leader who had never seen it, but recognised immediately from the fruit which someone had brought back as a curious tennis ball! Birding was a little thin, with little that was unusual, but a Humming-bird Hawkmoth was as popular as ever. The area round the famous 'hedge' was sparsely populated, but still not as empty as the fascinating 500 metres of 'moonscape' just before the point. The expected larks and wheatears were entirely absent. The specialist plants of this strange area were however much in evidence, among them *Medicago littoralis*, *M. marina*, *Lotus halophilus*, *Cakile maritima* (Sea Rocket), *Limonium albidum*, *L., virgatum* and the curious *Zygophyllum album*. Leaves and seeds of the Autumn-flowering Sea Dadffodil (*Pancratium martitimum*) were prolific.

That was the last real activity of the day and we rested gently in the coach on the return journey to the hotel for a shower, dinner and the log. The latter was again taken in reception due to the comparative noisiness of the dining room. The day's list was long in most categories, but it had been a strange day of 'boom and bust' in different parts of the beautiful peninsula.

Day 4 Monday 3rd April

Sunny 24°C max.

It was a lovely bright day from first light. The pleasant, if mainly unproductive, stroll to the local ravine suggested we adjourn to a local orchard-cum-garden – again with little of note on the bird front. There were also few plants of note though, *Lotus* (=Tetragonolobus) purpureus and Poterium verrucosum were the best of a few additions to the list. Nonetheless the walk does set you up nicely for breakfast.

We set off punctually as we did throughout this trip – thanks to all for that. After a relatively short but very steep journey up to St Hilarion Castle, we, as usual, stopped a little short of the Castle proper at a good plant and bird spot. We spent longer here than in previous years, encouraged by the lack of military activity. Cyprus Wheatears were certainly in evidence, but a couple of briefly seen *Phylloscopus* Warblers were almost instantly flushed by an arriving coach and not seen well enough to be identified. The flora was worth the stop, with Mandrake (*Mandragora officinarum*) as always attracting interest, though no-one has yet heard it scream - perhaps because we never pull one up! *Geranium tuberosum*, *Helianthemum salicifolium* and *Ajuga chamaepitys* subsp *palaestina* are reliable good finds here, though some other hoped-for species were not in evidence, with orchids here this year particularly disappointing. Fortunately, we caught up with the missing ones elsewhere.

A further short but steep climb in the bus saw us at the castle proper. Cyprus Wheatears were entertaining and a male Blue Rock thrush was super-obliging. As always, the climb up through the castle itself was extremely slow because of the multitude of botanical distractions, many of them very rare indeed. Endemic plants here include St Hilarion's Cabbage (*Brassica hilarionis* - restricted to just this hillside and the one opposite), *Arabis cypria*, *Onosma*

caespitosa, Helianthemum obtusifolium, Ophrys lapethica, and rosettes of Rosularia cypria (sadly not flowering at this time of year). Among other good plants here are Dense-flowered Orchid (Neotinea maculata = Orchis intacta), Scilla silicica, Styrax officinalis, Convolvulus sicula, Smyrnium olusatrum, Zosima absinthifolia and Ruta chalapensis, with four fern species also noted, including the diminutive Jersey Fern (Anogramma leptophylla). Yet another endemic was a tiny snail Albinaria virgo in crevices in the rock face. Like St Hilarion's Cabbage this has a very restricted world distribution.

While most of the party made it to the middle level with its cafe, fresh lemonade and spectacular views, several brave souls went right to the top for even more spectacular views, even if it meant missing a few 'goodies' lower down such as Cyprus Meadow Brown and Large Wall Brown Butterflies. Two hours was hardly enough, but then we took the spectacular road along the ridge of the mountain range. This journey is necessarily slow, made even slower by a military family fun run (not the soldiers) until we stopped at the 'Tank', a Turkish one which lost one of its tracks when it hit a mine. It is now a war memorial, as well are our regular packed-lunch spot. We were immediately greeted by four Alpine Swifts (probably more later) and a Crag Martin, which is a species not always seen on this trip. A number of lovely deep-violet-blue butterflies flitted restlessly along the roadside and were reluctant to land - Paphos Blues. There were quite a number of Orange Tips, most of which were extremely small specimens compared to those usually seen in the UK. Different coloured specimens of the Crown Anemones (Anemone coronaria) were on show, and there was plenty of other interesting flora to enjoy including Ranunculus asiaticus, R. millefolius, Anchusa humilis and Selaginella denticulata. A few people had seen Cleopatra butterflies earlier but our best views were of a pair doing something of an aerial dance outside the coach.

At Gecitkoy we looked down on, and then up at, the huge dam which has vastly increased the size of the reservoir there to take water pumped directly from Turkey. We hope that, eventually, faunal and floral interest will re-emerge as the site settles down. From there it is not far to our Tulip village of Tepebaşi, with its large Tulip statues on its outskirts. Our luck was really in, with the best showing of the endemic Cyprus Wild Tulip (*Tulipa cypria*) since we have been visiting this site. Before we even got to the Tulips, a plethora of orchids again and mainly in immaculate condition, waylaid us, including some truly magnificent specimens of Naked Man Orchid (*Orchis italica*), *Serapias bergonii*, *Ophrys mammosa*, *O.flavomarginata* and the endemic *O.kotschyi* (the last two of which we had missed out on earlier in the day).

Almost as exciting was the endemic Scorpion species (*Mesobuthus cyprius*) which was uncovered by a rock-rolling Bob. Bob potted it and when the group gathered round for its release, reaction and comment was most entertaining. We don't think the Scorpion was very bothered as it returned slowly to its preferred habitat. On the journey back, the coach slowed alongside two mature pines who shared a thick branch a few metres off the ground- a complete novelty.

Life after a nice dinner was rather quieter this evening, so we took the log at the dinner table and outlined plans for the next day and transfer to our second hotel.

Day 5

Tuesday 4th April

Sunny 24°C max.

After the usual substantial breakfast, we bade a sad farewell to the Bellapais Monastery Village Hotel and undertook a revised itinerary based on information received. This year, our first stop was close to Gazimagusa at

Cattle Egrets were present nesting mainly in their 'new trees' with just a few still in the collapsing Tamarisks. A female Marsh Harrier regularly put up the colony, even landing close by, but didn't seem to take any prey. Coots, Moorhens and Little Grebes were quickly added to the list, but Ferruginous Ducks were much more evident than usual – we don't always see this species. We then walked the short causeway and in this area some further excellent finds were made...all by different members of the group. A skulking Squacco Heron was almost in the same view as a Common Kingfisher, which sat motionless for many minutes, oblivious to the telescopes trained on it. Two beautiful Wood Warblers gave more indication of migration, as did another obliging and showy Collared Flycatcher. This is not a floristically rich site but *Tamarix tetrandra*, *T. tetragyna*, *Erucaria hispanica*, *Phyla nodiflorum*, *Emex spinosa*, *Ranunculus peltatus* subsp. *sphaerospermus* and *Juncus acutus* were among the plants noted. In some years this can be a productive site for Dragonflies and Damselflies but on this occasion, we had to be content with Scarlet Darter and Blue-tailed Damselfly.

We then skirted the city centre on the new 'ring' road but turned back to the outskirts of Gasimagusa and started wader watching from the main road (and its nice new pavement) – both light and birds were superb. Many Ruffs were joined by two Wood Sandpipers, four Spur-winged Plovers, which were new to most of the group, two Spotted Redshanks, a Green Sandpiper and seven spectacular Black-winged Stilts. The beach, just a short drive away, produced our first Northern Wheatear, a few Little Egrets and a calling Black Francolin. There was plenty of evidence of migrating Swallows and House Martins. Then we made another short hop to Iskele, with its smart new cafe and the opportunity to eat our picnic indoors, so long as we bought a few drinks and ice-creams. Many cakes were also purchased.

Following local advice, we visited Sinirustu again, which was not very far off our route. This was again successful. Immediately on view were a single Glossy Ibis, a Greenshank and a Little Ringed Plover, as well as the now more familiar Green and Wood Sandpipers. Butterflies were much more in evidence including several dazzling Lesser Fiery Coppers. A Vestal moth was also of interest whilst Red-veined Darter was added to the dragonfly list. Lucas' Delta Grasshopper *Duroniella lucasii* was a further addition to the all-time list for this tour, as was the woodlouse species *Armadillidium fallax*. A sadly recently dead specimen of the endemic Cypriot Mouse was closely observed by all. Two plants that particularly attracted significant interest were *Tordylium apulum* and *Schoenus nigricans*. As we walked back towards the bus, the unmistakeable raucous call of the Great Spotted Cuckoo was heard, and a splendid adult bird duly appeared and surprisingly sat conveniently for all to admire it at length – a real trip highlight.

Our final stop was at Bogaz deserted sea-water fish ponds, where another distant Black Francolin was seen, and a solitary Audouin's Gull sailed past. Here salt-tolerant plants such as *Salicornia macrostachya*, *Atriplex halimus* and Beta vulgaris where much in evidence, with the balls of the fibrous foliage of *Posidonia oceanica* a novelty to many. And so on to the Karpaz peninsula where further improvements had been made to the much-loved Malibu Beach Hotel. The evening views across the bay in such still conditions were idyllic, while the extensive mezze buffet followed by roast chicken, or cheese omelettes for the vegetarians, was extremely good. An extensive collection of bird photographs by Alan was laid out on several tables in our log/call-over area and were much enjoyed before the log itself.

Day 6

Wednesday 5th April

Sunny 25°C max., but with a force 5 NE wind

Despite a clear blue sky, a breeze had got up during the night and had strengthened by dawn – it was going to cause us problems all day. As we gathered for our usual pre-breakfast walk a party of five Black-winged Stilts passed by, moving up the Karpaz peninsula. Unfortunately, other evidence of migration was minimal – a couple of Swallows. The usual Corn Buntings and Crested Larks were there to greet us, and two Audoiun's Gulls were stooging about.

We enjoyed a superb breakfast, setting us up for our day on the Karpaz Peninsula. At our first stop at the Kocoreis Café it was obvious that far more gulls than usual were around, mainly coasting north on the wind. Baltic Gulls were as much in evidence as Yellow-legged Gulls, while two Black-headed Gulls, so familiar back home, were a real surprise. Yet another Black Francolin was seen distantly, and a Little Owl perched briefly on the roof of the now clearly deserted cafe. On the sand dunes we encountered several Spiny-footed Lizards, raising as many limbs off the surface of the hot sand as possible without falling over! Plants here included Blue Hound's-tongue (Cynoglossum creticum), Red-topped Sage (Salvia viridis), Pink Pirouette (Silene colorata), Sea Holly (Eryngium maritimum) and Trifolium pamphylicum. As usual, we took tea or coffee in the Blue Sea Restaurant and just outside a Hoopoe showed extremely well for everybody.

The lack of obvious birdlife (Crows and Magpies notwithstanding) was worrying as we moved north, but spirits were lifted greatly by a Black Francolin calling from the wall of a deserted building alongside the road, so all could see just how beautiful this bird is. Just a short distance further on, a call of 'bird' brought the bus to a stop. The female Marsh Harrier in question was giving a nice display until a Stone-curlew flew up almost from the roadside, presumably spooked by the bus stopping. Just as we were reflecting on this good fortune, a male Pallid Harrier flew by, again conveniently close to the bus. Three for the price of one. Another kilometre on, a White Stork was circling in front of the bus. We had not encountered this species on any of the many spring tours here previously. Clearly the wind was not discouraging large birds from moving.

Apostolos Andreas Monastery is always a pleasant stop, enhanced this year by the restoration of the tiny church with its astonishing array of icons. A few purchases were made at the small market, including cat food for the many cats living here. The Wild Donkeys were given the apple cores after our picnic lunch. A dripping water pipe encouraged a few Warblers to expose themselves, despite the windy conditions, and yet another male Collared Flycatcher obliged. Here we had a colony of *Reticulitermes aegens*, our first-ever termite on this tour.

Some Northern Wheatears were alongside the road on the final couple of kilometres to the very tip, and when we stopped to check the identity of a pale-ish Wheatear, a male Rüppell's Warbler hopped out... and stayed out... a real joy of a sighting. At the point, Gulls, normally pretty scarce, continued to move through in numbers. We try to stick together to work the very last patches of land for birds before their crossing to Turkey, and two Hoopoes were an immediate bonus, rivalled by a lovely Wryneck. This strange bird is always a treat to see. A small party of Greater Short-toed Larks flew in to join a few Linnets, Spanish Sparrows and Northern Wheatears. Only when we passed round the huge rock outcrop which marks 'land's end' did we encounter two Isabelline Wheatears. We were almost back at the bus when we re-found the Wryneck for further views. All told, given the difficult conditions, the Karpaz had given a good feel for what spring bird migration is like. Ornithogalum narbonense, Limonium sinuatum and the endemic Enarthrocarpus arcuatus were the pick (but not the

picked!) of the plants. The rust fungus *Puccinia asparagi* was found on *Asphodelus aestivus*. This species has been recorded on *A.fistulosus* but so far as is known this is the first time it has ever been recorded on *A.aestivus*. (The rust identification was confirmed at Kew). A Bombadier Beetle (*Brachinus crepitans*) was an equally unexpected find, a species with a very curious mode of defence. Liquid squirted through the anus from two glands contains an explosive mixture to deter attackers.

The return journey was straightforward and uninterrupted, so we were back in good time for dinner which included a local dish, *kolakas*.

Day 7

Thursday 6th April

Sunny 24°C max. With the NE wind reduced to a breeze.

The pre-breakfast walk was as (un)exciting as yesterday, but pleasant enough with a few extra Northern Wheatears and with plants such as *Euphorbia paralias* and *Convolvulus oleifolius*. Moths attracted to light overnight and collected from balconies for all to see before release included Jersey Emerald and Purple Marbled. Breakfast was rather chaotic, with catering running a little late and the addition of a volleyball team from Ankara, which had arrived in the middle of the night...with huge appetites. However, after a perfectly satisfactory breakfast, we set off on schedule and stopped in Dipkarpaz village to photograph the historic church and adjacent mosque. The village is shared by both Turks and Greeks.

It was only a short hop to Aphendrika, interrupted en route by a male Marsh Harrier and our second White Stork. The ancient ruins of this once thriving port were fascinating, but this is always an excellent area for invertebrates especially molluscs with *Albinaria saxatilis, Levantina spiroplaaa, Xeropicta krynicki (=vestalis)* and the endemic *Pomatius glaucus* among those found on this occasion.

Two Cuckoos eating large hairy caterpillars were the birding highlight. Freshly ploughed fields are often good for insectivorous migrants, so we stopped at a couple of good-looking ones; no birds, but we did see our only Eastern Festoon butterflies of the trip. Agios Philon is only a few kilometres back down the road. Here we parked outside the restaurant and took our usual circular walk. The floral display was a simply astonishing mass of colour: Crown Daisies, Poppies and wild Gladioli were pre-eminent and illustrative of the effect of less-intensive agricultural practice. Of individual interest were Silene behen, Bupleurum subovatum, Lotus edulis, Anchusa aegyptiaca and the large broomrape species Orobanche crenata. Here too a few plants of Corn Marigold could be compared with the ubiquitous Crown Daisy. A Worm Snake (a small and completely harmless species) was a welcome find having eluded us earlier in the week. The longhorn beetle species Agapanthea cypria was much admired whilst a small ant-associated woodlouse Agabiformius orientalis was another addition to the all-time tour list.

A Blackcap gave indications of migrating birds and another lovely Wryneck confirmed this. The walk back along the coast saw overflying *Flava* Wagtails as well as a few, including Black-headed Wagtails in a deeply ploughed Crown Daisy field which made for very difficult viewing. A couple of Greater Short-toed Larks joined a few Wagtails, Northern Wheatears and an Isabelline Wheatear on the track ahead of us.

Then it was universally Sea Bream for lunch – what a good choice. The location adds wonderfully to the food - shady, next to the 11th century church and overlooking the ruins of the Roman harbour and a clear blue sea. We

still had time for a short wander to the south of the restaurant after lunch, but that became extended as more and more birds appeared. A few more Black-headed Wagtails sat on the track. They were joined by a Tree Pipit and two Hoopoes which just pottered about. Two immature Great Spotted Cuckoos flew up on to adjacent bushes and just sat there for minutes on end. The whole combination was superb and some of the group thought the rather less gaudy Crested Larks and Corn Buntings, which posed wonderfully for the camera, just as enjoyable.

Reluctantly we re-embarked on the coach and drove back down the other side of the Karpaz until just short of Avtepe. The Orchid bank here consists of a profusion of the Naked Man Orchid with other species for company. This area, while still very good, is, unfortunately, becoming increasingly overgrown and as a result degraded as far as peak condition for Orchids. Nonetheless we found *Orchis italica* (in profusion), *O. fragrans, Serapias orientalis*, and *Ophrys flavomarginata*. The only butterfly of note was Eastern Bath White, which was quite numerous but difficult to pin down. Two beetles are also worthy of mention, a curious looking ground beetle *Disticus planus* (=Scarites) and the attractively coloured leaf beetle *Exosoma thoracicum*. A female 'Pied-type' Flycatcher (the percentage guess is Collared) was photographed but its wing pattern appears to fall between two stools!

We returned to the Malibu Beach Hotel early giving plenty of time to have a stress-free preparation for tomorrow's departure. It was also an opportunity for Dennis, on behalf of us all, to thank our driver, Mustafa, for his excellent work during the week. It had been increasingly obvious during the day that Mustafa was unwell and indeed after dropping us off he drove immediately to the medical centre in the nearby village. We wished him well.

Our final dinner was a jolly affair, but not exactly enhanced by the main course, a local dish, but not a delicacy. That will change next year! This was followed by an entertaining session allowing everyone to list their favourite things or moments of the trip followed by the log before bed.

Day 8 Friday 7th April

Fine 22°C max. Mixture of sunshine and cloud

Another very pleasant morning with a slight reduction in temperature which was ideal for travelling back. The very disappointing return from the morning walks and unchanged conditions prompted the decision not to have the organised walk... a short lie-in was permitted! Breakfast was again excellent and the best moth-return of the trip was circulated in pots during the meal: Bordered Straw, Delicate, *Glossotrophia sacraria* and another Purple Marbled generating interest not just among the aficionados. A many-plumed moth was *Alucita klimeschi*, the only one of this genus on Cyprus but another curious plume moth could have been *Agdistis hedeni* or *A tamaricis* but would have required genitalia dissection to distinguish. This one however was just released unmolested!

Having paid our bills, we packed up and headed south. We had had rather negative reports about Mehmetcik, hence our lack of a previous visit. However, since it is hardly off route on the way south, we dropped in for an intended five minutes. A superb Glossy Ibis (was it the same as we had seen at Sinirustu? – they don't often travel alone) and a Wood Sandpiper occupied the only patch of water. This was quite close to the road and the Ibis was nervous enough of us to do a couple of fly-past circuits before deciding we were harmless and settle back to feeding. Two Great Spotted Cuckoos were distant but still an excellent find.

Running late by now, we were still unable to resist another visit to the old salt-water fish ponds at Bogaz. A Little Egret, two Common Sandpipers and an amazing five Common Kingfishers were our reward. Since a coffee beckoned and we also need to provide an opportunity to buy snacks and sandwiches for the flight back (BA no longer provide meals on this and shorter journeys), we decided a meaningful visit to any other site was unrealistic, so drove straight to Salamis. Turgay had managed to contact Mustafa, who was back at home with a much-reduced temperature and feeling rather better. This was good news.

We traditionally have lunch at the restaurant at Salamis, and here a waiter came on board with a menu to take our orders. As with our other lunch stops, pre-ordering is the only way we can guarantee a timely and coordinated group meal! Tickets having been purchased, we set of on a 90-minute tour of the spectacular Salamis ruins, beautifully and idiosyncratically, described by Turgay. The latrine is always the highlight! Even during this cultural part of the tour, another Great Spotted Cuckoo was found, a totally harmless juvenile Large Whip Snake, which had been unnecessarily struck, lay inert on a path, and finally, an endemic Cyprus Lesser White-toothed Shrew, very much alive, was seen by all. A very smart click beetle species *Cardiophorus sacratus* was a nice final addition to the all-time invertebrate list. The most significant of the plants here are two species of Duke of Argyll's Tea Tree *Lycium ferocissimum* and *L.schweinfurthii*.

Lunch was efficiently delivered and enjoyed, but before we set off for the Greek sector, Freda paid eloquent testimony to the role paid by Turgay on the tour. At the border, we said genuinely sad farewells to Turgay before heading through and on to Larnaca airport. The rest of us enjoyed a straightforward, if slightly delayed, flight back to London and more sad farewells at the luggage-reclaim carousel. This was an excellent group: good humoured and happy to look at anything and everything of interest

A great trip – thanks!

Our thanks are also due to a number of specialist contacts across Europe who have assisted with identification of some of the more difficult invertebrate species. These included Levente Cerci (Heteroptera Bugs), Bjarne Skule (moths), Joan Childs (Hoverfly), Stylianos Simaiakis (millipedes and centipedes), Spyros Sfenthourakis (woodlice), Ian Dawson (spiders), and Peter Topley (Molluscs).

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Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; h = heard only)

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	Common name	Scientific name	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca					7			
2	Chukar Partridge	Alectoris chukar		4+	2	1	1	3	1	
3	Black Francolin	Francolinus francolinus		h	2	h	2	2	h	h
4	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix					2h			
5	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis					5			
6	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus					1			1
7	Squacco Heron	Ardeola ralloides					1			
8	Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis					80			
9	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta					4	1	1	1
10	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia						1	1	
11	European Shag	Phalacrocorax aristotelis							3	
12	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus			1		1	1	1	
13	Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus						1		
14	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		1	5	4	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Hobby	Falco subbuteo						1		
16	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus		3						
17	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus					5			
18	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra					6			
19	Eurasian Stone-curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus						1		
20	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus					9	5		
21	Spur-winged Lapwing	Vanellus spinosus					6			
22	Common Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula							1	
23	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius					2			
24	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus					2			
25	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus					1			
26	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia					1			
27	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus					3			
28	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola					2			1
29	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos						1	2	2
30	Ruff	Calidris pugnax					30			
31	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus						2		
32	Audouin's Gull	Ichthyaetus audouinii					1	4	2	
33	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis		2	4		✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Baltic Gull	Larus fuscus						30		
35	Rock Dove	Columba livia	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Common Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓
37	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	1	✓	✓	/	✓	✓	✓
38	Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius					1		3	3
39	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus					1	1	2	+
40	Cyprus Scops Owl	Otus cyprius		h						+
41	Little Owl	Athene noctua		<u> </u>				1		+
42	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba				8		i i		+
43	Common Swift	Apus apus					4	✓		+
44	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus		4			-			+
45	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis		1			1			5
46	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		'	1		'	4	2	\
+0	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla			'			1	1	-

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48	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
49	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
50	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
51	Northern Raven	Corvus corax	h	1							
52	Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
53	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata			✓	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla						11	2		
55	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
56	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris			1	1					
57	Common House Martin	Delichon urbicum			2	1	3	✓			
58	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica		5	2	2	10	2		2	
59	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita			1				1		
61	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix					2				
62	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus					h				
63	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla			6		h	2	1		
64	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca			3			3	1		
65	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala		h	2+	1+		1	✓	✓	
66	Rüppell's Warbler	Sylvia ruppeli						1			
67	Cyprus Warbler	Sylvia melanothorax			1+	1+		✓	✓		
68	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris				1					
69	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos			1						
70	Collared Flycatcher	Ficedula albicollis			1		1	1			
71	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius				1					
72	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe					1	10	10		
73	Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina						2	2		
74	Cyprus Wheatear	Oenanthe cypriaca		3	3	8+	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis			25			8	✓		
77	Yellow Wagtail ssp	Motacilla flava ssp							30+		
	Kirghiz Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava beema			1				1		
	Grey-headed Wagtail	Motacilla flava thunbergi			1						
	Black-headed Wagtail	Motacilla flava feldegg			4+				✓		
78	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba			4			8			
79	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis			3				1		
80	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs		h	2	1		2			
81	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris			20	1		3			
82	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina			4			2			
83	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Corn Bunting	Emberiza calandra			2		2	✓	✓		
85	Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortolana			1						

Mammals

1	Cyprus White-toothed Shrew	Crocidura suaveolens cypria					✓
2	Egyptian Fruit Bat	Rousettus aegyptiacus		✓			
3	Bat sp.			✓	✓		
4	Cypriot Mouse	Mus cypriacus			√ †		
5	Feral Goat	Capra aegagrus				✓	
6	Feral Donkey	Equus asinus				✓	

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Reptiles and Amphibians

1	Cyprus Marsh Frog	Pelohylax cypriensis			✓		✓	h	h	
2	Kotschy's Gecko	Cyrtodactylus kotchi fitzingeri	✓	✓	✓					
3	Hardun or Starred Agama	Laudakia stellio cypriaca			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Turkish Gecko	Hemidactylus turcicus			✓				✓	✓
5	Spiny-footed Lizard	Acanthodactylus schreiberi						✓	✓	√
6	Troodos Rock Lizard	Phoenicolacerta troodica		✓	✓	✓	✓			
7	Snake-eyed Lizard	Ophisops elegans schlueteri			✓	✓	✓			
8	Striped Skink	Trachylepis vittata					✓	✓	✓	
9	Large European Whipsnake	Coluber jugularis								√
10	Worm Snake	Typhlops vermicularis							✓	

Fish

1	Silver-cheeked Toadfish	Lagocephalus scleratus			√ †	
2	Grev Mullet	Liza sp.	✓			

Butterflies

Lepidoptera

1	Pygmy Skipper	Gegenes pumilio				1			
2	Eastern Festoon	Zerynthia cerisyi						2	
3	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon				2		2	
4	Small White	Artogeia rapae		√	✓	✓	√		√
5	Eastern Bath White	Pontia edusa						✓	✓
6	Orange-tip	Anthrocharis cardamines		√	✓	✓			
7	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea		√	✓	4		✓	√
8	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra	✓		✓	✓			
9	Small Copper	Lycaena phaeas				1			
10	Lesser Fiery Copper	Lycaena thersamon				6+			
11	Paphos Blue	Glaucopsyche paphos			✓				
12	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus				✓			
13	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	✓	√	✓			✓	√
14	Painted Lady	Cynthia cardui	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Cyprus Meadow Brown	Maniola cypricola			1				
16	Large Wall Brown	Lasiommata maera			1				

Moths

1	a Plume Moth sp	Agdistis hedeni / tamaricis				✓	
2	a many-plumed moth	Alucita klimeschi					✓
3	Shuttle-shaped Dart	Agrotis puta				✓	
4	Common Silver Y	Autographa gamma			√		
5	Purple-marbled Moth	Eublemma ostrina				✓	
6	Bordered Straw	Heliothis peltigera				✓	
7	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	Macroglossum stellatarum				✓	
8		Glossotrophia sacraria	✓	✓			
9	The Delicate	Mythimna vitellina				✓	
10	Large Yellow Underwing	Noctua pronuba				✓	
11	Jersey Emerald	Pseudoterpna coronillaria				✓	
12	The Vestal	Rhodometra sacraria			✓	✓	
13	Mullein Wave	Scopula marginepunctata			√		

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14	Mullein Moth [larvae]	Shargacucullia verbasci			√				√	+	
15	Eastern Pine Processionary					√				+	
16	[larval web-nests]	Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni							√	+	
17	Crimson Speckled	Utetheisa pulchella								T	
Dra	agonflies & Damselflies	Odonata									
1	Lesser Emperor	Anax parthenope			√					Т	
2	Scarlet Darter	Crocothemis erythraea			_		√			+	
3	Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombii					√			+	
4	Blue-tailed Damselfly	Ischnura elegans					√			+	
Gra	asshoppers & Crickets										
1	grasshopper sp. red flash colours	Acrotylus insubricus				√				Т	
2		Duroniella lucasii					√			\dagger	
3		Modicogryllus cyprius		√						T	
4		Pyrgomorpha cognata			√					T	
5	a long nosed grasshopper species	Truxalis eximia ssp cypria							√	T	
	ringtails	Discrete value assessment									
1		Dicyrtomina saundersii		√						\perp	
Co	ckroaches & Praying Mantids										
1	Common Cockroach	Blatta orientalis							✓		
lso	ptera										
1	a termite sp	Reticulitermes aegeus						✓			
Eaı	rwigs										
1	Common Earwig	Forficula auricularia	/	√	√			√	√	Τ	
Bu	gs										
1		Calocoris nemoralis inc f. confluens					✓	✓			
2		Carpocoris mediterraneus		✓						L	
3		Closterotomus annulatus		✓						_	
4		Cydnus aterrimus			✓				✓	L	
5	red & black bug sp. on Zosima	Dionconotus neglectus (=cruentus)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	L	
6		Horistus infuscatus		✓						_	
7		Liolobus walkeri			✓					_	
8		Lygaeus pandurus			√	√		✓		╄	
9	Common Froghopper	Philaenus spumarius				✓	√			-	
10		Scantius aegyptius		✓				✓	✓		
_ac	cewings, Ant-lions and allies										
1	a lacewing sp.	Chrysoperla carnea agg.					✓				
2	ant lion sp pits			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Tru	ie Flies										

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2		Tachina fera				✓							

Bees, Wasps etc

1	Honey Bee	Apis mellifera		✓		✓	✓	
2	an ant sp	Camponotus cecconii	✓					
3	an ant sp	Camponotus cf. baldaccii	√					
4	as larval gall on Eucalyptus	Leptocybe invasa				✓		
5	Violet Carpenter Bee	Xylocopa violacea			✓	✓	✓	

Beetles

1	a Longhorn Beetle	Agapanthea cypria					✓	
2	Bombadier Beetle	Brachinus crepitans				✓		
3		Cardiophorus sacratus						√
4	a Tenebrionid beetle sp	Catomus consentaneus /hesperides			✓			
5	a large rove-beetle	Creophilus maxillosus				✓		
6		Disticus planus (=Scarites)					✓	
7	a leaf beetle (Chrysomelid)	Exosoma thoracicum					✓	
8	a flower chafer	Oxythyrea funesta	✓	✓	✓		✓	

Arachnida

1		Agalenatea redii				✓		
2		Dysdera sp (female indet to species)	✓					
3		Holocnemus pluchei						✓
4	a red & black False Widow Spider	Steatodea paykulliana		✓		✓	✓	
5	a harvestman sp	Phalangium punctipes			✓		✓	
6	Cyprus scorpion (endemic)	Mesobuthus cyprius			✓			

Crustacea

1		Agabiformius orientalis					✓	
2		Armadillidium fallax			✓			
3		Armadillo officinalis				✓	✓	
4	A Pill Woodlouse sp	Schizidium fissum					✓	
5		Porcellionides pruinosus					✓	

Centipedes and Millipedes

1	a centipede sp	Eupolybothrus litoralis						✓		
2	Mediterranean Banded Centipede	Scolopendra cingulata		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
3	a millipede species	Tetrarthrosoma malickyi /syriacum			✓	✓				
4	a millipede sp	Pachyiulus flavipes	✓				✓			

Mollusca

1		Albinaria saxatilis							✓	
2	an endemic snail species	Albinaria virgo [endemic]				✓				
3	a large snail sp.	Eobania vermiculata	✓	√	√	√	✓	✓	√	✓
4		Euchondrus nucifragus		✓						
5	cf. Roman Snail	Helix cincta (=anatolica auct)					✓	✓	✓	
6		Cochlicella acuta					✓	✓	√	
7	Mediterranean Coastal Snail	Theba pisana			✓			✓	✓	✓
8		Levantina spiniplana							✓	

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9		Pomatius glaucus [endemic]							✓	
10		Xeropicta krynicki (=vestalis)							✓	

Fungi

1	Pleurotus eryngii	on Eryngium creticum		✓		
2	Puccinia asparagi	on Asphodelus aestivus			✓	
3	Puccinia smyrnii	on Smyrnium olusatum	√	√		

Lichens

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1	Cladonia convoluta		✓				

Bryophyta

1	Homalothecium sericeum		✓		
2	Hypnum cupressiforme		\checkmark		
3	Lunularia cruciata		✓		
4	Preissia quadrata		√		

Plants

Family	Latin name	Common Name	Dates seen
Pteridophytes	Anogramma leptophylla	Jersey Fern/ Annual Fern	01; 03;
	Ceterach officinarum (=Asplenium)	Rustyback Fern	03;
	Cheilanthes pteridioides (=maderensis)	Scented Cheilanthes	03;
	Dryopteris pallida		03;
	Selaginella denticulata	Mediterranean Clubmoss	03;
Gymnosperms	Araucaria heterophylla	Norfolk Island Pine	31, 01;
	Cedrus brevifolia [endemic S Cyprus]	Cyprus Cedar [planted]	01;
	Cupressus sempervirens	Italian Cypress	31, 01;
	Juniperus phoenicia	Phoenician Juniper	02;
	Pinus brutia	Brutian Pine/Calabrian Pine	31; 03;
	Pinus halepensis	Aleppo Pine	05;
	Tetraclinis articulata	Sandarac Tree	01;
DICOTS			
Aceraceae	Acer obtusifolium		01;
Aizoaceae	[Aptenia cordifolia]	[escape only]	04;
	Carpobrotis edulis	Hottentot Fig	31; 01;
	Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	-	04; 05;
Anacardiaceae	Pistacia lentiscus	Mastic Tree (No term leaflet)	01;
	Pistacia terebinthus	Turpentine Tree	01;
	Schinus molle	Californian Pepper Tree	01;
Apiaceae	Ainsworthia trachycarpa	Ainsworthia	02;
	Bupleurum subovatum	False Thorow-Wax	06;
	Crithmum maritimum	Rock Samphire	02;
	Eryngium creticum	Small-headed Blue Eryngo	03;
	Eryngium maritimum	Sea Holly	05;
	Ferula communis	Giant Fennel	31, 01;
	Lagoecia cuminoides	Lagoecia	02;
	Scandix pecten-veneris	Shepherd's-needle	01;
	Smyrnium olusatrum	Alexanders	01;
	Tordylium apulum		04;

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	Tordylium aegyptiacum		01;
	Zosima absinthiifolia		01;
Apocynaceae	Nerium oleander	Oleander	01;
	Vinca major	Greater Periwinkle	01;
Araliaceae	Hedera helix	lvy	03;
Asteraceae	Anthemis palaestina		01;
	Anthemis plutonia		02;
	Anthemis rigida	Rayless Chamomile	02; 05;
	Asteriscus aquaticus		04;
	Calendula arvensis	Field Marigold	01; 02;
	Carduus argentatus		01; 06;
	Carduus pycnocephalus		04;
	Centaurea aegialophila		02;
	Centaurea hyalolepis	Yellow Star Thistle	02; 05; 06;
	Chrysanthemum coronarium (=Glebionis)	Crown Daisy	31; 01;
	Chrysanthemum segetum	Corn Marigold	06;
	Cichorium intybus	Chicory	02;
	Crupina crupinastrum	Crupina	02;
	Cynara cardunculus	Cardoon/ Wild Artichoke	06;
	Dittrichia graveolens	Stink Aster	01;
	Evax pygmaea		01; 05; 06;
	Helichrysum conglobatum		01;
	Hyoseris scabra		05;
	Notobasis syriaca	Syrian Thistle	01; 02;
	Pallenis spinosa		02;
	Phagnalon rupestre ssp graecum	5	01;
	Senecio leucanthemifolius	Eastern Groundsel	05;
	Senecio vulgaris	Groundsel	01;
	Silybum marianum	Milk Thistle Smooth Sowthistle	04;
	Sonchus oleraceus		31; 01;
	Taraxacum cyprium Traganagan (Garanagan) hybridus	Cyprus Dandelion	01; 05; 02;
	Tragopogon (Geropogon) hybridus		
	Tragopogon sinuatus Urospermum picroides		01; 02; 01;
Boraginaceae	Alkanna lehmanii	Dyer's Alkanet	02; 03;
Doraginaceae	Anchusa aegyptiaca	byer 3 Aikanet	06;
	Anchusa azurea (=italica)	Large Blue Alkanet	01; 02;
	Anchusa humilis	Large Dide / interior	03; 05;
	Anchusa strigosa		02;
	Anchusa undulata		02;
	Cynoglossum creticum	Blue Hound's-tongue	05;
	Echium arenarium		02;
	Echium plantagineum	Purple Viper's-bugloss	02;
	Lithodora hispidula ssp versicolor	. h . h	01;
	Onosma caespitosum	Tufted Goldendrop	03;
Brassicaceae	Arabis cypria *	Cyprus Rock Cress	03;
	Arabis verna	Spring Rock Cress	03;
	Biscutella didyma	Biscutella	01;
	Brassica hilarionis *	St Hilarion's Cabbage	03;
	Cakile maritima	Sea Rocket	02;
	Capsella bursa-pastoris var brachycarpa	Shepherd's Purse	01;
	Clypeola jonthlaspi	Clypeola	05;
	Enarthrocarpus arcuatus	Enarthrocarpus	05;

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	Eruca sativa	Eruca	02;
	Erucaria hispanica	Spanish Mustard	04;
	Rapistrum rugosum	Bastard Cabbage	05;
	Sinapis arvensis	Charlock	01;
Cactaceae	Opuntia ficus-indica	Prickly Pear	01;
Caryophyllaceae	Kohlrauschia velutina (=Petrorhagia)		01;
	Minuartia thymifolia	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	02;
	Paronychia argentea	[lvs hairless]	02; 05;
	Silene behen		01; 06;
	Silene colorata	Pink Pirouette	05;
	* Silene fraudatrix	Alevkaya Campion	01;
	Silene vulgaris ssp vulgaris	Bladder Campion	01; 05;
	Spergularia bocconii		02; 05;
	Stellaria media	Common Chickweed	31; 01;
Casuarinaceae	[Casuarina equisetifolia (=Allocasuarina)]	Horsetail Tree	01;
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex halimus	Shrubby Orache	04;
	Beta vulgaris	Beet	04;
	Salicornia macrostachya		04;
Cistaceae	Cistus creticus		01; 02;
	Cistus parviflorus		02;
	Cistus salvifolius	Sage-leaved Cistus	01; 02;
	Helianthemum obtusifolium		03;
	Helianthemum salicifolium	Willow-leaved Rockrose	02; 03;
	Helianthemum stipulatum		03;
	Tuberaria guttata	Spotted Rockrose	02;
Convolvulaceae	Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	31; 01;
	Convolvulus althaeoides	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	01;
	Convolv eifolius var. oleifolius		05; 06;
	Convolvulus siculus	Small Blue Bindweed	03;
Crassulaceae	Rosularia cypria		03 nf;
	Umbilicus rupestris	Navelwort	01; 03;
Cucurbitaceae	Citrullus colocynthis		02;
	Ecballium elaterium	Squirting Cucumber	01; 04;
Dipsacaceae	Scabiosa prolifera	Carmel Daisy	02; 05;
Ericaceae	Arbutus andrachne	Eastern Strawberry-tree	01;
Euphorbiaceae	Andrachne telephioides	Andrachne	02; 06;
	Euphorbia helioscopia	Sun Spurge	02;
	Euphorbia paralias	Sea Spurge	06;
	Euphorbia peplus	Petty Spurge	31; 01;
	Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury	01;
Fahaaaa	Ricinus communis	Castor Oil Plant	01;
Fabaceae	Acacia cyanophylla	Blue-leaved Wattle	01;
	Anthyllis tetraphylla (=Physanthyllis)	Bladder Vetch Orchid Tree	01; 01;
	Bauhinia variegata	Orchid Tree	
	Calycotome villosa		01; 02;
	[Cassia artemisioides] Ceratonia siliqua	Carob	01; 31; 01;
	Ceratorna siliqua Cercis siliquastrum	Judas Tree	01;
	Coronilla scorpioides	Annual Scorpion Vetch	06;
	Hedysarum spinosissimum	Spiny Sainfoin	02; 06;
	Hippocrepis unisiliquosa	eping cannon	02; 00;
	Lathyrus aphaca	Yellow Vetchling	03;
	Lathyrus cicera	(red)	01;
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	Lathyrus gorgonii		01; 06;
	Lotus collinus		01;
	Lotus corniculatus	Common Birdsfoot-trefoil	02;
	Lotus edulis	Edible Lotus	06;
	Lotus halophilus		02; 05;
	Lotus peregrinus		01;
	Lygos rhaetan	White Broom	01;
	Medicago blancheana		02; 03;
	Medicago intertexta		03;
	Medicago littoralis		03;
	Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	05;
	Medicago marina	Sea Medick	02;
	Medicago orbicularis	Large Disc Medick	02;
	Medicago polymorpha	Toothed Medick	03;
	Medicago truncatula		02; 03; 04;
	Medicago turbinata		02; 03;
	Melilotus alba	White Melilot	05;
	Melilotus indicus	Small Melilot	01;
	Onobrychis caput-galli	Cockscomb Sainfoin	02;
	Onobrychis crista-galli		02;
	[Parkinsonia aculeata]		02;
	Pisum sativum	Wild Pea	06;
	Psoralea (=Aspalthium) bituminosa	Pitch Trefoil	03;
	[Robinia pseudacacia]	False Acacia	01;
	Tetragonolobus purpureus	Winged Asparagus Pea	03;
	Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil	01; 03;
	Trifolium clypeatum	Shield Clover	01;
	Trifolium nigrescens		01;
	Trifolium pamphylicum		02; 05;
	Trifolium resupinatum	Reversed Clover	02; 05;
	Trifolium scabrum	Rough Clover	02;
	Trifolium spumosum		02;
	Trifolium stellatum	Starry Clover	01;
	Vicia cypria	[fls white with mauve-blue blotch]	03;
	Vicia hybrida	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	01;
	Vicia narbonensis		01; 05;
	Vicia peregrina		01;
	Vicia sativa	Common Vetch	01;
Fumariaceae	Fumaria capreolata	Ramping Fumitory	01;
	Fumaria macrocarpa		01;
Geraniaceae	Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill	02;
	Erodium gruinum	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	01; 02;
	Erodium malacoides	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	02;
	Erodium moschatum	Musk Storksbill	01; 02;
	Geranium dissectum	Cut-Leaved Crane's-bill	04;
	Geranium lucidum	Shining-leaved Cranesbill	03;
	Geranium purpureum	Little Robin	03;
	Geranium tuberosum	Tuberous Crane'sbill	03;
Lamiaceae	Ajuga chamaepitys ssp palaestina	Ground Pine	03;
	Lamium amplexicaule	Henbit Deadnettle	01;
	Lamium moschatum		01;
	Micromeria nervosa	[calyces with long hairs]	01;
	Prasium majus	Prasium	01;

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	Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary	01;
	Salvia verbenaca	Wild Clary	03;
	Salvia viridis	Red-topped Sage	05;
Lauraceae	Laurus nobilis	Laurel or Sweet Bay	01;
Linaceae	Linum strictum ssp strictum	Upright yellow Flax	02;
Malvaceae	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Hibiscus	31;
	Lavatera cretica	Lesser Tree-mallow	01;
	Malva parviflora	Least Mallow	02; 03; 06;
	Malva sylvestris	Common Mallow	01;
Meliaceae	Melia azedarach	Indian Bead-tree	01; 05;
Moraceae	Ficus carica	Fig	31;
	Ficus elastica	Rubber Tree	01;
	Morus alba	White Mulberry	01;
Myoporaceae	Myoporum laetum	Ngaio	01; 02;
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus camaldulensis		04;
	Eucalyptus gomphocephala	Black Gum	04;
	Myrtus communis	Myrtle	01;
Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea glabra	Bougainvillea	01;
Oleaceae	[Jasminum fruticans]	Wild Jasmine [planted]	01;
	[Jasminum officinale]	White Jasmine [[planted]	01;
	Olea europaea	Olive	01;
Orobanchaceae	Orobanche crenata		06;
	Orobanche pubescens		02;
	Orobanche ramosa	Branched Broomrape	31; 01;
Oxalidaceae	Oxalis corniculata	Procumbent Yellow Sorrel	03;
	Oxalis pes-caprae	Bermuda Buttercup	31; 01;
Papaveraceae	Papaver hybridum	Rough Poppy	01;
	Papaver rhoeas	Corn Poppy	01;
Plantaginaceae	Plantago afra	Sticky Branched Plantain	01;
-	Plantago coronopus	Buck's-horn Plantain	06;
	Plantago cretica	Cretan Plantain	02;
	Plantago lagopus		02;
	Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	31; 01;
Platanaceae	Platanus orientalis	Oriental Plane	04;
Plumbaginaceae	Limonium albidum		02;
-	Limonium sinuatum	Winged Sea-lavender	05;
	Limonium virgatum	Twiggy Sea-Lavender	02;
Polygalaceae	Polygala myrtifolia	Shrub Milkwort [planted]	01;
Polygonaceae	Emex spinosa	Emex	04;
,,,	Polygonum aviculare	Knotgrass	02;
	Polygonum equisetiforme	· ·	04;
	Rumex bucephalophorus		03; 04;
Primulaceae	Anagallis arvensis	Scarlet Pimpernel	31; 01;
	Anagallis arvensis var. caerula	Blue Pimpernel	01;
	Cyclamen cyprium	Cypriot Sowbread	03 nf;
	Cyclamen persicum	Persian Sowbread	01; 03;
Punicaceae	Punica granatum	Pomegranate	03;
Ranunculaceae	Adonis annua	Pheasant Eye	02;
	Adonis microcarpa	Yellow Pheasant Eye	05;
	Anemone coronaria	Crown Anemone	01; 05; 06;
	Clematis cirrhosa	Virgin's Bower	01;
	Ranunculus asiaticus	Turban Buttercup	02; 03;
	Ranunculus chius	– p	01;

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	Ranunculus millefolius		01; 03;
	Ranunculus peltatus ssp sphaerospermus		04;
Resedaceae	Reseda lutea	Wild Mignonette	06;
Rosaceae	Crataegus azarolus	Azarole/Medlar [styles 2-3]	01;
	Eriobotrya japonica	Loquat	31; 01;
	Poterium verrucosum	Mediterranean Salad Burnet	03;
	Prunus dulcis	Almond	01;
	Prunus persica	Peach	01 (cultivated!);
	Rubus sanctus	Bramble	05;
	Sarcopoterium spinosum	Spiny Burnet	01;
Rubiaceae	Galium aparine	Goosegrass	01;
	Rubia tenuifolia		01;
	Sherardia arvensis	Field Madder	01; 05;
	Valantia hispida	Valantia	01;
Rutaceae	Citrus limon	Lemon	01;
	Ruta chalapensis	Fringed Rue	03;
Sapindaceae	Dodonaea viscosa	Dodonaea	01;
Scrophulariaceae	Antirrhinum majus	Snapdragon	01;
	Bellardia trixago	Bellardia	02; 05;
	Linaria maroccana	[probable garden escape]	01;
	Misopates orontium	Weasel Snout	01;
	Parentucellia latifolia	Southern Bartsia	02;
	Paulownia tomentosa	Foxglove Tree	01;
	Verbascum levanticum		01;
	Verbascum undulatum	Divis Water On a shoull	01; 02;
	Veronica anagallis-aquatica	Blue Water Speedwell	01;
Solanaceae	Veronica cymbalaria	Golden Henbane	01;
Solaliaceae	Hyoscyamus aureus Lycium ferocissimum	Golden Heribane	01; 03; 07;
	Lycium schweinfurthii		07; 07;
	Mandragora officinarum	Spring Mandrake	03;
	Nicotiana glauca	Shrub Tobacco	01;
	Solanum nigrum	Black Nightshade	06;
Sterculiaceae	[Brachychiton populneus]	Bottle Tree	01;
Styracaceae	Styrax officinalis	Storax	03; 05; 06;
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix tetrandra		04;
	Tamarix tetragyna		04;
Urticaceae	Parietaria judaica	Pellitory-of-the-wall	01;
	Urtica pilulifera	Roman Nettle	01; 02;
	Urtica urens	Small Nettle	01;
Valerianaceae	Centranthus ruber	Red Valerian	roadsides
	Valeriana italica	Italian Valerian	03;
	Valerianella coronata		01;
Verbenaceae	Lantana camara	Lantana [naturalised]	31; 01;
	Phyla filiformis		04;
Zygophyllaceae MONOCOTS	Zygophyllum album		05;
Amaryllidaceae	Pancratium maritimum	Sea Daffodil	02 (nf);
Agavaceae	Agave americana	Centuary Plant	01;
Araceae	Arisarum vulgare	Friar's Cowl	02; 03;
	Arum dioscoridis		01; 02;
Arecaceae	[Phoenix dactylifera]	Date Palm	01;
	[Washingtonia filifera]		01;

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Cyperaceae	Schoenus nigricans	Bog Rush	04;
	Scirpoides holoschoenus	Round-headed Club-rush	05;
Dioscoreaceae	Tamus communis	Black Bryony	01;
Iridaceae	Gladiolus italicus	Field Gladiolus	02;
	Gynandiris sisyrinchium (=Moraea)	Barbary Nut	01; 03;
Juncaceae	Juncus acutus	Sharp Rush	04;
Liliaceae	Allium neapolitanum	Naples Garlic [lvs glabrous]	01;
	Allium nigrum multibulbosum		03 nf; 06;
	Allium trifoliatum	[leaves narrow, margins hairy]	01;
	Asparagus acutifolius		04;
	Asparagus stipularis		04;
	Asphodelus aestivus	Common Asphodel	01;
	Asphodelus fistulosus	Hollow-leaved Asphodel	06;
	Bellevalia nivalis		01; 03;
	Bellevalia trifoliata		03;
	Gagea graeca		02;
	Gagea peduncularis		01;
	Muscari comosum (=Leopooldia)	Tassel Hyacinth	01; 02;
	Ornithogalum narbonense		05;
	Ornithogalum umbellatum	Star of Bethlehem	03;
	Scilla cilicica		03 (over);
	Smilax aspera	Common Smilax	01;
	Tulipa cypria	Cyprus Tulip	03;
	Drimia (=Urginea) maritima	Sea Squill	02 (nf);
Orchidaceae	Barlia robertiana	Giant Orchid	03;
	Neotinea maculata (=Orchis intacta)	Dense-flowered Orchid	03;
	Ophrys bornmuelleri	Bornmueller's Ophrys	02;
	Ophrys flavomarginata	Yellow-rimmed Ophrys	03; 06;
	Ophrys kotschyi	Kotschy's Ophrys	03;
	Ophrys lapethica (=scolopax ssp)	Lapethos Ophrys	02; 06;
	Ophrys mammosa	Early Mammose Ophrys	01;
	Ophrys sicula	Sicilian Ophrys	01; 02;
	Ophrys umbilicata	An atalian Onahid	02; 06;
	Orchis anatolica	Anatolian Orchid	01; 03;
	Orchis fragrans (coriophora ssp) Orchis italica	Mediterranean Bug Orchid Naked Man Orchid	02; 06;
	Serapias bergonii	Naked Mail Offilid	01; 03; 06;
	Serapias pergorii Serapias orientalis		03; 02; 05; 06;
Poaceae	Aegilops geniculata		02, 03, 00,
i daceae	Alopecurus myosuroides	Black Grass	04
	Arundo donax	Giant Reed	01; 05;
	Avena sterilis	Winter Wild-oat	06;
	Briza maxima	Large Quaking-grass	02;
	Elymus farctus	Sand Couch	07;
	Hordeum bulbosum		07;
	Hordeum leporinum	[cf Wall Barley]	01;
	Lagurus ovatus	Hare's-tail	01;
	Phalaris canariensis	Canary Grass	04;
	Phragmites australis	Common Reed	04;
	Poa bulbosa vivipara	Bulbous Meadow Grass	03;
Posidoniaceae	Posidonia oceanica	Posidonia	04;