

Crete

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Cretan Festoon by David White



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Summary

Crete is the largest of some six thousand islands which belong to Greece. In many respects it's like a miniature continent, with its wide range of habitats including mountain ranges, a hundred gorges, sandy beaches, olive groves, rocky phrygana, wetlands and vineyards. The island hosts around 2,000 wild plants, ten percent of which are endemic. It is also a very good place to see many interesting resident birds, as well as some exciting migrant species.

For the first half of the week, we were based in Plakias on the south-west coast, from where we explored the headlands, valleys and gorges. We then travelled north-west to Chania for the last three nights of the tour. The weather was a little unsettled and cool for the season, with average daytime temperatures ranging from a morning low of 7°C, warming to a maximum afternoon high of 19°C, although we still enjoyed extended periods of warm, sunny weather.

The tour was a rich mix of wildlife with a touch of history and included visits to the Minoan Palaces of Knossos and Phaestos and the WWII Souda Bay Allied War Cemetery. Highlights within this diverse landscape were the variety and colour of the abundant wildflowers including Crown Daisies, Poppy Anemones, Cretan Birthwort and a mass of orchids – almost thirty species were recorded! These were inter-mixed with quality birds like Golden Eagle, Woodchat Shrike, Red-rumped Swallow and Little Crake. These were further augmented by a couple of unexpected star birds: the stunning Spur-winged Lapwing and the less showy, but attractive, Red-throated Pipit. A friendly, knowledgeable group made the sampling of local food and drink, served with a generous Cretan welcome all the more enjoyable.

Day 1

Tuesday 2nd April

Our flight from Gatwick was on time and we were soon in the minibuses heading west. 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 high on the hillside, where we also spotted a few scattered shrubs of the taller Eastern Strawberry Tree with its distinctive red, silky-smooth bark. Our first Tongue Orchids were a treat and carpets of sweet scented Annual White Clover were covered in honey bees, while Pink Cretan Cistus, Mastic Tree and the ubiquitous Bermuda Buttercup were all plentiful. Sardinian Warblers were conspicuous by their chattering calls and a group of Griffon Vultures were joined by a smart white-tailed, immature Golden Eagle as they soared high above a mountain ridge.

Near Lavis, we stopped where the road crossed a small river and found singletons of Kingfisher, Little Ringed Plover and Common Sandpiper. The latter two were most likely migrants and there was further evidence of passage migration in the form of a steady stream of Barn Swallows accompanied by an Alpine Swift.

Soon we stopped for a welcome coffee break and two Stonechats and a female Northern Wheatear were spotted just outside the taverna. Continuing on the final leg of our journey, we passed through the stunning Kotsifou Gorge and descended towards the coast with magnificent views across Plakias below. After settling into our

rooms, we took the short walk to a restaurant on the harbourside, where we enjoyed our first excellent Cretan dinner together.

Day 2

Wednesday 3rd April

Following a long and tiring day of travel, we made a fairly relaxed start this morning, driving the short distance to the nearby Turkish Bridge. Here we were greeted by an elegant Wood Sandpiper in the stream above the bridge, and after extended viewing we found it kept company with both Green and Common Sandpipers. This gave us a rare opportunity to study the three related species at close quarters, from which we were only briefly distracted by two Glossy Ibis which suddenly erupted from reeds before flying off. A species of hawk dragonfly was on the wing in considerable numbers and on closer examination these were identified as Vagrant Emperors; an insect which has recently been spotted in the UK and seems to be experiencing an 'eruption year'. Painted Lady butterflies were also numerous, prompting us to consider whether the two species had benefitted from same good breeding conditions further south. A short walk alongside the river presented us with amazingly close views of a juvenile Black-crowned Night Heron, which was roosting in reeds just metres away. Common Buzzards were frequent while a handsome male Marsh Harrier created greater excitement, as did a Hoopoe which perched on a telegraph wire posing for the photographers.

Moving on, we were prompted to stop at a war memorial by a pair of Red-billed Choughs which were playing in updrafts on an adjacent rocky ridge. Crested Larks were singing and we enjoyed brief views of a Black-eared Wheatear perched on a rock. Notable plants included some large and showy examples of Yellow Asphodel and Jerusalem Sage.

At the end of the road we arrived at the Moni Preveli Monastery; here a few of the group decided on a visit of the grounds. The rest of us walked back along the road where we found a singing Corn Bunting and were rewarded with better views of a Black-eared Wheatear. Two juvenile Peregrine Falcons were intent on fighting with the local Kestrels and we looked on in awe at their aerial prowess. From here, we retraced our steps to a small picnic site with wonderful views over the adjacent coast which also proved an excellent site for Blue Rock Thrush, with two males chasing over the phrygana. A stand of orchids proved difficult to identify but we eventually decided they were hybrid Naked/Italian Man orchids.

Following the first of several excellent picnic lunches, we returned to Plakias where we undertook a short walk along the coastal path. Our goal was some natural caves which had been used in the Second World War. Walking along the base of the cliffs, we kept our eyes peeled for the Cretan Festoon – a relative of the better known Apollo – and with little effort we eventually connected with twenty or so of these beautifully marked butterflies. A careful search of the surrounding area also turned up its larval food plant, the Cretan Birthwort; a plant also known as Dutchman's Pipe, so named for its beautifully quirky flowers complete with downward-facing hairs which trap pollinating insects until the hairs wither, releasing them unharmed. From here we passed through a man-made tunnel which at times required the aid of torches and a crouched walking action! At the far end of the tunnel, we entered into the first of two natural caves and it was here that we found our first Crag Martins of the tour.

From here we returned to the hotel in very good humour, having spent a wonderfully varied first day exploring the delights of Crete.

Day 3

Thursday 4th April

Leaving the hotel, we headed up the Kotsifou Gorge where we stopped at a charming little chapel and it was here we found an impressive display of pale yellow Cretan Arums. Traveling south-east, on the far side of Spili we made a stop on a hillside which is exceptional for its diverse orchid flora. Along the roadside there were some impressive stands of Robert's Giant Orchid and as we passed through a narrow gap in the scrub, we soon found our first Milky Orchids of the tour alongside the similar Naked Man Orchid. Orchids were seemingly everywhere and we had to tread carefully to avoid standing on any! The Lion's Mane Orchid was another popular find, as was the showy Pink Butterfly Orchid.

Returning to the mini-buses, we headed for Phaestos - our first archaeological visit of the tour where we walked along a path bordering this well-known Minoan site. Afterwards, we ate our picnic overlooking Mount Ida, followed by a short drive onto the Mesara Plain where a roadside verge was festooned with Anemone Poppies. A particularly exciting find was an Eastern Tongue Orchid; an unusual find on the western side of Crete.

Driving back through Timbaki, we made a welcome stop in a local café and from here we drove to a small lagoon near Kokkinos which provided us with some excellent birding. On exiting the buses, Alan spotted an interesting wader which was quickly identified as a Spur-winged Lapwing; a very scarce and exciting passage migrant on Crete. Sadly, it moved slowly but steadily out of view but not before we'd all managed good views of this stunning species. Other eye catching waders included Black-winged Stilt and Ruff; both were numerous. Although somewhat eclipsed by the lapwing, the elegant Marsh Sandpiper was another very good find and totalled an impressive six birds across the site. Small waders included Common Sandpiper and Little Ringed Plover and these were briefly joined by three Greenshank which dropped in but departed moments later, presumably continuing on their migration. A flock of around forty Black-crowned Night Herons made a couple of aerial circuits of the lagoon, giving excellent views before dropping out of sight. Another long-legged species, the Glossy Ibis, was also present in large numbers with a flock of up to fifty birds seen flying between feeding grounds.

Our next stop was the hillside above Spili where an abundance of orchids is the main draw. Our first 'regular' Bee Orchids made the list but sadly these were still in bud, while nearby some rather pinkish Man Orchids were slightly more advanced. A Corn Bunting was singing enthusiastically and we heard our first Woodlark of the tour. A Blackcap sang from a copse, where a smart black and white bird was identified as a male Collared Flycatcher. Combing the hillside we found our first delicate Four-spotted Orchids growing near some stunning Snakes-head Irises. Further on, we made a recce of a hillock which was covered in sweetly scented Daphne and colourful patches of pink Rock Tulip. On a previous visit we had found some beautiful Rainbow Bee Orchids and following a careful search, we again located two spikes of this rare and attractive species.

After a very full and fruitful day, we returned to the hotel ahead of another excellent dinner.

Day 4

Friday 5th April

In cooler conditions, we headed west towards the castle of Frangocastello and before reaching our destination we stopped to explore the coastal vegetation which was also fruitful for birds. An impressive flock of fifty Greater Short-toed Larks made a wonderful flyby before eventually settling hidden in the grass. Overhead,

migrating Tree Pipits and Yellow Wagtails gave their distinctive flight calls and the delicate Jersey Toadflax was an interesting addition to the plant list. Reaching the castle, some of the group climbed to the top of one of its towers. Positioned at the coast, we scoped the shoreline finding a smart male Kentish Plover which seemed to be keeping company with a Common Sandpiper. A male Crested Lark performed its courtship display to an attendant female but she seemed unimpressed. Nearby, a Hoopoe was a popular find, with us all taking turns at the scope to watch this striking bird probe the soil for grubs.

Moving on, we navigated a switchback road, eventually arriving at the entrance to the Imbros Gorge where we enjoyed an early lunch of traditional pancakes with honey. Refuelled, we set out on the eight kilometre walk down the gorge. Despite the falling rain, spirits were high but the 'dynamic' conditions were not conducive to birdwatching, although we did hear the distinctive song of a Short-toed Treecreeper soon after setting out. During the walk we also heard an occasional Nightingale but the Wren was by far the commonest bird. Towards the end of the walk two wild Rock Doves were seen searching for a nest site in a cave high above the gorge. Having already noted that the season was running a little late, this was even more noticeable in the cool, shady depths of the gorge. However, several orchids were spotted along the length of the walk and a new species of tree spurge was a good find, as was Friar's Cowl – a distinctive member of the arum family. And, despite being still in bud, an impressive Dragon Arum was popular and well photographed. Eventually reaching the road, the group enjoyed drinks in the Taverna Komitades, while the minibuses were retrieved from the top of the gorge before returning to Plakias.

Day 5

Saturday 6th April

Leaving Plakias for the last time, we headed for the Kourtaliotiko Gorge which was shrouded in mist and did not look very promising. However, almost immediately a group of Griffon Vultures descended through the murk and made a superb flyby. A Blue Rock Thrush sang a few fluty notes but stayed hidden, although several Crag Martins were more obliging as they swooped low over our heads.

Our next stop was at the Late Minoan Cemetery near Armeni. Here we marvelled at the ancient Minoan tombs lying under a canopy of Valonia Oak, which also provides light shade for a rich flora; many fine specimens of Tongue Orchid and several species of bee orchids were found. Birds were few, but did include a Woodlark which was singing from a tree.

From here we travelled to Georgiopolis, where we had lunch on the seafront followed by a coffee and ice creams in the town square near an attractive fountain. After refreshments, we found a small lake on the outskirts of the town which provided some good finds and was particularly popular for the incredibly abundant Balkan Terrapins which were sunning themselves at the edge of the lake in their hundreds! Just as a Cormorant was spotted drying its wings on a log in the centre of the lake, the silence was shattered by a sudden shriek of 'Little Bittern', with everybody homing in on this tiny bird before it disappeared into the reeds.

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 the distinctive falcon-like calls of a Wryneck. Moving on we were soon at our hotel in Chania, a fine building which had once been used as a British Embassy and after freshening-up, headed to the harbour for our evening meal.

Day 6

Sunday 7th April

Leaving the hotel, we headed for the White Mountains stopping on a section of switchback road to take in the view and the lively birdsong. In the village of Lakki, we paused to admire the 'three man statue' and enjoyed a coffee at this small village which has been severely hit by the winter floods; on its outskirts there were large sections of road which had disappeared down the slope, but fortunately it was possible to get through with care! Continuing up the mountainside, we stopped to take photos of the immaculate snow-capped peaks and had close views of a Northern Wheatear and an obliging Sardinian Warbler. Beyond the village of Omalos, we made a stop in search of some Baker's Tulips and after a while eventually turned up a handful of open flowers. Here a Woodlark sang enthusiastically and a distant immature Golden Eagle soared in the company of a large flock of Red-billed Choughs.

Our next stop was the Samaria Gorge where we took a walk up to the café, where after looking down into the depths of the Samaria Gorge we returned to the buses for lunch seeing several 'true' wild Rock Doves as we did so.

Returning to the plateau, we took a different route and much to our excitement passed by a field crammed full of Baker's Tulips, several of which were fully open. Here, Alpine Swifts were flying incredibly low showing off their aerial acrobatics and the fine detail of their pristine plumage. A little further on a lake was home to several Green Toads which drew our attention by their monotonous Nightjar-like song. Another monotonous songster was a Cirl Bunting which sang from a nearby copse but it was a flock of waders that caught our eye; several Wood Sandpipers were joined by a Common Sandpiper, a Green Sandpiper a single Ruff. However, on scanning through the flock we spotted a small bird feeding amongst them and on closer examination it proved to be a smart summer-plumaged Red-throated Pipit.

From here we returned to the lowlands and a much anticipated visit to Agia Lake, Crete's largest wetland which was formed by damming a strong natural spring. From a viewing platform we spotted a smart pair of Garganey and a single female Pochard. However, the greatest excitement was provided by three Little Crakes which were feeding in the reedbed just metres away and included an exquisite blue male. In an adjacent orchard a Wryneck gave its piercing call and a Little Bittern flew from reeds where several Purple Herons were feeding. We then made a refreshment stop in a taverna overlooking the lake, where we were serenaded by a chorus of Common Tree Frogs before returned to the hotel ahead of another sumptuous dinner on the harbour side.

Day 7

Monday 8th April

The day started well with a dandy migrant Wood Warbler spotted in the hotel gardens before breakfast. 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 with the surprise discovery of a leucistic Hooded Crow amongst its normal-coloured kin. This was shortly followed by a female Collared Flycatcher feeding actively in the company of a couple of Common Whitethroats. A Hoopoe was seen shuffling on the ground in typical fashion and a Cuckoo flew over, as did a handsome male Golden Oriole – sadly neither stopped. Some nice bee orchids were spotted as well but the best find was a large specimen of Dragon Arum in full flower.

With the group back together, we headed towards the coast stopping along the way to enjoy some excellent wildflowers on the aromatic phrygana. It was here we spotted a small patch of Yellow Pheasant's-eye along with the strange but eye-catching parasitic, red *Cytinus*. The best bird was a fine male Woodchat Shrike which obliged by perching high on a shrub close to the buses.

Moving on, we shortly arrived at the smaller Gouverneto Monastery set high above the coast and once more, some birdwatched while others enjoyed a little culture. In the monastery grounds, a Nightingale sang from a patch of scrub and we discovered a second Collared Flycatcher feeding in a small copse; this time, a male in its striking black and white finery which was joined by a male Pied Flycatcher allowing for a close comparison of these handsome look-a-likes. It was clear that migrants were on the move and we found ourselves a couple of Whinchats along with a pair of Common Redstarts. With lunch upon us, we gathered back at the buses for our last picnic of the tour where a pair of Woodlarks were most confiding and a Serin gave its high-pitched, jangling song while performing a 'butterfly' display flight.

With the weather starting to turn, we headed to Stavros on the west coast of the peninsula. The bay and surrounding mountains famously featured in scenes from the film 'Zorba the Greek', where Anthony Quinn danced the famous Sirtaki Dance in 1964.

After coffee, we returned to the hotel with some of the group opting for an afternoon trip to Chania's old town for a last chance to buy souvenirs.

Following the last listing session of the tour, the day was finished off nicely with a visit to an excellent seafood restaurant close to the hotel.

Day 8

Tuesday 9th April

Following an early breakfast and with suitcases safely stowed, we headed back towards Heraklion. A roadside stop to take photos of the stunning White Mountains also produced two Red Kites – a new bird for the tour.

After a further stop for coffee, we soon arrived at Knossos on the edge of Heraklion. Having enjoyed a tour of this controversial world famous archaeological site, we headed to the airport and were soon boarding our on-time flight for Gatwick. We all agreed the tour had been a great success and returned home with many happy memories of a wonderful week spent on the beautiful Greek island of Crete.

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Species Lists

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

	Common Name	Scientific Name	April								
			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>							✓		
2	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>							2		
3	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>							1		
4	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		2	2					h	
5	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						✓	✓		
6	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>						✓	✓	✓	
7	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>						1	1		
8	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	20+	1	35+						
9	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
11	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			2	4	5	✓			
12	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		2	50+		50+				
13	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	6	✓	✓		✓	✓			
14	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1						1		
15	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>									2
16	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		2							
17	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1	✓						
18	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>								1	
20	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		2							
22	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>							10+		
23	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
24	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓	✓			
25	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			20+						
26	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>			1						
27	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	1	3	✓						
28	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				1					
29	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		1					10+		
30	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		2		1		1			
31	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		1			
32	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			3			1			
33	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			6						
34	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			10+			1			
35	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			✓						
36	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>			1						
37	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
40	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>								1	
42	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>								1	
43	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>						✓	✓		
44	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1		6			60+	✓		
45	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		1		3	1			2	
46	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1	1	1						
47	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			h						

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48	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					h	h			
49	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
50	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			h		1	✓	✓		
51	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				50+					
52	Common Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>						✓			
53	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		4			✓	✓			
54	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	100+		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
55	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			2						
56	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		20+	✓						
57	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓						
58	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				h	✓	✓	✓		
59	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>						1			
60	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	
61	Black-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>			✓	✓		✓			
62	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						1			
63	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	h		✓	✓		✓			
64	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1					2			
65	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
66	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		4	1	✓		✓			
67	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>								2	
68	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
69	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
70	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	h	3			h			h	
71	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	h	h	h	h				✓	
72	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			h					✓	
73	Western Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>		h							
74	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
75	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						✓			
76	European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						1			
77	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	h	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓		
78	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>								2	
79	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓		✓			
80	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>								2	
81	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>			1					4	
82	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
83	European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
84	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>				h		h			
85	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>								4	
86	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>						1			
87	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓						
88	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		2				✓			
89	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
90	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
91	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			1				1	✓	
92	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
93	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓		
94	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
95	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓		
96	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis cardulis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
97	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓		
98	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓					✓	

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			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
99	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>							1	
100	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓				

Mammals (d = dead)

Cretan White-toothed Shrew (d), <i>Crocidura zimmermanni</i>	Cretan Spiny Mouse, <i>Acomys minous</i>
Beech Marten (d), <i>Martes foina bunites</i>	Least Weasel (d), <i>Mustela nivalis galinthias</i>
Cretan Badger (d), <i>Meles meles arkalus</i>	

Reptiles

Turkish Gecko, <i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	Balkan Green Lizard, <i>Lacerta trilineata</i>
Cretan Wall Lizard, <i>Podarcis cretensis</i>	Ocellated Skink, <i>Chalcides ocellatus</i>
Balkan Terrapin, <i>Mauremys rivulata</i>	

Amphibians

Green Toad, <i>Bufo viridis</i>	Common Tree Frog, <i>Hyla arborea</i>
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Butterflies

Cretan Festoon, <i>Zerynthia cretica</i>	Swallowtail, <i>Papilio machaon</i>
Large White, <i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Small White, <i>Pieris rapae</i>
Eastern Dappled White, <i>Euchloe ausonia</i>	Clouded Yellow, <i>Colias crocea</i>
Holly Blue, <i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	Painted Lady, <i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Southern Comma, <i>Polygonia egea</i>	Southern Speckled Wood, <i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>
Wall Brown, <i>Lasiommata megera</i>	

Dragonflies

Vagrant Emperor, <i>Anax ephippiger</i>

Plants (• = endemic or near endemic to Crete, † = cultivated or naturalised)

Plant classification largely follows the familiar 'old' system, likely to be encountered in current floras of the region.

Recent taxonomic changes have been incorporated, where relevant

For ease of reference, family's genera and species are presented in alphabetic order

Scientific name	Common name	Notes
LYCOPODIOPSIDA		
CLUBMOSES		
Selaginellaceae		
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Spili and Imbros on the rocks
EQUISETOPSIDA		
HORSETAILS		
Equisetaceae		
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Spili
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Agia

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PTEROPSIDA	FERNS	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	Imbros Gorge, Akrotiri
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Acute-leaved Spleenwort	Imbros Gorge
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Armeni
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris pallida</i>	Pale Buckler-fern	Imbros Gorge
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	Imbros Gorge
Pteridaceae	Maidenhair Family	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Spili village
<i>Cheilanthes acrostica</i>	Scented Cheilanthes	Imbros Gorge
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	Imbros Gorge
Woodsiaceae	Lady-fern Family	
<i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	Imbros Gorge
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Spili hills, Imbros Gorge
PINOPSIDA	CONIFERS	
Araucariaceae	Monkey-puzzle Family	
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> ‡	Norfolk Island Pine	Planted
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	Occasional
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> subsp. <i>brutia</i>	Calabrian Pine	Omalos
<i>Pinus pinea</i> ‡	Stone Pine	Occasional

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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 , Imbros Gorge
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> var. <i>edulis</i> ‡	Yellow Hottentot-fig	Roadsides near sea
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> var. <i>rubescens</i> ‡		Roadsides near sea
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Ice Plant	Chania
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>		Chania
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	Occasional
<i>Schinus molle</i> ‡	Californian Pepper Tree	Phaestos Palace, 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 , Frangocastello
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Roadsides
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>piperatum</i>	Fennel	Seen occasionally

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<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water Dropwort	Spili
<i>Pseudorlaya pumila</i>	Dune Carrot	Plakias
<i>Orlaya daucooides</i>	An Orlaya	Seen regularly
<i>Scaligeria napiformis</i>	Scaligeria	Occasional
<i>Scandix australis</i>	Southern Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Smyrniium olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Seen regularly
<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Seen widely
<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>rotundifolium</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Spili
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	Occasional
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Mediterranean Hartwort	Seen regularly
<i>Torilis leptophylla</i>	Bur-parsley	Occasional
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Seen widely – planted
<i>Vinca major</i> ‡	Greater Periwinkle	Occasional
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	Occasional
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	Occasional
<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	Occasional
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Occasional
<i>Bellium minutum</i>		Occasional
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Seen regularly
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Plymouth Thistle	Occasional
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i> subsp. <i>curetum</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 raphanina</i> subsp. <i>raphanina</i> •		Kourtiliotiko, not in flower
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	Akrotiri, not in flower
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Occasional
<i>Cynara cornigera</i>	Wild Artichoke	Occasional

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<i>Cynara scolymus</i> ‡	Globe Artichoke	Planted
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Leaves only, seen frequently
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Leaves only, very pungent
<i>Echinops spinossisimus</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
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i> var. <i>coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Roadsides
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i> var. <i>discolor</i>	Crown Daisy	Roadsides
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Occasional
<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>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>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>Staelina petiolata</i> •		Imbros Gorge not in flower
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> ‡	Feverfew	Gardens
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis	Not in flower
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Wide spread
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	Prickly Goldenfleece	Widespread
Berberidaceae	Barberry Family	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry	Omalos
Bignoniaceae	Jacaranda Family	

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<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>	Variegated Anchusa	Small plant, pale flowers with purple marks
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Seen regularly
<i>Cerintho major</i>	Honeywort	Just coming out
<i>Cynoglossum columnae</i>	A Hound's-tongue	Occasional
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	Occasional
<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
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Seen widely
<i>Myosotis incrassata</i>	A Forget-me-not	Occasional
<i>Neotostema apulum</i>	Yellow Gromwell	Occasional
<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>Erophila verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass	Omalos
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Garden Rocket	Omalos
<i>Erysimum candicum</i> •	A Treacle-mustard	Imbros Gorge leaves only
<i>Erysimum raulinii</i> •	A Treacle-mustard	Imbros Gorge leaves only
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	Occasional
<i>Lunaria annua</i> subsp. <i>pachyrhiza</i>	Honesty	Occasional

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<i>Malcolmia chia</i>	A Malcolmia	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>Moenchia graeca</i>	An Upright Chickweed	Occasional
<i>Silene behen</i>	Hairless Catchfly	Occasional
<i>Silene bellidifolia</i>	Daisy-leaved Catchfly	Kourtiliotiko Gorge
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly	Frequent
<i>Silene cretica</i>	Cretan Catchfly	Occasional
<i>Silene dichotoma</i>	Forked Catchfly	Just coming out
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Frequent
<i>Silene sedoides</i>	Hairy Catchfly	Kourtiliotiko 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
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	White flowers
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Fumana	Spili Akrotiri

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<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Fumana	Occasional
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose	Akrotiri
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Roadsides
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Frangocastello
<i>Convolvulus elegantissimus</i>	Elegant Bindweed	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Kourtiliotiko Gorge
<i>Ipomea indica</i> ‡	A Morning Glory	Timbaki and Plakias
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Rosularia serrata</i>		Imbros Gorge - leaves only
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Occasional
<i>Sedum litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop	Plakias Chania
<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	Beside National Road
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Beside National Road
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Road to Omalos
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>	Autumn Heather	Road to Omalos
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i>	Greek Spiny Spurge	Seen regularly
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Occasional
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Kourtiliotiko Gorge
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	Akrotiri
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Occasional
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Plakias
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Occasional
<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

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<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	Just coming out
<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	Occasional
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Disc Medick	Occasional
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Occasional
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	Occasional
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Frequent
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cock's-comb Sainfoin	Occasional
<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

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<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
<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 Leaves only
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Occasional
<i>Centaurium maritimum</i>	Sea Centaury	Lagoon near Timbaki
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	Lesser Centaury	Occasional
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Common

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<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
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
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	Occasional
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>hirtum</i>	Marjoram	Occasional
<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

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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>Lavatera 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	Occasional
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Least Mallow	Occasional
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Seen regularly
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	Planted
<i>Morus alba</i> ‡	White Mulberry	Planted
Myoporaceae	Myoporum Family	
<i>Myoporum laetum</i> ‡	Ngaio	Planted
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family	
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i> ‡	Bottlebrush	Planted
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡	River Red Gum	Planted
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Occasional
Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea Family	
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> ‡	Bougainvillea	Planted
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Olea europaea</i> subsp. <i>oleaster</i>	Wild Olive	Seen regularly

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Onagraceae	Willow-herb Family	
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Greater Willow-herb	Agia
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	Bean Broomrape	Akrotiri
<i>Orobanche pubescens</i>	Downy Broomrape	Seen occasionally
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	Lilac flowers, short spike
<i>Orobanche lavendulacea</i>	Lavender Broomrape	Nr Moni Prevelli
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Bermuda Buttercup	Invasive plant seen regularly
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned Poppy	Seen widely
<i>Papaver argemone</i> subsp. <i>nigrotinctum</i>	Prickly Poppy	Occasional
<i>Papaver dubium</i> subsp. <i>dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy	Occasional
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	<i>Rough Poppy</i>	Occasional
<i>Papaver purpureomarginatum</i>	A poppy	Occasional
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Seen widely
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum Family	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> ‡	A Pittosporum	Halepa Hotel garden
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Glandular Plantain	Seen regularly
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	Hairy Plantain	Seen regularly
<i>Plantago cretica</i>	A Plantain	Seen regularly
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	Seen regularly
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Seen regularly
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Seen regularly
<i>Plantago weldenii</i>	A Buck's-horn Plantain	Seen regularly
Platanaceae	Plane Family	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	Seen widely
Polygalaceae	Milk-wort Family	
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> ‡	Myrtle-leaved Milkwort	Agia and Moni Gouvernetou
<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	Occasional

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<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Bull's-head Dock	Spili
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	Occasional
<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	Kourtiliotiko Gorge
<i>Cyclamen creticum</i> •	Cretan Sowbread	Imbros Gorge and Armeni
<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 asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	Seen widely -mostly white
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>aleae</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Common
<i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>	A Buttercup	Armeni
<i>Ranunculus creticus</i> •	Cretan Buttercup	Omalos
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i> subsp. <i>fucoides</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot	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

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<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Occasional
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Spili Village
<i>Galium fruticosum</i>	A shrubby Bedstraw	Imbros
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Tiny plant – lilac flowers
<i>Valentia hispida</i>	Valentia	Occasional
<i>Valentia muralis</i>	Wall Valentia	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>chryso-splenifolia</i>	Chryso-splenium-leaved Saxifrage	Imbros Gorge
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Imbros and Omalos
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	Occasional
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> ‡	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Chania
<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 not in flower
<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

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<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Turkish Bridge
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Turkish Bridge
<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	Plakias, Frangokastello
<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
Tamaricaceae		
Tamarisk Family		
<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tamarisk	Nr seaside, Chania
<i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i> ‡	A Tamarisk	Seaside
Thymelaeaceae		
Mezereon Family		
<i>Daphne sericea</i>	A Daphne	Spili hill
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	Hairy Thymelaea	Plakias
<i>Thymelaea tartonraria</i>	A Thymelaea	Frequent
Ulmaceae		
Elm Family		
<i>Zelkova abelicea</i> •	Cretan Zelkova	Not in leaf – Omalos
Urticaceae		
Nettle Family		
<i>Parietaria cretica</i>	Cretan Pellitory	Occasional
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-Wall	Seen regularly
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Membranous Nettle	Imbros Gorge
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	Occasional
Valerianaceae		
Valerian Family		
<i>Centranthus calcitrapa</i>	Annual Valerian	Occasional
<i>Centranthus ruber</i> ‡	Red Valerian	Chania
<i>Valeriana asarifolia</i> •	Cretan Valerian	Occasional
<i>Valerianella coronata</i>	A Corn Salad	Kourtaliotiko Gorge
<i>Valerianella echinata</i>	A Corn Salad	Kourtaliotiko Gorge
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	A Scabious	Occasional

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Verbenaceae		
Vervain Family		
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	Planted
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Occasional
Vitaceae		
Vine Family		
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>silvestris</i>	Wild Vine	Georgeopolis
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>vinifera</i> ‡	Grape Vine	Planted
LILIIDAE		
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae		
Daffodil Family		
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	Late Minoan Cemetery
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Leaves only – Plakias
Araceae		
Arum Family		
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	Imbros Gorge
<i>Arum concinatum</i>	An Arum	Seen regularly
<i>Arum creticum</i>	Cretan Arum	Kotsiphos Gorge, yellow flowers
<i>Dracunculus vulgaris</i>	Dragon Arum	Akrotiri
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Arum Lily	Planted
Areaceae		
Palm Family		
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i>	Canary Palm	Planted
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Date Palm	Planted
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	Californian Fan-palm	Planted
Asparagaceae		
Asparagus Family		
<i>Agave americana</i> ‡	Century Plant	Roadsides – planted
<i>Asparagus aphyllus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>	Leafless Asparagus	Spili hills
<i>Drimia maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Bulbs only
<i>Leopoldia comosa</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Seen regularly
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	Spili
<i>Muscari spreitzenhoferi</i> •	A Tassel Hyacinth	Plakias Spili
<i>Ornithogalum creticum</i> •	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Occasional
<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 capitatus</i>	Sand Galingale	Plakias

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<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	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	Agia
<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>Gagea bohemica</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 papilionacea</i> subsp. <i>heroica</i>	Heroic Pink Butterfly-orchid	Spili
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Plakias Headland
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Seen regularly
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys ariadnae</i>	Ariadne's Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys creberrima</i>	Creberrima Orchid	Spili

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<i>Ophrys cretensis</i>	Cretan Early Spider-orchid	Plakias Headland
<i>Ophrys cretica</i>	Common Cretan Bee Orchid	Nr Phaestos
<i>Ophrys cretica</i> •	Creticola Orchid	Spili
<i>Ophrys fleischmannii</i>	Fleischman's Orchid	Akrotiri
<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	Akrotiri
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Orchid	Nr National Road
<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 quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Spili
<i>Serapias bergonii</i>	Bergoni's Tongue-orchid	Occasional
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue-orchid	Seen regularly
<i>Serapias orientalis subsp. orientalis</i>	Eastern Tongue-orchid	Nr Phaestos
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	Occasional

Poaceae**Grass Family**

<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	Roadsides
<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 maritimum</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	Spili
<i>Sesleria doerfleri</i>	Doerfler's Moor-grass	Spili
<i>Stipa capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Plakias
<i>Vulpia ciliata</i>	Bearded Fescue	

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Smilacaceae <i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax Family Common Smilax	Seen widely
Typhaceae <i>Typha domingensis</i>	Reedmace Family Southern Reedmace	Agia
Xanthorrhoeaceae <i>Asphodeline lutea</i> <i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Asphodel Family Yellow Asphodel Common Asphodel	Seen widely Common

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