

Crete

Naturetrek Tour Report

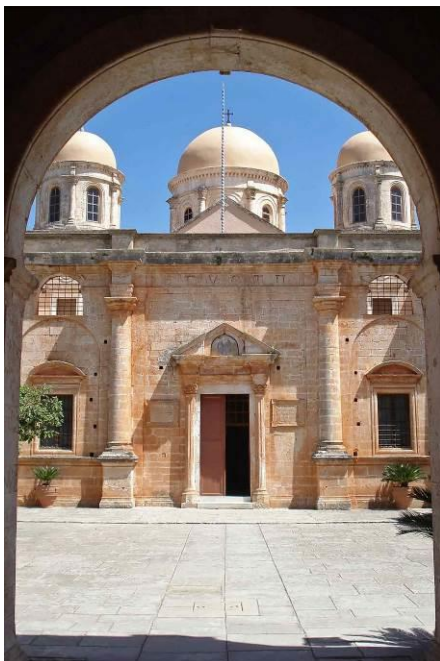
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Blue-cheeked Bee-eater by Mike Townsend



Four-spotted Orchid by Jason Mitchell



Agia Triada Monastery by Jason Mitchell



Sunset over Chania by Jason Mitchell

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Summary

Crete is the largest of some six thousand islands that belong to Greece. It is a miniature continent including mountain ranges, a hundred gorges, sandy beaches, olive groves, rocky phrygana, wetlands, cereal fields and vine yards. The island hosts around 2,000 wild plants, ten percent of which are endemic. It is a very good place to see many interesting resident birds, as well as some exciting migrant species.

We started our week in the south of the island, based at Plakias, where we explored the local headlands, valleys and gorges. We travelled east to visit the archaeological site of Phaestos, in its beautiful hilltop location and then headed west to Chania for the last three nights of the tour. The weather was mostly pleasantly warm and sunny, with average daytime temperatures ranging from a morning low of 15°C warming to an afternoon high of 23°C. A single rainy start was short lived and did little to dampen the group's enthusiasm.

The tour was a rich mix of wildlife with a touch of history; visits included the Minoan Palaces of Knossos and Phaestos, and the World War Two Souda Bay War Cemetery. Highlights within this diverse landscape were the variety and colour of the flowers including Crown Daisies, Poppy Anemones, Cretan Birthwort and the mass of orchids, inter-mixed with the birds quality like Bonelli's Eagle, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater and both Little and Baillon's Crake. A friendly and knowledgeable group made the sampling of local food, drink and the warm and welcoming Cretan hospitality all the more enjoyable.

Day 1

Tuesday 3rd April

The flight from Gatwick was on time and we were soon in the minibuses heading away from Heraklion airport. It was a warm afternoon, so we took advantage stopping for a leg stretch and a brief introduction to the island's flora. Strawberry Tree was common and high on the hillside we spotted a few scattered shrubs of the taller Eastern Strawberry Tree, with its distinctive pale, smooth bark. Pink Cretan Cistus, Mastic Tree and the ubiquitous 'weed', Bermuda Buttercup were all plentiful. Animals were also noted with a particularly handsome Cretan Green Lizard scurrying from its hiding place, Sardinian Warblers were conspicuous by their chattering calls from deep cover and a more familiar Common Buzzard glided along the cliffs.

The roadsides were lined with both colour forms of the attractive Crown Daisy, while Giant Fennel adorned the hillsides, along with the Jerusalem Sage and Hairy Thorny Broom. Soon we stopped for a welcome coffee break, and bathed in sunshine, we watched our first Griffon Vulture soaring on a thermal high overhead.

Further on, we entered the dramatic Kourtaliotiko Gorge with its limestone cliffs towering high above us. Several Griffon Vultures offered closer views than our first and were joined by Jackdaws, Red-billed Choughs and Alpine Swifts. As we were discussing the finer points of Crag Martin identification, the distinctive silhouette of a Bonelli's Eagle came into view and while remarking on our good fortune, we marvelled at this majestic and rare bird!

We arrived at our hotel, overlooking Plakias Bay, in good time to settle in ahead of a walk out for our first evening meal in an excellent seafront taverna.

Day 2

Wednesday 4th April

We left soon after breakfast, making our first stop at the Turkish Bridge where Storax was covered in its attractive, white, pendant flowers and nearby were fine plants of yellow Honeywort and the parasitic Branched Broomrape. Our first nightingale sang reluctantly, while a Wood Sandpiper seemed out of place in the stream, giving a rare opportunity to observe this elegant wader at close quarters. In rising temperatures insect were active too; a Holly Blue butterfly and Beautiful Demoiselle damselfly posed patiently to be photographed but a high-speed Lesser Emperor dragonfly was a different matter.

We stopped at the war memorial, where there were large plants of Yellow Asphodel and Jerusalem Sage, all the while the jangling notes of several Corn Buntings rang out, contrasting with the melodic song of a distant Wood Lark.

At the Moni Preveli Monastery, some made a visit to the Monastery, while the keen birders walked a little way back along the road, seeing a Black-eared Wheatear, several Stonechats and a superb male Ortolan Bunting singing from the top of a large bolder.

We had lunch above Spili and spent the afternoon exploring the rich diversity of orchids and other wild flowers on the surrounding hills. The showy Naked Man Orchid was plentiful, but it took a keener eye to spot the smaller Bory's Orchid and the delicate Four-spotted Orchid. Further up the hillside there was the sweetly scented Daphne and colourful patches of pink Rock Tulip where a fine male Red-backed Shrike avoided our gaze but for the briefest glimpse and several Eastern Dappled White butterflies were on the wing. We returned to Plakias in very good humour having spent a wonderful first and varied day exploring the delights of Crete.

Day 3

Thursday 5th April

It was decided another stop at the Koutaliotiko Gorge was in order where, with great fortune, we again saw the Bonelli's Eagle. However, a splendid male Blue Rock Thrush and a pair of Red-rumped Swallows stole at least some of its thunder! We then headed to Spili where we enjoying a coffee while overlooking its famous fountains.

Travelling south, a roadside stop produced some excellent orchids, including many fine specimens of Giant Orchid, some patches of Lion Mane Orchid and Common Cretan Bee Orchid. A Sardinian Warbler showed well as it performed its scratchy rendition, and the falcon-like 'song' of a typically elusive Wryneck rang out from a nearby orchard.

Passing the unattractive poly-tunnels that surround Timbaki we arrived at Phaestos around lunchtime. After a visit to this interesting archaeological site, we ate our picnic overlooking the fertile Mesara Plain, with Mount Ida as a backdrop. Along the road we found Pyramidal Orchid and the Cretan Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid in a stony meadow where a rock was lifted exposing a rather surprised Ocellated Skink.

Beyond Timbaki, we visited the small coastal lagoon at Kokkinos, which provided us with an astonishing birding experience. There was a single Black-winged Stilt, numbers of Little Stint, Little-ringed Plover and two Marsh Sandpipers. In a field seven Ruff were joined by six Glossy Ibis and a Squacco Heron showed well on the edge of the sea wall. In addition, there was an astonishingly large raft (400+) of Garganey floating out at sea and

overhead, a flock of 22 Purple Herons migrated north! We stayed watching the spectacle for as long as hunger pains would allow, eventually relenting and heading back to Plakias.

Day 4

Friday 6th April

Driving west, we were hampered by a very large flock of sheep on the road, however it did make for an amusing encounter while we passed through some magnificent scenery and sleepy villages. We saw the occasional Corn Bunting on the wires, Crested Larks and Northern Wheatear in the fields and Alpine Swifts overhead. But what was expected to qualify as the ornithological highlight of the day, a fine male Woodchat Shrike, was minutes later trumped by a spectacular Blue-cheeked Bee-eater perched on a telegraph wire; having savoured and photographed it during 20 minutes, it suddenly gave a trill, lifted gracefully and flew off to the east.

At Frangocastello, we paused to see the castle finding Cretan Wall Lizard on rocks and the interesting Cage Thistle. We continued to the top of the Imbros Gorge, where we enjoyed the promised traditional pancakes with cheese and honey to sustain us on our eight-kilometre walk, while a few opted for a more leisurely afternoon birding and sight-seeing. As we descended the gorge, every turn opened up a new vista and revealed new plants growing on the cliffs and screes. The attractive bugloss, *Anchusa variegata* grew on boulders at the start of the walk. Yellow Tree Flax and the leathery-leaved, shrubby thistle *Stachelina petiolata* grew on the cliffs and the abundant white *Saxifraga chrysosplenifolia* and delicate Cretan Sowbread grew on the floor of the gorge. After almost five hours, we all met up again at the bottom of the gorge where some excellent examples of Dragon's Arum were popular subjects with the photographers. We enjoyed drinks in the Taverna Komitades, while the second minibus was retrieved from the top of the gorge. Arriving a little late back to Plakias, we all agreed it had been worth it for yet another excellent day.

Day 5

Saturday 7th April

A few intrepid souls were up around dawn for a pre-breakfast stroll, and were rewarded with lovely views of a Common Sandpiper on the shoreline and some more familiar Greenfinches and House Sparrows in the town.

After breakfast we loaded our vehicles ready for our move to Hania. Before leaving Plakias, we headed for the sand dunes at the end of the bay, where some braved a heavy downpour to walk the cliff path as far as the tunnels that had been built to defend the bay in the Second World War. Of particular botanical note was the Cretan Dutchman's Pipe but sadly the associated Cretan Festoon butterfly, which feeds on this particular birthwort, was nowhere to be seen most likely seeking shelter like the sensible few back at the bus!

After a welcome coffee and opportunity to dry out, we left the charming seaside town behind and made our way to the Kotsifou Gorge where we took a short walk to explore a fascinating little chapel built into the face of the gorge where interesting flowers included Cretan Arum and Cretan Comfrey.

We continued north and stopped at the late-Minoan cemetery near Armeni, where many tombs have been excavated out of the bedrock. A brief foray was made while the picnic was being prepared, after which we explored the site in depth. A canopy of Valonia Oak provides light shade for a rich flora, with many fine specimens of Tongue Orchid and several species of Bee Orchids: *Ophrys leobroma*, *beldreichii* and *bombyliflora*. From nearby scrub, the first Cirl Bunting of the tour gave its monotonous, two-tone song.

Nearing Hania, we stopped off at the Allied War Cemetery at the head of Souda Bay, a sobering reminder of Crete's troubled past. The peace and quiet was only broken by several male Serin giving their 'broken glass' song flights while a less showy White Wagtail flitted amongst the graves. Moving on, we were soon at our hotel in Hania, a fine building which had once been a British Embassy and after freshening-up headed to the harbour for our evening meal.

Day 6

Sunday 8th April

Today we made a much anticipated visit to Agia Lake, Crete's largest wetland which was formed by damming a strong natural spring. A wide range of bird species were present and the morning spent there was barely enough; in the reeds we found the Lake's speciality, the Little Crake; at least three were seen along with an exquisite blue male Baillon's Crake – also a local speciality but one which is much less frequently seen than its, here, unusually bold cousin. A couple of female Marsh Harriers drew our attention to a handsome White Stork drifting on thermals overhead. Ducks were well represented with Shoveler, Pochard and two fine drake Garganey but a coppery, Ferruginous Duck was the pick of the bunch. On the dam wall, a particularly tame and well-photographed Ruff was joined by a more furtive Wood Sandpiper.

We then continued to our afternoon destination, the Omalos plateau high in the White Mountains. After a stop to photograph the view and enjoy a coffee at Lakki, we followed the new road and stopped for lunch at a taverna just beyond the village of Omalos where a wild Cretan Goat or Kri-kri was held in a pen. Heading out onto the plateau, we were met by colourful carpets of Crown Anemones and the showy tulip *Tulipa bakeri*. Woodlarks sang all around and there were dozens of Northern Wheatear and Stonechats.

After looking down into the depths of the Samaria Gorge from a viewpoint, where several 'true' wild Rock Doves breed, we made a circuit of the plateau. In fields an impressive flock of 200 or more Spanish Sparrows made for quite a spectacle, and just metres from the buses four Wood Sandpipers waded in a shallow pool.

Returning to Hania, we stopped only to inspect the tiny corpse of a Black-eared Wheatear on the road before arriving back at the hotel and shortly headed out once more to the harbour for another fine dinner.

Day 7

Monday 9th April

Today the morning was spent out on the Akrotiri peninsula, where we first visited the Agia Triada Monastery; while some took a look around the beautifully ornate interior, others made a short walk discovering a pristine, male Collared Flycatcher for their efforts.

Moving on, we shortly arrived at the smaller Gouverneto Monastery set high above the coast and once more, some birdwatched while others enjoyed the culture and a third contingent descended the stony hillsides in search of the tiny endemic onion, *Allium circinnatum* subsp. *circinnatum*, with its bizarre coiled grey leaves like watch-springs. In the monastery grounds, a Nightingale sang from a patch of scrub and we discovered a second Collared Flycatcher feeding in a small copse, where it was very much living up to its name. A very pale upright bird landed briefly on the wall beyond some pines, with all the key features pointing to Isabelline Wheatear, a scarce breeding bird of the area. With lunch upon us, we gathered back at the buses for our last picnic of the tour.

After lunch we headed back inland but stopped first to inspect a small patch of Yellow Pheasant's-eye and once more a minute later the buses came to a swift halt as a Southern Hedgehog crossed the road in front of us!

Finally, we rounded off a wonderful morning by driving out to the village of Stavros at the end of the peninsula for ice-creams. The surrounding mountains famously featured in scenes from the film "Zorba the Greek", where Anthony Quinn danced the famous Sirtaki Dance in 1964.

We returned to the hotel by mid-afternoon from where the group walked down to Hania and spent a couple of hours exploring the harbour, markets and other attractions of the older parts of the Venetian City before meeting up once more for our final evening meal together backlit by a glowing sunset over the harbour.

Day 8

Tuesday 10th April

After breakfast, the two hour drive east along the coast road was uneventful, giving us a little time to visit the famous archaeological site at Knossos before heading to the airport. Having enjoyed our visit, we left the crowds behind and were soon back at Heraklion in good time for check-in and our flight back to Gatwick. We all agreed the tour had been a great success and returned home with many happy memories of our wonderful week on Crete.

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Species Lists

Plants (• = endemic or near endemic to Crete; ‡ = cultivated or naturalised)

Scientific name	Common name	Notes
LYCOPODIOPSIDA		
CLUBMOSES		
Selaginellaceae <i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Clubmoss	Spili and Imbros on the rocks
EQUISETOPSIDA		
HORSETAILS		
Equisetaceae <i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i> <i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Horsetail Family Branched Horsetail Giant Horsetail	Spili Agia
PTEROPSIDA		
FERNS		
Aspleniaceae <i>Asplenium ceterach</i> <i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Spleenwort Family Rustyback Acute-leaved Spleenwort	Imbros Gorge and Akrotiri Imbros Gorge
Dennstaedtiaceae <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Family Bracken	Armeni
Dryopteridaceae <i>Dryopteris pallida</i>	Buckler-fern Family Pale Buckler-fern	Imbros Gorge
Polypodiaceae <i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody	Imbros Gorge
Pteridaceae <i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i> <i>Cheilanthes acrostica</i>	Maidenhair Family Maidenhair Fern Scented Cheilanthes	Spili village Imbros Gorge
Polypodiaceae <i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody	Imbros Gorge
Woodsiaceae <i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady-fern Family Lady Fern	Imbros Gorge
Selaginellaceae <i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Clubmoss	Spili hills and Imbros Gorge
Equisetaceae <i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i> <i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Horsetail Family Branched Horsetail Giant Horsetail	Agia
PINOPSIDA		
CONIFERS		
Araucariaceae <i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> ‡	Monkey-puzzle Family Norfolk Island Pine	Planted

Scientific name	Common name	Notes
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>horizontalis</i>	Cypress	Omalos
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>sempervirens</i> ‡	Italian Cypress	Phaestos
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Nr Moni Preveli
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i> subsp. <i>phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper	"
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> subsp. <i>brutia</i>	Calabrian Pine	Omalos
<i>Pinus pinea</i> ‡	Stone Pine	Occasional
MAGNOLIOPSIDA	FLOWERING PLANTS	
MAGNOLIIDAE	DICOTYLEDONS	
Acanthaceae	Bear's-breech Family	
<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Spiny Bear's-breech	Chania
Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Occasional
Aceraceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Omalos and Imbros Gorge
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> var. <i>edulis</i> ‡	Yellow Hottentot-fig	Planted near buildings and beaches
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> var. <i>rubescens</i> ‡		"
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Ice Plant	Chania
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>		"
Amaranthaceae	Amaranth Family	
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> ‡	Pigweed	Occasional
Chenopodiaceae	Family Goosefoot	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	Plakias
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fathen	Occasional
<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Nettle-leaved Goosefoot	War Memorial Preveli
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Plakias
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	Lagoon near Timbaki
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Seen widely
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	"
<i>Schinus molle</i> ‡	Californian Pepper Tree	Phaestos Palace and Agia
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Apium nodiflorum</i>	Fool's Watercress	Turkish Bridge
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Chania
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Roadsides
<i>Daucus guttatus</i>	A Wild Carrot	"Occasional
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	"Frequent
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Plakias and Frangocastello
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Roadsides
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>piperatum</i>	Fennel	Seen occasionally

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<i>Lagoecia cuminoides</i>	Fluffy Thimbleweed	Akrotiri
<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water Dropwort	Spili
<i>Pseudorlaya pumila</i>	Dune Carrot	Plakias
<i>Orlaya daucoides</i>	An Orlaya	Seen regularly
<i>Scaligeria napiformis</i>	Scaligeria	Widespread
<i>Scandix australis</i>	Southern Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Seen regularly
<i>Smyrniolum perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Seen widely
<i>Smyrniolum perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>rotundifolium</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Spili
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	Occasional
<i>Torilis leptophylla</i>	Bur-parsley	Occasional
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Seen widely – planted
<i>Vinca major</i> ‡	Greater Periwinkle	“
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Seen regularly
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
<i>Aristolochia cretica</i> •	Cretan Birthwort	Plakias headland
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile	Seen regularly
<i>Anthemis chia</i>	Greek Chamomile	“
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	“
<i>Atractylis cancellata</i>	Bird-Cage Thistle	Frangocastello Akrotiri
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i>	Shrubby Wormwood	Not in flower
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	Seen regularly
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	“
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	“
<i>Bellium minutum</i>		“
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	“
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Plymouth Thistle	Occasional
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i> subsp. <i>cretum</i> .	A Flat-topped Carlina Thistle	Only dead flower heads
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	A Flat-topped Carlina Thistle	Only dead flower heads
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Red Star-thistle	
<i>Centaurea raphanina</i> subsp. <i>raphanina</i> •		Kourtilliotiko Gorge
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	Akrotiri
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Occasional
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	Thin stemmed small thistle
<i>Cynara cornigera</i>	Wild Artichoke	Occasional
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> ‡	Globe Artichoke	Planted
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Seen frequently
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Leaves only, very pungent
<i>Echinops spinosissimus</i>	Spiniest Globe Thistle	Occasional
<i>Filago pyramidata</i>	Broad-leaved Cudweed	Rocky ground
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Lilac, 'soft' thistle
<i>Geropogon glaber</i>	Slender Salsify	Occasional

Scientific name	Common name	Notes
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i> var. <i>coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Roadsides
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i> var. <i>discolor</i>	Crown Daisy	"
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	"
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i> subsp. <i>barrelieri</i>	Golden Cassidony	Rocky ground
<i>Helichrysum microphyllum</i>	A Curry Plant	Occasional
<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Bristly Ox-tongue	Occasional
<i>Hypochaeris achyrophorus</i>	Mediterranean Cat's-ear	Occasional
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cat's-ear	Plakias
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Common Cat's-ear	Occasional
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	Roadsides
<i>Matricaria recutita</i>	Scented Mayweed	Plakias
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	Elegant thistle with pink bracts
<i>Otanthus maritimus</i>	Cottonweed	Occasional
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Golden-star	Spiny bracts, yellow flower
<i>Phagnalon graecum</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Stoney ground
<i>Picnomon acarna</i>	Yellow-spine Thistle	Leaves and spines only
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Just coming into flower
<i>Pulcaria odora</i>	A Fleabane	Plakias
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	Star Hawkbit	Star-shaped seed pods
<i>Rheichardia picroides</i>	Reichardia	Occasional
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant	Leaves only,
<i>Scorzonera cretica</i> •	Cretan Viper's-grass	Plakias headland
<i>Senecio rupestris</i>	Rock Groundsel	Kotsiphos Gorge
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Widespread
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Leaves only,
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	Frequent
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Frequent
<i>Staelhelina petiolata</i> •		Imbros Gorge
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> ‡	Feverfew	Gardens
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis	Occasional
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Wide spread
<i>Tyrimnus leucographus</i>	Tyrimnus	Occasional
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	Prickly Goldenfleece	Widespread
Berberidaceae	Barberry Family	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry	Omalos
Bignoniaceae	Jacaranda Family	
<i>Jacaranda ovalifolia</i> ‡	Jacaranda	Planted
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Anchusa hybrida</i>	Wavy-leaved Anchusa	Occasional
<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>	Eastern Alkanet	Small plant, white flowers
<i>Anchusa italica</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Roadsides, tall
<i>Anchusa variegata</i>	Variiegated Anchusa	Small plant, pale flowers with purple marks
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Seen regularly
<i>Cerintho major</i>	Honeywort	"
<i>Cynoglossum columnae</i>	A Hound's-tongue	"
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	"
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	pink flowers
<i>Echium arenarium</i>	Sand Bugloss	Sand dunes, Plakias
<i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i>	Pale Bugloss	Roadsides

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<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Seen widely
<i>Myosotis incassata</i>	A Forget-me-not	Occasional
<i>Neotostema apulum</i>	Yellow Gromwell	
<i>Onosma erectum</i>	A Golden-drops	Imbros Gorge
<i>Onosma graecum</i>	A Golden-drops	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Procopiana cretica</i>	Cretan Comfrey	Imbros Gorge
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Kortilioiki Gorge
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Village of Spili
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress	Omalos
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Aubretia	Omalos
<i>Alysum simplex</i>	An Alison	Yellow flowers
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Buckler Mustard	Widespread
<i>Brassica cretica</i>	Cretan Cabbage	Imbros Gorge
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	Black Mustard	Turkish Bridge
<i>Bunias erucago</i>	Bunias	Occasional
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Frangocastello
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	Chania
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	Chania
<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i> ‡	Wallflower	Chania
<i>Coronopus didymus</i>	Lesser Swine-cress	Spili village
<i>Erophila verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass	Omalos
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Garden Rocket	Omalos
<i>Erysimum candicum</i> •	A Treacle-mustard	Imbros Gorge
<i>Erysimum raulinii</i> •	A Treacle-mustard	Imbros Gorge
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	Occasional
<i>Lunaria annua</i> subsp. <i>pachyrhiza</i>	Honesty	Occasional
<i>Malcolmia chia</i>	A Malcomia	Omalos
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	Frangocastello
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	Chania
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Water-cress	Turkish Bridge
<i>Ricotia cretica</i> •	Ricotia	Kourtiliotiko Gorge
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	Turkish Bridge
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> ‡	Prickly Pear	Planted widely
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Annual Bellflower	Turkish Bridge
<i>Petromarula pinnata</i> •	Petromarula	Imbros Gorge
Capparaceae	Caper Family	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Imbros Gorge
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Occasional
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Rocky places
<i>Cerastium scaposum</i>	Cretan Mouse-ear	Omalos
<i>Dianthus fruticosus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i> •	A shrubby Pink	
<i>Moenchia graeca</i>	An Upright Chickweed	Occasional

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<i>Paronychia macrosepala</i>	A Paronychia	
<i>Silene behen</i>	Hairless Catchfly	Occasional
<i>Silene bellidifolia</i>	Daisy-leaved Catchfly	Kourtillotiko Gorge
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly	Frequent
<i>Silene cretica</i>	Cretan Catchfly	Occasional
<i>Silene dichotoma</i>	Forked Catchfly	Occasional
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Frequent
<i>Silene sedoides</i>	Hairy Catchfly	Kourtillotiko Gorge
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Occasional
<i>Spergula arvensis</i>	Corn Spurrey	Spili
<i>Spergularia bocconeii</i>	A Sea Spurrey	Lagoon near Timbaki
<i>Stellaria cupaniana</i>	A Chickweed	Occasional
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Frequent
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	Large pink flowers
<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Cistus	Small pink flowers, greyish foliage
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	White flowers
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Fumana	Warm yellow flowers, Spili Akrotiri
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Roadsides
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	"
<i>Convolvulus elegantissimus</i>	Elegant Bindweed	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Kourtillotiko Gorge
<i>Ipomea indica</i> †	A Morning Glory	Timbaki and Plakias
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Rosularia serrata</i>		Imbros Gorge
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Occasional
<i>Sedum litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop	Plakias Chania
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	Occasional
<i>Sedum sediforme</i>	Mediterranean Stonecrop	Occasional
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	A Pennywort	Imbros Gorge
<i>Umbilicus parviflorus</i>	Yellow Pennywort	Nr Spili
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	Cretan White Bryony	Agia and Akrotiri
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Phaestos
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry Tree	
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Road to Omalos
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>	Autumn Heather	"
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnus</i>	Greek Spiny Spurge	Seen regularly
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	"
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Kourtillotiko Gorge
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	Akrotiri
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Plakias
<i>Euphorbia pepylus</i>	Petty Spurge	

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<i>Euphorbia sultan-hassel</i>	A Tree Spurge	Imbros Gorge
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Occasional
<i>Ricinus communis</i> ‡	Castor-oil-plant	Nr Timbaki
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Acacia cyanophylla</i>	Blue-leaved Wattle	Planted
<i>Acacia pycnanthe</i>	Golden Wattle	Planted
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Anthyllis tetraphylla</i>	Bladder Vetch	Occasional
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>rubriflora</i>	A Kidney Vetch	Minoan Cemetery
<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i>	A Milk-vetch	Occasional
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Widespread
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Stoney ground
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Stoney ground
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> ‡	Judas Tree	Pink flowers on branches
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion Vetch	Occasional
<i>Ebenus cretica</i> •	Cretan Ebony	Plakias
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>	Spiny Broom	Occasional
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disc Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>	Annual Vetchling	Frequent
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Frequent
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Flat-podded Vetchling	Occasional
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Crimson Pea	Occasional
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	Winged Vetchling	Occasional
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	Red Vetchling	Occasional
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>	Round Pea	Occasional
<i>Lotus conimbricensis</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i>	Clustered Bird's-foot Trefoil	Frequent
<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil Greater	Agia
<i>Lotus peregrinus</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Roadsides
<i>Lupinus micranthus</i>	A Hairy Lupin	Armeni
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Occasional
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick	Akrotiri
<i>Medicago disciformis</i>	Disc Medick	Occasional
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Frequent
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Plakias sand dunes
<i>Medicago murex</i>	A Bur Medick	Frequent
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Disc Medick	Frequent
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Frequent
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	Occasional
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Frequent
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cock's-comb Sainfoin	Frequent
<i>Ononis reclinata</i>	Small Restharrow	Akrotiri
<i>Ononis spinosa</i> subsp. <i>diacantha</i>	Spiny Restharrow	Occasional
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Compressed Bird's-foot	Occasional
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> ‡	False Acacia	Roadsides
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpion Vetch	Occasional
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Roadsides
<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>	Asparagus Pea	Blood red flowers
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Clover	Occasional
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's-foot Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Common

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<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	Strawberry Clover	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	Annual White Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	Seen Frequently
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Seen frequently
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	Spili hills
<i>Trifolium uniflorum</i>	One-flowered Clover	Low, compact cushions
<i>Vicia cretica</i>	Cretan Vetch	Delicate plant, Akrotiri
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	Occasional
<i>Vicia lathyroides</i>	Spring Vetch	Occasional
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	Occasional
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i> ‡	Common Vetch	Frequent
<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i>	Fine-leaved Vetch	Occasional
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	A Fodder Vetch	Field edges
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> ‡	Wisteria	Gardens
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i> ‡	Sweet Chestnut	Occasional
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	Imbros Gorge
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Imbros Gorge
<i>Quercus ithaburensis</i> subsp. <i>macrolepis</i>	Valonia Oak	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	Occasional
Frankeniaceae	Sea Heath Family	
<i>Frankenia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Sea-heath	Chania
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	Agia
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> subsp. <i>intermedia</i>	Yellow-wort	Plakias Headland
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Occasional
<i>Centaureum maritimum</i>	Sea Centaury	Lagoon near Timbaki
<i>Centaureum pulchellum</i>	Lesser Centaury	Occasional
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Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Common
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Seen regularly
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	"Occasional
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Turkish Bridge
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Seen regularly
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	"Common
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	"Common
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	"Common
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	"Common
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	"Common
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Hypericaceae	St John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum aegypticum</i>	Shrubby St John's-wort	Imbros Gorge
<i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i> subsp. <i>empetrifolium</i>	Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort	Agia
<i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>	Wavy-leaved St John's-wort	Knossos

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Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	
<i>Juglans regia</i> †	Walnut	Occasional
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound	Occasional
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	Seen regularly
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Common
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	"
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>hirtum</i>	Marjoram	"
<i>Phlomis cretica</i>	Cretan Jerusalem Sage	Seen widely
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	Common
<i>Phlomis lanata</i> •	Woolly Sage	Roadsides near Iraklion
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	Seen widely
<i>Prunella lacinata</i>	Cut-leaved Self-heal	Chania
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	Occasional
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	Occasional
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Three-lobed Sage	Seen widely, pink flowers
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Salvia viridis</i>	Red-topped Sage	Imbros Gorge
<i>Satureja thymbra</i>	Satureia/ Summer Savoury	Seen widely, very aromatic
<i>Scutellaria sieberi</i> •	A Skullcap	Imbros Gorge
<i>Stachys cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	Leaves only, very woolly
<i>Teucrium microphyllum</i>	Small-leaved Germander	Occasional
<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	Mediterranean Thyme	Frequent
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Imbros Gorge
Lauraceae	Laurel Family	
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay	Agia
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum arboreum</i>	Shrubby Flax	Kotsiphos Gorge, yellow flowers
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Biennial Flax	Small flowers
<i>Linum pubescens</i>	Hairy Flax	Occasional
<i>Linum strictum</i>	Upright Yellow Flax	Occasional
Lythraceae	Loosestrife Family	
<i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i>	Creeping Loosestrife	Agia
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i>	Hibiscus	Planted
<i>Lavertera bryonifolia</i>	Bryony leaved Mallow	Occasional
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	Seen regularly
<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Cretan Hollyhock	Occasional
<i>Malva cretica</i>	Cretan Mallow	"
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Least Mallow	"
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	"
Meliaceae	Mahogany Family	
<i>Melia azedarach</i> †	Persian Lilac	Planted
Moraceae	Mulberry Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Planted
<i>Ficus elastica</i> †	Rubber Plant	"

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<i>Morus alba</i> ‡	White Mulberry	“
Myoporaceae <i>Myoporum laetum</i> ‡	Myoporum Family Ngaio	Planted
Myrtaceae <i>Callistemon viminalis</i> ‡ <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡ <i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle Family Bottlebrush River Red Gum Common Myrtle	Planted Planted Occasional
Nyctaginaceae <i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> ‡	Bougainvillea Family Bougainvillea	Planted
Oleaceae <i>Olea europaea</i> subsp. <i>oleaster</i>	Olive Family Wild Olive	Seen regularly
Onagraceae <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Willowherb Family Greater Willowherb	Agia
Orobanchaceae <i>Orobanche crenata</i> <i>Orobanche pubescens</i> <i>Orobanche ramosa</i> <i>Orobanche lavendulacea</i>	Broomrape Family Bean Broomrape Downy Broomrape Branched Broomrape Lavender Broomrape	Akrotiri Seen occasionally Lilac flowers, short spike Nr Moni Prevelli
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Wood-sorrel Family Bermuda Buttercup	Invasive plant seen regularly
Papaveraceae <i>Glaucium flavum</i> <i>Papaver argemone</i> subsp. <i>nigrotinctum</i> <i>Papaver dubium</i> subsp. <i>dubium</i> <i>Papaver hybridum</i> <i>Papaver purpureomarginatum</i> <i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Poppy Family Yellow Horned Poppy Prickly Poppy Long-headed Poppy Rough Poppy Common Poppy	Seen widely Seen widely
Pittosporaceae <i>Pittosporum tobira</i> ‡	Pittosporum Family A Pittosporum	Halepa Hotel garden
Plantaginaceae <i>Plantago afra</i> <i>Plantago bellardii</i> <i>Plantago cretica</i> <i>Plantago lagopus</i> <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> <i>Plantago major</i> <i>Plantago weldenii</i>	Plantain Family Glandular Plantain Hairy Plantain A Plantain Hare's-foot Plantain Ribwort Plantain Greater Plantain A Buck's-horn Plantain	Seen regularly “ “ “ “ “
Platanaceae <i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Plane Family Oriental Plane	Seen widely
Polygalaceae <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> ‡	Milk-wort Family Myrtle-leaved Milkwort	Planted, Agia and Moni Gouvernetou

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<i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Eastern Milk-wort	Spili hills
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
<i>Persicaria salicifolia</i>	Willow-leaved Knotgrass	Agia
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Bull's-head Dock	Spili
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Fiddle Dock	Plakias
<i>Rumex tuberosus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i>	Tuberous Dock	Spili
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> var. <i>arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Common
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> subsp. <i>foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel	Seen widely
<i>Anagallis foemina</i>	A Pimpernel	„Common
<i>Asterolinon linum-stellatum</i>	Asterolinon	Kourtillotiko Gorge
<i>Cyclamen creticum</i> •	Cretan Sowbread	Imbros Gorge and Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed	Wetland
Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
<i>Punica granatum</i> ‡	Pomegranate	Planted
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Adonis microcarpa</i> subsp. <i>microcarpa</i>	Yellow Pheasant's-eye	Akrotiri
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	Masses on Omalos
<i>Anemone hortensis</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Anemone	Spili
<i>Ficaria verna</i> subsp. <i>chrysocphala</i>	Lesser Celandine	Omalos
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup	
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	Seen widely -mostly white
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>aleae</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Common
<i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>		Armeni
<i>Ranunculus creticus</i> •	Cretan Buttercup	Omalos
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i> subsp. <i>fucoides</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot	Spili and Omalos
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	Chania
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Mignonette	Occasional
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Seen widely
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> ‡	Japanese Loquat	Planted
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> subsp. <i>verrucosa</i>	Salad Burnet	Seen widely
<i>Prunus dulcis</i> ‡	Almond	Planted
<i>Prunus persica</i> ‡	Peach	Planted
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Firethorn	Plakias
<i>Pyrus communis</i>	Domestic Pear	Occasional
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	Occasional
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog-rose	Agia
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	A Bramble	Seen widely
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Spili Village
<i>Galium fruticosum</i>	A shrubby Bedstraw	Imbros

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<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Tiny plant – lilac flowers
<i>Valentia hispida</i>	Valentia	
<i>Valentia muralis</i>	Wall Valantia	Turkish Bridge
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
<i>Citrus limon</i> ‡	Lemon	Planted
<i>Citrus sinensis</i> ‡	Orange	Planted
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i> subsp. <i>chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Occasional ,,
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i> ‡	White Poplar	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Salix alba</i> ‡	White Willow	Agia
Santalaceae	Bastard-toadflax Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Late Minoan Cemetery
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysosplenifolia</i>	Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage	Imbros Gorge
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Imbros and Omalos
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	Seen regularly – pink and white flowers
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> ‡	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Spili Village
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Tiny purple flowers
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel's-snout	Small pink flowers
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	Small plant – red flowers
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Shining Figwort	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Imbros Gorge
<i>Verbascum arcturus</i> •	Shrubby Mullein	Plakias, Imbros
<i>Verbascum macrurum</i>	A Mullein	Tall plant
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullein	Preveli
<i>Veronica anagalis-aquatica</i>	Water Speedwell	Turkish Bridge
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Turkish Bridge
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Imbros Gorge
<i>Veronica persica</i> ‡	Common Field Speedwell	Occasional
Simaroubaceae	Tree-of-heaven Family	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡	Tree-of-heaven	Knossos
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane	Akrotiri, Frangokastello Castle
<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i>	Mandrake	Leaves only beside Frangokastello Castle
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡	Shrub Tobacco	Planted – roadsides
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Frangokastello
Styracaceae	Storax Family	
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Mediterranean Storax	Turkish Bridge and Georgeopolis

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Tamaricaceae <i>Tamarix parviflora</i> <i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i> ‡	Tamarisk Family Small-flowered Tamarisk A Tamarisk	Nr seaside, Chania Seaside
Thymelaeaceae <i>Daphne sericea</i> <i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i> <i>Thymelaea tartonraria</i>	Mezereon Family A Daphne Hairy Thymelaea A Thymelaea	Spili hill Plakias Frequent
Ulmaceae <i>Zelkova abelicea</i> •	Elm Family Cretan Zelkova	Not in leaf – Omalos
Urticaceae <i>Parietaria cretica</i> <i>Parietaria judaica</i> <i>Urtica membranacea</i> <i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Nettle Family Cretan Pellitory Pellitory-of-the-Wall Membranous Nettle Roman Nettle	Occasional Seen regularly Imbros Gorge Seen regularly
Valerianaceae <i>Centranthus calcitrapa</i> <i>Centranthus ruber</i> ‡ <i>Valeriana asarifolia</i> • <i>Valerianella coronata</i> <i>Valerianella echinata</i> <i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	Valerian Family Annual Valerian Red Valerian Cretan Valerian A Corn Salad A Corn Salad A Scabious	Occasional Chania Occasional Kourtaliotiko Gorge Kourtaliotiko Gorge Occasional
Verbenaceae <i>Lantana camara</i> <i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain Family Lantana Vervain	Planted Occasional
Vitaceae <i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i> <i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>vinifera</i> ‡	Vine Family Wild Vine Grape Vine	 Georgeopolis Planted
LILIIDAE	MONOCOTYLEDONS	
Amaryllidaceae <i>Allium neapolitanum</i> <i>Allium circinnatum</i> subsp. <i>circinnatum</i> <i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Daffodil Family Naples Garlic Sea Daffodil	Late Minoan Cemetery Akrotiri Leaves only – Plakias
Araceae <i>Arisarum vulgare</i> <i>Arum concinatum</i> <i>Arum creticum</i> <i>Dracunculus vulgaris</i> <i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Arum Family Friar's Cowl An Arum Cretan Arum Dragon Arum Arum Lily	Spili Seen regularly Kotsiphos Gorge, yellow flowers Akrotiri Planted
Arecaceae <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> <i>Phoenix dactyifera</i> <i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	Palm Family Canary Palm Date Palm Californian Fan-palm	Planted Planted Planted

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Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Agave americana</i> ‡	Centuryplant	Roadsides – planted
<i>Asparagus aphyllus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>	Leafless Asparagus	
<i>Drimys maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Bulbs only
<i>Leopoldia comosa</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Seen regularly
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	
<i>Muscari spreitzenhoferi</i> •	A Tassel Hyacinth	Plakias Spili
<i>Ornithogalum creticum</i> •	A Star-of-Bethlehem	
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	A Star-of- Bethlehem	Minoan Cemetery
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Imbros Gorge
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Carex remota</i>	Remote Sedge	Agia
<i>Cladium mariscus</i>	Great Fen-sedge	Agia
<i>Cyperus longus</i>	Galingale	Agia
<i>Scirpoides holoschoenus</i>	Round-headed Club-rush	Agia
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Occasional
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Crocus sieberi</i> subsp. <i>sieberi</i> •	A Crocus	Spili, Omalos
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	Seen widely
<i>Iris albicans</i>	White Iris	Planted
<i>Iris germanica</i>	German Iris	Planted
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	
<i>Iris tuberosa</i>	Snake's-head Iris	Spili, Omalos
<i>Iris unguicularis</i> subsp. <i>cretensis</i> •	Cretan Iris	Spili
<i>Moraea mediterranea</i>	One-leaved Barbary Nut	Akrotiri
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Spili
<i>Romulea bulbocodium</i>	A Sand-crocus	Omalos
Luzulaceae	Woodrush Family	
<i>Luzula nodulosa</i>		Imbros Gorge
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Georgeopolis
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Agia
<i>Juncus heldreichianus</i>	Heldreich's Rush	Lagoon near Timbaki
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Fritillaria messanensis</i> subsp. <i>sphaciotica</i> •	A Fritillary	Spili only seed head remaining
<i>Gagea chrysantha</i>	A Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem	Omalos
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	Greek Lloydia	Seen widely – tiny plant
<i>Tulipa bakeri</i> •	Baker's Tulip	Omalos
<i>Tulipa doerfleri</i> •	Doerfler's Tulip	Spili
<i>Tulipa saxatilis</i>	Rock Tulip	Plakias headland
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis boryi</i>	Bory's Orchid	Spili
<i>Anacamptis laxiflora</i>	Jersey Orchid	Spili – picnic site
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i> subsp. <i>alibertis</i> •	Alibertis' Pink Butterfly-orchid	Spili

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<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Plakias Headland
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Seen regularly
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	Spili
<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	Seen regularly
<i>Ophrys ariadnae</i>	Ariadne's Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys candica</i>	Candia Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys creberrima</i>	Creberrima Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys cretensis</i>	Cretan Early Spider-orchid	Seen occasionally
<i>Ophrys cretica</i>	Common Cretan Bee Orchid	Nr Phaestos
<i>Ophrys cretica</i> •	Creticola Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys episcopalis</i>	Large-flowered (Bishops)Bee Orchid	Seen widely
<i>Ophrys heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Orchid	Seen widely
<i>Ophrys iricolor</i>	Rainbow Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys leochroma</i>	Lion Mane Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys phryganae</i>	Phrygana Orchid	Seen regularly
<i>Ophrys sicula</i>	Small Yellow Bee Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys villosa</i>	Hairy Orchid	Spili
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Spili
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	Seen widely
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Spili
<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid	Imbros Gorge
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Spili
<i>Serapias bergonii</i>	Bergoni's Tongue-orchid	Seen regularly
<i>Serapias cordigera subsp. cretica</i>	Cretan Heart-flowered Tongue-orchid	
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue-orchid	Seen regularly
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	Seen regularly “

Poaceae

<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram	Plakias
<i>Andropogon distachyos</i>	Two-spiked Beard-grass	Plakias
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	Spili
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Slender Oat	Widespread
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Oat	Widespread
<i>Brachypodium retusum</i>	Mediterranean False-brome	Occasional
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	Occasional
<i>Catapodium marinum</i>	Sea Fern-grass	Plakias
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Hairy Finger-grass	Plakias
<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>	Thatching Grass	Plakias
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Plakias
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Italian Rye-grass	Occasional
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Wetland
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Widespread
<i>Rostria cristata</i>	Crested Hair-grass	
<i>Sesleria doerfleri</i>	Doerfler's Moor-grass	Spili
<i>Stipa capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Plakias
<i>Vulpia ciliata</i>	Bearded Fescue	

Posidoniaceae

<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Sea
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Grass Family

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<i>Stipa capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Plakias
<i>Vulpia ciliata</i>	Bearded Fescue	

Neptune-grass Family

<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Sea
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Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	Seen widely
Typhaceae	Reedmace Family	
<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Southern Reedmace	Agia
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	Seen widely
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	
Zosteraceae	Eelgrass Family	
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Eelgrass	Sea
<i>Zostera noltii</i>	Dwarf Eelgrass	Sea

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

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>							✓		
2	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>							2		
3	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>			c.400				5		
4	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							✓		
5	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>							1		
6	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>							✓		
7	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		H							
8	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>				1					
9	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓		
10	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	11								
11	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			2				2		
12	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			1					1	
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓							
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			22						
15	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>							1		
16	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			6						
17	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	3	10+	10+	5			10+		
18	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	1		1	1					
19	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>							2		
20	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Little Crane	<i>Porzana parva</i>							4		
23	Baillon's Crane	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>							1		
24	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>							✓		
25	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>							✓		
26	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			1						
27	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			8					2	
28	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			4						
29	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		1					5		
30	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					1		1		
31	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			1						
32	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			2						
33	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			7				1		

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
34	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>							1		
35	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>							1		
36	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
38	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
39	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
41	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
42	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>									H
43	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>							1		
44	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		H		13					10+
45	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>				1					
46	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			H						
47	Common Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	H								
48	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				H
49	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓		H	✓	✓	✓		
50	Common Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓				
51	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
52	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			2						
54	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>							1		
55	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		1							H
56	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>						1			
57	Blue-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>			✓						20+
	Black-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>			✓						
58	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	H	H					H
59	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1					30+		
60	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>									1
61	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		1		2			10		
62	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
63	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
64	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	2	H	2	4	2				
65	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	H	H			H	H	
66	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	H								
67	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			H				H		
69	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							✓		
70	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H		H			✓		
71	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓					
72	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>									2
73	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		1							
76	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				1					
77	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>							1		
78	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓			
79	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	H		H			✓			
80	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
81	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			H						
83	Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	✓								

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84	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>				✓	✓	✓		
86	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>						c.200		
87	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>							2	
88	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	
90	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis cardulis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
92	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
93	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		1						
94	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>					H	4		
95	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	H	H				

Mammals (D = roadkill)

Eastern Hedgehog, *Erinaceus concolor*
 Beech Marten (D), *Martes foina bunites*
 Cretan Badger (D), *Meles meles arkalus*

Cretan Spiny Mouse, *Acomys minous*
 Least Weasel, *Mustela nivalis galinthias*

Reptiles

Balkan Green Lizard, *Lacerta trilineata*
 Ocellated Skink, *Chalcides ocellatus*

Cretan Wall Lizard, *Podarcis cretensis*
 Balkan Terrapin, *Mauremys rivulata*

Butterflies

Cretan Festoon, *Zerynthia cretica*
 Large White, *Pieris brassicae*
 Eastern Dappled White, *Euchloe ausonia*
 Small Copper, *Lycaena phlaeas*
 Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*
 Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*
 Southern Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria aegeria*

Scarce Swallowtail, *Iphiclides podalirus*
 Small White, *Pieris rapae*
 Clouded Yellow, *Colias crocea*
 Holly Blue, *Celastrina argiolus*
 Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*
 Southern Comma, *Polygonia egea*
 Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*

Dragonflies

Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx splendens*
 Common Darter, *Sympetrum striolatum*

Lesser Emperor, *Anax parthenope*

Other Insects

Egyptian Grasshopper, *Anacridium aegyptium*
 Blue-winged Grasshopper, *Oedipoda caerulea*
 Violet Carpenter Bee, *Xylocopa violacea*
 Cretan Door Snail, *Albinaria inflata*

Nosed Grasshopper, *Acrida ungarica*
 Red-winged Grasshopper, *Oedipoda germanica*
 Green Tiger Beetle, *Cicindela campestris*