

Crete in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Anemone coronaria



Iris unguicularis subsp. *cretensis*



Tulipa saxatilis



White Mountains

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Day 1

Tuesday 26th March

We left Gatwick on a mid-morning flight to Athens, where we changed planes, and arrived in Heraklion at 7.30pm. We soon learned that Crete had experienced its wettest winter for over 100 years and that February storms had caused severe damage and disruption to the road system. The Kourtaliotiko Gorge, our usual route, was impassable, so we had to deviate through the neighbouring Kotsifou Gorge and then down a minor road to Plakias. The journey, mostly in the dark, passed without incident, except for a fleeting glimpse of a Barn Owl and we arrived at our hotel around 10pm for some much-needed sleep.

Day 2

Wednesday 27th March

The day got off to a sunny start. We left Plakias around 9am, observing four Little Egrets and a couple of little Ringed Plover on the shoreline. We made our first stop at the Turkish Bridge, where there was much evidence of the winter floods. The Mediterranean Storax *Styrax officinalis*, which would normally be flowering at this time of year, was still in tight bud; a good indication that spring was arriving late. Across the road, in the olive groves, there were plenty of yellow flowers starting to appear on the Bermuda Buttercup *Oxalis pes-caprae*, alongside Purple Viper's Bugloss *Echium plantagineum*, which was attracting attention from a handsome Scarce Swallowtail butterfly. We made a further stop near a roadside memorial, where a scan of the hillsides revealed a few Black-eared Wheatear, Woodlark and a Subalpine Warbler. While some of the group visited Moni Preveli, the rest of us went in search of birds, near the monastery. On the rocky hillside we observed Sardinian Warbler and more Black-eared Wheatear, while Corn Buntings sang from the fences. We heard short but unmistakable calls of Common Nightingale and picked up three birds, skulking in a gully. A single Ruppell's Warbler proved to be a harder quarry and we only had the briefest of glimpses.

Heading back inland, we drove to the Kourtaliotiko Gorge, in the hope that it was accessible. We managed to drive over an earth barrier and stopped below the soaring cliffs. Nearby were Eurasian Crag Martins and a couple of Blue Rock Thrush, while overhead, numbers of Griffon Vulture, Western Jackdaw and Red-billed Cough played in the thermals and were joined by a pair of Bonelli's Eagles. Notable plants included Tree Spurge *Euphorbia dendroides*, Greek Spiny Spurge *Euphorbia acanthothamnos*, *Cyclamen creticum*, Burnt Candytuft *Aethionema saxatile* subsp. *creticum*, colourful patches of Mediterranean Catchfly *Silene colorata* and a few diminutive Rock Tulip *Tulipa saxatilis*.

Driving on, it was soon apparent why the road had been closed. In places it was entirely washed away, and rafts of broken tarmac hung perilously over the river. The worst section was under repair and thanks to the high clearance of the minibuses, we made it through. Up in the hills above Spili, we stopped for lunch before starting to explore the surrounding meadows and rocky knolls. There were lovely large plants of Perfoliate Alexanders *Smyrniium perfoliatum* and Large Mediterranean Spurge *Euphorbia characias*, alongside the track, and, in a fallow field, a wonderful display of bright red Crown Anemone *Anemone coronaria*. As a consequence of the late season, early-flowering species included Heldreich's Anemone *Anemone heldreichii*, Widow Iris *Iris tuberosa* and Cretan Iris *Iris unguicularis* subsp. *cretensis*. The orchid flowering season was just getting under way. The compact spikes of Milky Orchid *Neotinea lactea*, in various shades of pink, were common and most prominent and, after a careful search we located a range of bee orchids. These included Cretan Early Spider Orchid *Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *cretensis*,

Sombre Bee Orchid *Ophrys fusca* subsp. *cinereophila*, Yellow Bee Orchid *Ophrys lutea* subsp. *galilaea* and small colonies of Bumblebee Orchid *Ophrys bombyliflora*. More flamboyant were fresh flowers of Heldreich's Orchid *Ophrys scolopax* subsp. *heldreichii*, Sawfly Orchid *Ophrys tenthredinifera* and a single plant of a clear hybrid between the latter and Bumblebee Orchid *Ophrys* × *sommieri*. Moving on to another knoll, we added Cretan Bee Orchid *Ophrys cretica*, Late Spider Orchid *Ophrys fuciflora* subsp. *fuciflora* and Rainbow Orchid *Ophrys fusca* subsp. *iricolor*. On the damp slopes, we also found numbers of Bory's Orchid *Anacamptis boryi*, Sparse-flowered Orchid *Orchis pauciflora*, Four-spotted Orchid *Orchis quadripunctata*, the spectacular pink Naked Man Orchid *Orchis italica* and the more subtle Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophora*. Near the top of the hill was a large colony of *Tulipa saxatilis*. Clouds had rolled in during the afternoon, so we called it a day and headed back to Plakias via the Kotsifou Gorge.

Day 3

Thursday 28th March

We returned to the Kotsifou Gorge in the morning and did a short walk through the narrow canyon. On the screes and cliffs, we found a number of interesting endemics, such as the pink crucifer *Ricotia cretica*, the large yellow spathes of *Arum creticum*, Cretan Comfrey *Symphytum creticum*, bright yellow Shrubby Flax *Linum arboreum* and the grass *Sesleria doerfleri*. We stopped in Spili, for coffee and a brief stroll around its interesting streets, before heading south. The morning was punctuated by periods of rain and drizzle, so we made only a short stop to see some fine specimens of Giant Orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*. Fortunately, when we reached Phaestos, the rain abated and it remained dry for most of the afternoon. After visiting the interesting archaeological site, we had lunch around the vehicles, while admiring some fine specimens of Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis* and Saccate-lipped Orchid *Anacamptis collina*. We moved on to an abandoned meadow at Agia Triada, where there were more interesting finds. There were large patches of the showy white Turban Buttercup *Ranunculus asiaticus*, quantities of Pink Garlic *Allium trifoliatum* and Wild Gladiolus *Gladiolus italicus*. Among the orchids, were a good number of the very variable *Ophrys cretica*, Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid *Serapias vomeracea* subsp. *laxiflora* and fine specimens of Eastern Tongue-orchid *Serapias orientalis*.

It was time to redress the balance, by adding some new birds to our list, so we visited the small coastal lagoon at Kokkinos. On the water there were a number of Ruff, Common Sandpiper and Black-winged Stilt, with singles of Little Stint, Common Greenshank, Green Sandpiper and a couple of very smart Marsh Sandpiper. A Squacco Heron flew across and we had the rare sight of a Spotted Crake, along the water's edge. Overhead, there was more action from four Western Marsh Harriers, 20 or so Glossy Ibis and a flock of 2-300 Garganey, some way out to sea. There were some new plants here too, including a Tasselweed, in the lagoon, confirmed later as Beaked Tasselweed *Ruppia maritima*. It had been an exciting afternoon and, as the rain returned, we headed back to Plakias for our evening meal.

Day 4

Friday 29th March

Friday was to be one of those days when we may have been justified in staying at the hotel: the weather was atrocious. We drove west, along the coast, to the headland at Frangocastello, where we parked by 14th-century Venetian Fort. The wind was so strong, that we even had difficulty getting out of the vehicles. A very brief foray produced a number of Willow Warblers, in the reeds, and around 20 Sandwich Terns. Further west, at the foot of the Imbros Gorge, the wind was blowing at force 10 and it would have been suicidal to even attempt our planned walk. However, as we had come this-far, and made arrangements for lunch, we persevered and took the winding road alongside the gorge up to the Taverna Imbros, where our walk would have started. We were

extremely grateful to the staff for turning out, just for us, and their traditional pancakes and honey were greatly enjoyed. The wind was not as strong, here, but the temperature was a cool 4°C.

We drove further inland, beyond the Askifou plateau, to get, at least, a visual impression of the amazing landscape. We returned down to the bottom of the gorge and continued to the little coastal village of Hora Sfakion. Few of the tavernas were open, but we did find one that was able to serve us drinks. Another large flock of Garganey could be seen offshore and a Eurasian Wryneck was observed in a garden, at the back of the village. The return journey was uneventful and we were back in Plakias around 4.15pm.

Day 5

Saturday 30th March

The strong winds had continued overnight and showed little signs of abating. Before leaving Plakias, we explored the beach and coastal cliffs, at the eastern end of the bay.

On the dunes there were masses Sea Daffodil *Pancreatum maritimum*, carpets of pink *Silene colorata*, and Sea Spurge *Euphorbia paralias*, all helping to bind the wind-blown sand. Thorny shrubs of Mediterranean Thyme *Thymbra capitata* were common and often covered by the striking orange threads of Common Dodder *Cuscuta epithimum*. We passed under the dramatic cliffs of the Plakias fault, where Shrubby Mullein *Verbascum arcturus* and Caper *Capparis spinosa* grew from cracks in the vertical rock. Some of us braved the gusty wind and walked as far as the wartime tunnels, where we found the curious flowers of Cretan Birthwort *Aristolochia cretica*, before a heavy shower sent us scurrying back to the shelter of the vehicles.

As we drove north, the rain continued so we pulled in to a taverna in Armeni, hoping to find a dry place to have lunch. Once again, the generous hospitality of the locals came to our aid and, in exchange for the purchase of drinks, we enjoyed our picnic, with the added comfort of a wood-burning stove. Miraculously, the rain stopped for our visit to the late-Minoan cemetery, just beyond the village. We wandered among the many rock-cut tombs under a canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis*, a species with large shaggy acorn cups, traditionally used in the tanning industry. Lots of white *Cyclamen creticum* grew under the trees with many fine orchids including Giant, Naked Man, Sawfly, Late Spider, Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid, Common Tongue-orchid *Serapias lingua* and Pink Butterfly Orchid *Anacamptis papilionacea*.

At Georgioupoulis, on the north coast, a stop for ice creams and coffee lifted our spirits, while the rain hammered down outside. A brief stop at the nearby lake was rather disappointing for birds, so we carried on to visit the Allied War Cemetery, at the head of Souda Bay. We arrived at our hotel in Hania at 5.30pm and after settling in and catching up with our checklists, we went out for our evening meal, just around the corner.

Day 6

Sunday 31st March

At last, we had a dry day, with only moderate wind. We spent a very productive morning at Agia Lake, the largest and best of Crete's freshwater wetlands. We counted 10 Little Egrets, over 50 Grey Heron and a single purple Heron, in the reeds. Out on the water, we saw Garganey, Tufted Duck, Coot, Moorhen, Great Cormorant and a European Shag while a couple of Kingfishers made regular appearances. We were treated to no less than eight Western Marsh Harriers and it was a thrill to see an Osprey and a lovely male Pallid Harrier. Common House Martin, Barn Swallow and Red-rumped Swallow zoomed low over the water, catching insects, and Cetti's

Warbler and Sedge Warbler were audible, but hard to see in the dense reeds. The lake's star resident is the secretive Little Crake and after a careful search along the water's edge, we managed to see three males and a female.

Returning to Hania, it was convenient to have our lunch at the hotel, before heading off to the Akrotiri peninsula. Some of the group enjoyed a visit to the Agia Triada Monastery, while the rest of us investigated the birds and botany, outside. We had good views of Eurasian Hoopoe, before moving on to the ancient Olive groves and scrubby landscape of the peninsula. A variety of small birds included Goldfinch, Linnet and European Greenfinch and we had good views of Common Cuckoo and a perched Wryneck. There were good plants here, as well. We were surrounded by the dramatic, but malodorous, purple spathes of Dragon Arum *Dracunculus vulgaris* and by our feet were the yellow flowers of the Cretan form of Yellow Pheasant's-eye *Adonis microcarpa* subsp. *cretica* and Sickle-fruited Hypecoum *Hypecoum procumbens*.

Our final destination was the Gouvernato Monastery, where we added a Common Rock Thrush and a Lesser Whitethroat to our expanding list. We descended the rocky, phrygana-covered slopes, as far as the Cave of St. John, finding two tiny endemic onions, *Allium rubrovittatum* and *Allium circinnatum* subsp. *circinnatum*, the latter with leaves resembling coiled watch springs. We were back at our hotel around 6pm and walked down to our chosen taverna, at the end of the harbour, for our evening meal.

Day 7

Monday 1st April

We dropped the group off in Hania to allow a visit to the market and a short exploration of the town. Parts of the harbour wall had suffered from the severe weather and some of the restaurants were still clearing up the damage to their property. We returned to Agia Lake for a shorter visit, before heading into the mountains, where we had heard that the road had just been reopened. On the way, there was a lot of evidence of flood damage to the roads and bridges and at Lakki, the road was just passable, with inches to spare. It was no surprise to find snow on the Omalos plateau and our normal taverna closed. However, we were warmly welcomed at the hotel and were able to eat our lunch in comfort. Outside, the sun was shining but it was a chilly 5°C, as we set off across the plateau.

Our bird sightings included a pair of Golden Eagles, a number of Griffon Vultures and Red-billed Chough and among the smaller birds, we recorded Woodlark, Tree Sparrow, Northern Wheatear, flocks of Goldfinch and a few Stonechat. The hoped-for tulips and anemones were still in tight bud and we only saw a few flowers of the deep purple sand-crocus *Romulea linairesii* subsp. *graeca* and a Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem *Gagea chrysantha*. The road to the head of the Samaria Gorge had been snow-ploughed and a very wintery scene greeted us. The summits of the mountains were blanketed by snow and a thick rime of hoar frost, which glistened in the sun. Ancient gnarled trees of *Cupressus sempervirens* var. *horizontalis* framed the view into the depths of the gorge. By the café, Cretan Maple *Acer sempervirens* and Cretan Zelkova *Zelkova abelicea*, Crete's only endemic tree, were yet to come into leaf. After completing a circuit of the plateau, we made a final short visit to Agia Lake, on the way back to Hania.

Day 8

Tuesday 2nd April

We left Hania around 8am, which allowed us time to visit the famous archaeological site of Knossos, on the outskirts of Heraklion, before heading to the airport to check in for the return flight.

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Species Lists

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

Latin name	Common name	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES		
FERNS AND FERN ALLIES		
Aspleniaceae <i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Spleenwort Family Rustyback	Rock crevices. Common
Dennstaedtiaceae <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Family Bracken	Locally common
Equisetaceae <i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i> <i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Horsetail Family Branched Horsetail Giant Horsetail	Hedges Wet areas. Agia
Pteridaceae <i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern Family Maidenhair Fern	Wet rocks
Selaginellaceae <i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Clubmoss	Damp earth
GYMNOSPERMS		
CONIFERS AND ALLIES		
Araucariaceae <i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> ‡	Monkey-puzzle Family Norfolk Island Pine	Cultivated. Coastal
Cupressaceae <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>horizontalis</i> <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> subsp. <i>sempervirens</i> ‡ <i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>macrocarpa</i> <i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i> <i>Juniperus phoenicea</i> subsp. <i>phoenicea</i>	Juniper Family Cypress Italian Cypress Sea Juniper Prickly Juniper Phoenicean Juniper	Common. Sea-level to treeline Cultivated Coastal. Plakias Frequent. Mountains Occasional. Lowland
Pinaceae <i>Pinus halepensis</i> subsp. <i>brutia</i> <i>Pinus pinea</i> ‡	Pine Family Calabrian Pine Stone Pine	Frequent native tree Cultivated near coasts
ANGIOSPERMS		
FLOWERING PLANTS		
DICOTYLEDONS		
Acanthaceae <i>Acanthuus mollis</i> ‡ <i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Bear's-breeches Family Bear's-breeches Spiny Bear's-breeches	Cutivated Frequent
Aizoaceae <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> var. <i>edulis</i> ‡ <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> var. <i>rubescens</i> ‡ <i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i> ‡	Dewplant Family Yellow Hottentot-fig Slenderleaf Iceplant	Coastal alien Coastal alien Sandy coast
Amaranthaceae <i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Goosefoot Family Sea Beet	Maritime sand

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<i>Chenopodiastrum murale</i>	Nettle-leaved Goosefoot	Waste areas
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-hen	Waste areas
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Plakias beach
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	Coastal rocks
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Common in maquis
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	Frequent in maquis and gorges
<i>Schinus molle</i> ‡	Californian Pepper Tree	Cultivated
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Maritime rocks
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Frequent
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	Common
<i>Eryngium creticum</i>	Cretan Eryngo	Frequent
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Sand dunes
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Common
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Wild Fennel	Common
<i>Lecokia cretica</i>	Lecokia	Damp roadsides and Spili Hill
<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water Dropwort	Moist woodland and fields
<i>Orlaya daucooides</i>	An Orlaya	Frequent
<i>Pseudorlaya pumila</i>	Dune Carrot	Sand dunes. Plakias
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Common
<i>Smyrniolum perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Locally common
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	Rocky places. Fields
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Mediterranean Hartwort	Common
<i>Torilis leptophylla</i>	A Bur-parsley	Frequent
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	Knotted Bur-parsley	Common
Apocynaceae	Dogbane Family	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Riverbeds. Planted on roadsides
<i>Plumeria rubra</i> ‡	Frangipani	Cultivated
<i>Vinca major</i> ‡	Greater Periwinkle	Garden escape
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Common
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
<i>Aristolochia cretica</i> •	Cretan Birthwort	Plakias headland
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Birthwort	Agia Lake
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Achillea ligustica</i>	Southern Yarrow	Frequent
<i>Achillea maritima</i>	Cottonweed	Sand dunes
<i>Aetheorhiza bulbosa</i>	Tuberous Hawk's-beard	Widespread
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile	Frequent. Fallow fields
<i>Anthemis chia</i>	Greek Chamomile	Common
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	Common
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i>	Shrubby Wormwood	Roadsides near Souda
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Common
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Common

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<i>Bellium minus</i>		Plakias headland
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Common
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Plymouth Thistle	Rocky places. Waste ground
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i> subsp. <i>curetum</i> •	A Flat-topped Carline Thistle	Rocky places
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	A Flat-topped Carline Thistle	Rocky places
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Red Star-thistle	Occasional
<i>Centaurea raphanina</i> subsp. <i>raphanina</i> •		Common on rocks
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	Occasional
<i>Centaurea spinosa</i>	Spiny Knapweed	North coast beaches
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Rush Skeletonweed	Sandy and waste places
<i>Cichorium spinosum</i>	Spiny Chicory	Common
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i>	Beaked Hawk's-beard	Olive groves and stony places
<i>Cynara cornigera</i>	A Wild Artichoke	Rocky places
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> ‡	Globe Artichoke	Cultivated
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Common
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Common
<i>Echinops spinosissimus</i>	Spiniest Globe Thistle	Common
<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i> ‡	Argentine Fleabane	Frequent on roadsides
<i>Evax pygmaea</i>	Evax	Frequent
<i>Filago pyramidata</i>	Broad-leaved Cudweed	Common
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Common
<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>	Slender Salsify	Plakias headland
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Common
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Frequent
<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i>	Scaly Hawkbit	Phrygana and fallow fields
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i> subsp. <i>barrelieri</i>	Golden Cassidony	Rocky places
<i>Helichrysum microphyllum</i>	A Curry Plant	Rocky places in mountains
<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Hypochaeris achyrophorus</i>	Mediterranean Cat's-ear	Rocky places
<i>Hypochaeris cretensis</i>	Southern Cat's-ear	Widespread
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cat's-ear	Rocky places
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Common Cat's-ear	Rocky places
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	Waste areas
<i>Lamyropsis cynaroides</i>		Rocky places
<i>Leontodon tuberosus</i>	Tuberous Hawkbit	Phrygana
<i>Matricaria recutita</i>	Scented Mayweed	Roadsides near sea-level
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	Common. Roadsides and waste areas
<i>Onopordum bracteatum</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i> •	Cretan Cotton Thistle	Coastal sand and rocky places
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Golden-star	Common
<i>Phagnalon graecum</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Rocks, cliffs and walls
<i>Picnomon acarna</i>	Yellow-spine Thistle	Stony ground and roadsides
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Cliffs and rocky banks
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	Star Hawkbit	Common
<i>Reichardia picroides</i>	A Reichardia	Rocky places and coastal sand
<i>Scorzonera cretica</i> •	Cretan Viper's-grass	Cliffs. Plakias headland
<i>Senecio rupestris</i>	Rock Groundsel	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Common
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Common. Waste areas
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	Waste areas
<i>Sonchus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>microcephalus</i>	Tuberous Hawk's-beard	Widespread
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Waste areas
<i>Staelina petiolata</i> •		Cliffs
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Common

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<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	Prickly Goldenfleece	Disturbed ground
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ‡	Spiny Cocklebur	Alien weed
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> ‡	Cocklebur	Alien weed
Berberidaceae	Barberry Family	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry	Mountains
Bignoniaceae	Jacaranda Family	
<i>Jacaranda ovalifolia</i> ‡	Jacaranda	Cultivated
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Anchusa italica</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Roadsides
<i>Anchusa variegata</i>	Variiegated Anchusa	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Weedy places
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	Turkish Bridge
<i>Cynoglossum columnae</i>	A Hound's-tongue	Occasional
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	Common
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	Common near coast
<i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i>	Pale Bugloss	Common
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Common
<i>Onosma graecum</i>	A Golden-drops	Armeni Minoan Cemetery
<i>Symphytum creticum</i>	Cretan Comfrey	Shady cliffs
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Dry rocky places
<i>Alyssum simplex</i>	An Alison	Dry rocky places
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Common
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress	Frequent
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Aubretia	Omalos
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Buckler Mustard	Common
<i>Brassica cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Cretan Cabbage	Imbros Gorge
<i>Brassica nigra</i> ‡	Black Mustard	Roadsides
<i>Bunias erucago</i>	Bunias	Weedy places
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Plakias beach
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	Common
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	Common
<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i> ‡	Wallflower	Garden escape
<i>Coronopus didymus</i>	Lesser Swine-cress	Garden weed
<i>Erophila verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass	Common
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Garden Rocket	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	Armeni
<i>Lunaria annua</i> subsp. <i>pachyrhiza</i>	Honesty	Occasional
<i>Malcolmia chia</i>	A Malcolmia	Phrygana near sea-level
<i>Malcolmia flexuosa</i> subsp. <i>naxensis</i>	A Malcolmia	Rocks and walls near sea-level
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	Coasts
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Water-cress	Wet ditches and streams
<i>Ricotia cretica</i> •	Ricotia	Gorges and screes
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	Roadsides
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Weedy places
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> ‡	Prickly Pear	Cultivated and naturalised

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Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Annual Bellflower	Frequent
<i>Campanula saxatilis</i> subsp. <i>saxatilis</i> •		Walls of Katholikou
<i>Petromarula pinnata</i> •	Petromarula	Common
Capparaceae	Caper Family	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Frequent on cliffs
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Occasional
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Cerastium comatum</i>	Levantine Mouse-ear	Occasional
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Omalos
<i>Cerastium scaposum</i> •	Cretan Mouse-ear	Omalos
<i>Petrorhagia velutina</i>	Kohlrauschia	Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Sagina apetala</i>	Annual Pearlwort	Common
<i>Silene behen</i>	Hairless Catchfly	Coastal sand. Rocky places
<i>Silene bellidifolia</i>	Daisy-leaved Catchfly	Waste areas
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly	Common
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Common
<i>Silene gigantea</i>	Giant Catchfly	Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Champion	Frequent
<i>Spergula arvensis</i>	Corn Spurrey	Fallow fields
<i>Spergularia bocconeii</i>	A Sea Spurrey	Maritime sand
<i>Stellaria cupaniana</i>	A Chickweed	Weedy places
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Common. Weedy places
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	Common
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Frequent in maquis
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally common
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Mediterranean Rock-rose	Common. Rocky places
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Rock-rose	Common. Rocky places
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Common
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Frequent. Waste places
<i>Convolvulus oleifolius</i>	Olive-leaved Bindweed	Dry rocky places
<i>Cuscuta campestris</i> ‡	Field Dodder	Moni Preveli
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Frequent parasite
<i>Ipomea indica</i> ‡	A Morning Glory	Cultivated
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Rosularia serrata</i>		Cliffs
<i>Petrosedum sediforme</i>	Pale Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Rocks and walls
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Sedum amplexicaule</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolium</i>		Rocky places
<i>Sedum creticum</i> var. <i>monocarpicum</i> •		Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Sedum laconicum</i>		Rocky mountain slopes
<i>Sedum litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop	Rocks
<i>Sedum praesidis</i> •		Rocky phrygana

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<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Tillaea muscosa</i>	Mossy Stonecrop	Seasonally damp bare places
<i>Umbilicus parviflorus</i>	Yellow Pennywort	Shaded cliffs
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	White Bryony	Frequent
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	A Scabious	Occasional in phrygana
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry Tree	Local in maquis
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Common in maquis
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Common in maquis
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>	Autumn Heather	Locally common. Autumn-flowering
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i>	Greek Spiny Spurge	Common
<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>	Small Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Maritime cliffs
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Maritime sand
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Common
<i>Ricinus communis</i> ‡	Castor-oil-plant	Frequent naturalised weed
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i> ‡	Golden Wattle	Cultivated
<i>Acacia retinoides</i> ‡	Swamp Wattle	Cultivated
<i>Acacia saligna</i> ‡	Blue-leaved Wattle	Cultivated
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Scrub and waste areas
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>rubriflora</i>	A Kidney Vetch	Common
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Common
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Common
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Common
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> ‡	Judus Tree	Frequently cultivated
<i>Chamaecytisus creticus</i>	Cretan Dwarf Broom	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Ebenus cretica</i> •	Shrubby Sainfoin	Cliffs and hillsides
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>	Spiny Broom	Common
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disc Trefoil	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Crimson Pea	Frequent
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	Winged Vetchling	Armeni
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	Red Vetchling	Frequent
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>	Round Pea	Frequent
<i>Lotus conimbricensis</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Fallow fields
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Damp places
<i>Lotus cytisoides</i>	Grey Bird's-foot Trefoil	Sands and rocks near the sea
<i>Lotus tetragonolobus</i>	Asparagus Pea	Widespread
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Stony ground
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Occasional

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<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Medicago disciformis</i>	Disc Medick	Stony ground near the sea
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Common
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Sand dunes
<i>Medicago murex</i>	A Bur Medick	Rocky places
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Disc Medick	Rocky or sandy places
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Widespread
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	A Medick	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Widespread
<i>Ononis spinosa</i> subsp. <i>diacantha</i>	Spiny Restharrow	Rocky places
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Compressed Bird's-foot	Rocky places
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> ‡	False Acacia	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpion Vetch	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Securigera cretica</i>	Cretan Crown Vetch	Weedy places
<i>Securigera securidaca</i>	Hatchet Vetch	Widespread
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Roadsides and maquis
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	Strawberry Clover	Bare ground
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	Annual White Clover	Moist habitats
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Widespread
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	Coastal sands
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Burrowing Clover	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	Fields and rocky places
<i>Trifolium uniflorum</i>	One-flowered Clover	Widespread
<i>Tripodion tetraphyllum</i>	Bladder Vetch	Common
<i>Vicia bithynica</i>	Bithynian Vetch	Widespread
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	Common
<i>Vicia lathyroides</i>	Spring Vetch	Phrygana
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow-vetch	Common
<i>Vicia pubescens</i>	A Vetch	Occasional
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i> ‡	Common Vetch	Escape from cultivation
<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i>	Fine-leaved Vetch	Common
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	Common
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> ‡	Wisteria	Cultivated
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i> ‡	Sweet Chestnut	Cultivated and occasionally naturalised
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	Common
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Frequent
<i>Quercus ithaburensis</i> subsp. <i>macrolepis</i>	Valonia Oak	Common around Armeni
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	Common around Armeni
Frankeniaceae	Sea-heath Family	
<i>Frankenia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Sea-heath	Maritime rocks and sand
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	Frequent
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	Weedy places and fields
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> subsp. <i>intermedia</i>	Yellow-wort	Damp places

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Geraniaceae		
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Disturbed areas and coastal sands
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Phrygana and riverbeds
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Musk Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Rocky places
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Damp ground
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Shady places
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Shady places
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
Hypericaceae		
<i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i> subsp. <i>empetrifolium</i>	Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort	Maquis
<i>Hypericum perforiatum</i>	Perfoliate St John's-wort	Rocky places
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's-wort	Rocky places
<i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>	Wavy-leaved st John's-wort	Common
Juglandaceae		
<i>Juglans regia</i> ‡	Walnut	Cultivated
Lamiaceae		
<i>Ballota acetabulosa</i>	Garden Horehound	Riverbeds near sea-level
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound	Waste places
<i>Ballota pseudodictamnus</i>	False Dittany	Rocky phrygana
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil	Maquis and phrygana
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	Common
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Local in maquis
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	Waste places
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Wet places
<i>Micromeria juliana</i>	Micromeria	Rocky places
<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>		Rocky places
<i>Nepeta melissifolia</i>	A Cat-mint	Rare. Agia Triada
<i>Origanum dictamnus</i> •	Cretan Dittany	Cliffs
<i>Origanum microphyllum</i> •		Omalos plateau
<i>Origanum onites</i>	White Marjoram	Occasional
<i>Phlomis cretica</i>	Cretan Jerusalem Sage	Locally common
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	Common
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	Common
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	Occasional. Damp places
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Greek Sage	Common
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Common
<i>Satureja thymbra</i>	Satureia	Maquis and phrygana
<i>Scutellaria sieberi</i> •	A Skullcap	Cliffs and rocky banks
<i>Sideritis syriaca</i> subsp. <i>syriaca</i> •	Mountain Tea	Mountains
<i>Stachys cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	Common
<i>Stachys ocymastrum</i>	A Woundwort	Waste places
<i>Stachys spinosa</i> •	Spiny Wounwort	Local
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	Felty Germander	Rocky places
<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	Mediterranean Thyme	Common
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Gorge-beds and damp places

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Lauraceae <i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Laurel Family Bay	Top of Kotsifou Gorge
Linaceae <i>Linum arboreum</i> <i>Linum bienne</i>	Flax Family Shrubby Flax Biennial Flax	Cliffs in gorges Frequent
Lythraceae <i>Lythrum junceum</i>	Loosestrife Family Creeping Loosestrife	Wet ditches
Malvaceae <i>Althaea hirsuta</i> <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> ‡ <i>Lavatera bryoniifolia</i> <i>Malva arborea</i> <i>Malva cretica</i> <i>Malva parviflora</i> <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Mallow Family Hairy Mallow Hibiscus Bryony-leaved Mallow Tree Mallow Cretan Mallow Least Mallow Common Mallow	Frequent Cultivated Common Coast. Hania Waste areas Rocky places near the sea Common
Meliaceae <i>Melia azedarach</i> ‡	Mahogany Family Persian Lilac	Cultivated
Moraceae <i>Ficus carica</i> <i>Ficus elastica</i> ‡ <i>Morus alba</i> ‡	Mulberry Family Fig Rubber Plant White Mulberry	Frequent Cultivated Cultivated
Myoporaceae <i>Myoporum laetum</i> ‡	Myoporum Family Ngaio	Cultivated
Myrtaceae <i>Callistemon viminalis</i> ‡ <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡ <i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle Family Bottlebrush River Red Gum Common Myrtle	Cultivated Cultivated Occasional along watercourses
Nyctaginaceae <i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> ‡	Bougainvillea Family Bougainvillea	Cultivated
Oleaceae <i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>sylvestris</i> <i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Olive Family Wild Olive Mock Privet	Occasional in phrygana Occasional in maquis
Onagraceae <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Willowherb Family Greater Willowherb	Wet ditches
Orobanchaceae <i>Bellardia trixago</i> <i>Orobanche alba</i> <i>Parentucellia latifolia</i> <i>Phelipanche ramosa</i>	Broomrape Family Bellardia Thyme Broomrape Southern Red Bartsia Branched Broomrape	Frequent in meadows Occasional Common Parasitic on <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Wood-sorrel Family Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed

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Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned Poppy	Coast
<i>Papaver apulum</i>		Occasional
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Common
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum Family	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> ‡	A Pittosporum	Cultivated
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Glandular Plantain	Common
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	Hairy Plantain	Common
<i>Plantago cretica</i>	A Plantain	Rocky places near coast
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	Frequent
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Olive groves. Damp places
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Damp places
<i>Plantago weldenii</i>	A Buck's-horn Plantain	Coastal
Platanaceae	Plane Family	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	River valleys
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Winged Sea-lavender	Coastal sands
Polygalaceae	Milk-wort Family	
<i>Polygala monspeliaca</i>	Mediterranean Milkwort	Occasional
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> ‡	Myrtle-leaved Milkwort	Cultivated
<i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Eastern Milkwort	Frequent
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	Willow-leaved Knotgrass	Agia Lake
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	Disturbed ground
<i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i>	Horsetail Knotgrass	Olive groves. Roadsides
<i>Polygonum maritimum</i>	Sea Knotgrass	Coastal sands
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Bull's-head Dock	Common
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	Wet places
<i>Rumex tuberosus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i>	Tuberous Dock	Rocky places
Portulacaceae	Purslane Family	
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Purslane	Disturbed ground
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Cyclamen creticum</i> •	Cretan Sowbread	Locally common
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>candicum</i> •	A Greek Sowbread	Widespread
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Common
<i>Lysimachia foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel	Common
<i>Lysimachia linum-stellatum</i>	Asterolinon	Frequent
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed	Wet rocks. Georgiopolis
Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
<i>Punica granatum</i> ‡	Pomegranate	Cultivated
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Adonis microcarpa</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i> •	Yellow Pheasant's-eye	Akrotiri peninsula

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<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	Gious Kambos. Omalos
<i>Anemone hortensis</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Anemone	Widespread
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower	Occasional. Maquis and roadsides
<i>Ficaria verna</i> subsp. <i>chrysocephala</i>	A Lesser Celandine	Common
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	Locally common
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>aleae</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Moist shady places
<i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>	Autumn Buttercup	Locally common
<i>Ranunculus chius</i>		Widespread
<i>Ranunculus creticus</i>	Cretan Buttercup	Shady cliffs
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	Rough-fruited Buttercup	Moist places
<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>	Jersey Buttercup	Locally common
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	Waste areas
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Weld	Waste areas
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
<i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>oleoides</i>	A Buckthorn	Frequent in phrygana
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Common
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i> ‡	Quince	Cultivated
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> ‡	Japanese Loquat	Cultivated
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> subsp. <i>verrucosa</i>	Salad Burnet	Frequent
<i>Prunus dulcis</i> ‡	Almond	Cultivated
<i>Prunus persica</i> ‡	Peach	Cultivated
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> ‡	Firethorn	Cultivated
<i>Pyrus communis</i> ‡	Domestic Pear	Cultivated
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	Common
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog-rose	Frequent
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Rose	Frequent
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	A Bramble	Common
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Common
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Waste places
<i>Galium fruticosum</i> •	A shrubby Bedstraw	Cliffs
<i>Rubia peregriana</i>	Wild Madder	Frequent in scrub
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Common
<i>Valentia hispida</i>	Valantia	Dry rocky places
<i>Valentia muralis</i>	Wall Valantia	Dry rocky places
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
<i>Citrus limon</i> ‡	Lemon	Cultivated
<i>Citrus sinensis</i> ‡	Orange	Cultivated
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i> ‡	White Poplar	Common
<i>Salix alba</i> ‡	White Willow	By rivers
Santalaceae	Bastard-toadflax Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Locally common

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Sapindaceae <i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Maple Family Cretan Maple	Common. Mountains
Scrophulariaceae <i>Scrophularia auriculata</i> <i>Scrophularia lucida</i> <i>Verbascum arcturus</i> • <i>Verbascum macrurum</i> <i>Verbascum sinuatum</i> <i>Verbascum spinosum</i> •	Figwort Family Water Figwort Shining Figwort Shrubby Mullein A Mullein Wavy-leaved Mullien Spiny Mullein	Wet ditches Occasional Common on cliffs Common Common Common
Simaroubaceae <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡	Tree-of-heaven Family Tree-of-heaven	Naturalised
Solanaceae <i>Hyoscyamus albus</i> <i>Mandragora autumnalis</i> <i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡ <i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Nightshade Family White Henbane Mandrake Shrub Tobacco Black Nightshade	Weedy places and walls. Hania Frequent Naturalised along roadsides Weedy places
Styracaceae <i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Storax Family Mediterranean Storax	Frequent
Tamaricaceae <i>Tamarix parviflora</i> <i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i> ‡	Tamarisk Family Small-flowered Tamarisk A Tamarisk	Coastal Planted. Plakias beach
Thymelaeaceae <i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	Mezereon Family Hairy Thymelaea	Rocky places near the sea
Ulmaceae <i>Ulmus minor</i> ‡ <i>Zelkova abelicea</i> •	Elm Family Small-leaved Elm Cretan Zelkova	Occasional. Planted Omalos plateau
Urticaceae <i>Parietaria cretica</i> <i>Parietaria judaica</i> <i>Urtica membranacea</i> <i>Urtica pilulifera</i> <i>Urtica urens</i>	Nettle Family Cretan Pellitory Pellitory-of-the-Wall Membranous Nettle Roman Nettle Small Nettle	Rocks and walls Rocks and walls Weedy places Weedy places Weedy places
Valerianaceae <i>Centranthus calcitrapa</i> <i>Centranthus ruber</i> ‡ <i>Fedia cornucopiae</i> <i>Valeriana asarifolia</i> • <i>Valerianella coronata</i> <i>Valerianella echinata</i>	Valerian Family Annual Valerian Red Valerian Fedia Cretan Valerian A Corn Salad A Corn Salad	Rocky places Walls Rocky places Cliffs and rocky places Rocky places Rocky places
Verbenaceae <i>Lantana camara</i> ‡ <i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain Family Lantana Vervain	Cultivated Frequent. Waste areas

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Veronicaceae	Speedwell Family	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> ‡	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Walls
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel's-snout	Occasional
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	Water Speedwell	Streams
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Widespread
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Widespread
<i>Veronica persica</i> ‡	Common Field Speedwell	Naturalised near the sea
Viburnaceae	Viburnum Family	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ‡	Elder	Naturalised around villages
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i>	Wild Vine	Occasional
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>vinifera</i> ‡	Grape Vine	Cultivated
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Waste areas
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	Occasional Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Allium circinnatum</i> subsp. <i>circinnatum</i> •		Meadows
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	Black Garlic	Occasional
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	Hairy Garlic	Stony ground. Akrotiri
<i>Allium rubrovittatum</i> •		Abandoned fields
<i>Allium trifoliatum</i>	Pink Garlic	Gious Kambos
<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>	Polyanthus Daffodil	Sand dunes
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	Common. Damp places
<i>Arum concinnatum</i>	An Arum	Common. Olive groves
<i>Arum creticum</i>	Cretan Arum	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Dracunculus vulgaris</i>	Dragon Arum	Common
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i> ‡	Arum Lily	Cultivated
Arecaceae	Palm Family	
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i> ‡	Canary Palm	Cultivated
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> ‡	Date Palm	Cultivated
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i> ‡	Californian Fan-palm	Cultivated
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Agave americana</i> ‡	Centuryplant	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Asparagus aphyllus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>	Leafless Asparagus	Common
<i>Drimia numidica</i>	Sea Squill	Common
<i>Leopoldia comosa</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Common
<i>Ornithogalum creticum</i> •	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Occasional. Limestone crevices
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Shady areas
Asphodelaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	Common

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<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Branched Asphodel	Common
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Ditches and roadsides
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	Sea Club-rush	Coastal marshes
<i>Carex otrubae</i>	False Fox Sedge	Ditches and springs
<i>Cladium mariscus</i>	Great Fen-sedge	Agia Lake
<i>Cyperus capitatus</i>	Sand Galingale	Coastal sands
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>	Common Club-rush	Agia Lake
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Woodland and scrub
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	Frequent
<i>Iris albicans</i> †	White Iris	Planted
<i>Iris germanica</i> †	German Iris	Planted
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	Agia Lake
<i>Iris tuberosa</i>	Snake's-head Iris	Spili hill and Omalos
<i>Iris unguicularis</i> subsp. <i>cretensis</i> •	Cretan Iris	Locally common
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Common
<i>Romulea bulbocodium</i>	A Sand-crocus	Occasional
<i>Romulea linairesii</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	A Sand-crocus	Omalos
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Maritime sands
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	Jointed Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toad Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Wet places
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Tulipa bakeri</i> •	Baker's Tulip	Omalos plateau. Leaves only
<i>Tulipa doerfleri</i> •	Doerfler's Tulip	Gious Kambos. Leaves only
<i>Tulipa saxatilis</i>	Rock Tulip	Spili hill
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis boryi</i>	Bory's Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Anacamptis collina</i>	Saccate-lipped Orchid	Locally common
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i> subsp. <i>papilionacea</i>	Pink butterfly Orchid	Occasional
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Locally common
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Locally common
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumble bee orchid	Spili hill and Armeni
<i>Ophrys cretica</i>	Cretan Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys fuciflora</i> subsp. <i>fuciflora</i>	Late Spider Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>cinereophila</i>	Dingy Bee Orchid	Local
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>fusca</i>	Dingy Bee Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>iricolor</i>	Rainbow Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>galilaea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>cretensis</i>	Cretan Early Spider Orchid	Local
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Orchid	Locally frequent

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<i>Ophrys xsommeri</i> (<i>O. bombyiflora</i> x <i>O. tenthredinifera</i>)	A hybrid orchid	Spili
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Spili hill and Armeni
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	Common
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Locally common
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Locally common
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i> subsp. <i>laxiflora</i>	Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid	Widespread
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Common Tongue-orchid	Locally common
<i>Serapias orientalis</i>	Eastern Tongue-orchid	Agia Triada
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	Occasional. Armeni
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Achnatherum miliaceum</i>	Smilo Grass	Olive groves. Waste areas
<i>Arundo donax</i> ‡	Giant Reed	Naturalised and common
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram	Sand dunes
<i>Andropogon distachyos</i>	Two-spiked Beard-grass	Rocky places. Roadsides
<i>Anisantha tectorum</i>	Drooping Brome	Frequent
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	Damp places. Fields
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Slender Oat	Disturbed ground
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Wild-oat	Fallow land
<i>Brachypodium retusum</i>	Mediterranean False-brome	Widespread
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Drooping Brome	Rocky places
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	Bare stony ground
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda Grass	Disturbed ground
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	Rough Dog's-tail	Rocky places. Fields
<i>Hordeum leporinum</i>	Wall Barley	Roadsides. Waste places
<i>Hordeum spontaneum</i> ‡	Wild Barley	Occasional
<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>	Thatching Grass	Widespread
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Common
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's-tail	Frequent
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	Widespread
<i>Lolium temulentum</i>	Darnel	Fields and waste places
<i>Melica ciliata</i>	Hairy Melick	Imbros Gorge
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Marshes and riverbanks
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Waste places
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Annual Beard-grass	Wet places
<i>Rostraria cristata</i>	Crested Hair-grass	Widespread
<i>Sesleria doerfleri</i> •	Doerfler's Moor-grass	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Stipa capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Rocky places and fields
<i>Vulpia ciliata</i>	Bearded Fescue	Bare stony ground and fields
Posidoniaceae	Neptune-grass Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Marine
Ruppiaceae	Tasselweed Family	
<i>Ruppia maritima</i>	Beaked Tasselweed	Kokkinos Lagoon
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	Common
Typhaceae	Reedmace Family	
<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Southern Reedmace	Agia Lake

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

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			26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>							2	2	
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>						2	2	2	
3	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>			300	100	12	5	3		
4	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>						1			
5	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>						4	4		
6	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>			H			2			
7	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					2			2	
8	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>						1	2		
9	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>							1		
10	Squacco Heron	<i>Aedeola ralloides</i>			1						
11	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		4	5				10		
12	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>						2	50	3	
13	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>							1	2	
14	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			20	1					
15	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓				1		8	
16	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>							1		
17	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>								2	
18	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		2							
19	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			4	3			8	2	
20	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>							1		
21	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓			1	2	✓	✓
22	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1	1	1	1			
23	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	1	2	2	3	3	3	✓
24	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>								1	
25	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>							4	4	
26	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	
27	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			5						
29	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		2	1	1				1	
30	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			1						
31	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			1					H	
32	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			5					1	
33	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			1						
34	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			2						
35	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			15						
36	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>		✓							
38	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			20						
39	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓						
41	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>							3		
43	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	✓								
44	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓					✓		
46	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓	10	5	2
47	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>						1	2	2	
48	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					1		1		
49	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓			1		1		

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50	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓					H	✓	
51	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>						✓	✓	✓	
52	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓						1	
53	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>						3	✓	2	
55	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>						✓	✓	✓	
56	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓							
57	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓						H	
58	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						1			
59	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Black-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>		✓	1			✓	1	4	
61	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓					1		
62	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		3	2						
63	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				2			3		
64	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			1						
65	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓				3	1	✓	
66	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>							✓		
67	Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>		✓	✓			1	2		
68	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
69	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>						1	✓		
70	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						1			
71	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
72	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		2	2			1			
73	Common Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>							1		
74	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓				H	H	
75	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>							✓		
76	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>						✓			
77	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Ruppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>		1							
79	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		✓		1			✓	1	
80	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							✓	✓	
81	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓	H			H	✓	✓	
82	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		✓			6	1	✓	1	
83	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>						1			
84	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>						1			
85	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓			H	H	✓	
86	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
87	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
88	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>								2	
89	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>								4	
90	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓		
91	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		✓	✓					10	
92	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>								10	
96	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓				✓		
98	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis cardulis</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
99	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
100	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>							1		

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101	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	H						
102	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓						✓	

Mammals (D = dead; E = evidence of)

1	Eastern Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus concolor</i>									D
2	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>							✓		
3	Black Rat	<i>Rattus rattus</i>	✓								
4	Beech Marten	<i>Martes foina bunites</i>	✓	D	D						D
5	Cretan Badger	<i>Meles meles arkalus</i>		E	D			D			D

Reptiles

1	Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>								✓	
2	Cretan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis cretensis</i>		✓						✓	
3	Red-eared Slider ‡	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>								✓	
4	Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>								✓	

Amphibians (T = tadpole)

1	Cretan Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax cretensis</i>		T	T						D
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Butterflies

1	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>							✓		
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirus</i>		✓							
3	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>							✓		
4	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>							✓		
5	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>							✓	✓	
6	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓							
7	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓					✓		
8	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓						✓	
9	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>								✓	
10	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>		✓							
11	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>							✓	✓	
12	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Southern Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
14	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	

Moths

1	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>				D					
2	Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>			E			E			

Dragonflies

1	Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>								✓	
2	Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>								✓	

Other Insects

1	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>								✓	
2	Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>			✓						
3	Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>								✓	
4	Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera adami</i>		✓				✓	✓		

	Common name	Latin name	March/April								
			26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
5	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>								✓	
6	Dark-edged Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius major</i>							✓		

Molluscs

1	Cretan Door Snail	<i>Albinaria inflata</i>		✓	✓						
2	Garden Snail	<i>Helix aspersa</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓		