

# Crete in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 8th April 2025



Woodchat Shrike



Swallowtail



Aubretia with Cretan Door Snails



Italian Man Orchid

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## Summary

Crete is the largest of the roughly six thousand Greek islands, and is the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean. It is a miniature continent comprising mountain ranges, a hundred gorges, sandy beaches, olive groves, rocky *phrygana*, wetlands, cereal fields and vine yards. The island hosts around 2000 wild plants, and ten percent of them are endemic. It is a very good place to see many interesting resident birds, as well as migrating birds in the spring and autumn.

Crete has a rich history including a landscape partly formed by tectonic plate movement; bones of extinct pygmy mammals have been found here, and it is said to be the birth place of Zeus, and where Europe's civilisation began.

The tour was a mix of wildlife and history, including visits to the Minoan palace of Phaestos, the Late Minoan cemetery at Armeni and the World War II Souda Bay war cemetery. Highlights within this diverse landscape were the variety and colour of the flowers, including Crown Daisies, Poppy Anemones, Cretan Birthwort and the mass of orchids intermixed with birds such as Woodchat Shrike, Marsh Harrier and Hoopoe. The group was keen and good-humoured, which made the sampling of the local food, drink and the warm and welcoming Cretan hospitality all the more enjoyable.

## Day 1

**Monday 1st April**

Arrive at Chania, transfer to hotel in Plakias

After arriving at Chania Airport, we had a short wait sorting minibuses, and then it was off on the road, heading towards Plakias. The roadsides were a wonderful mix of colours, with the yellow Crown Daisies *Glebionis coronaria*, Giant Fennel *Ferula communis*, Golden Wattle *Acacia pycnantha* and the ubiquitous yellow alien Bermuda Buttercup *Oxalis pes-caprae*. Then there were the mauve thistle flowers of Galactities *Galactities tormentosus* and the red Common Poppy *Papaver rhoeas*. After arriving at our 'Horizon Hotel' in Plakias, it was not long before we made our way to the Gorgona Restaurant to have the first of many delicious Cretan meals

## Day 2

**Tuesday 2nd April**

Moni Preveli, Kourtaliotiko Gorge, Spili area

After a very stormy evening we sat down to have pleasant breakfast. We jumped aboard the minibuses and headed to the Kourtaliotiki Gorge; within this dramatic rocky landscape we stopped at a viewpoint and straight away we saw a number of Griffon Vultures, and Crag Martin. Most of the group were looking up at the stunning gorge, cliffs and birds, while below us at our feet there were wonderful plants to be found, like the pink Mediterranean Catchfly *Silene colorata*, and Dodder *Cuscuta epithymum* just coming out. Then, balanced on the cliff edges, were the larger yellow-flowered Jerusalem Sage *Phlomis fruticosa* and the bright green cushions of Greek Spiny Spurge *Euphorbia acanthothamnus*.

We then set off to explore the area around Moni Preveli, to the east of Plakias. We soon arrived at a place known as the Turkish Bridge, and here there were lots of roadworks being carried out; but we managed to park near the bridge and went for a short walk. Beside the bridge, there were a couple of Mediterranean Storax trees *Styrax officinalis* coming into blossom and the aroma was wonderful. Along the little lane near the bridge we found Plane trees *Platanus orientalis*, Giant Reed *Arundo donax* creating shade and Bean Broomrape *Orobancha crenata*. Further along the path we saw a Mallow Skipper *Carcharodus alceae* flying from one Mallow *Malva sylvestris* flower to another.

Then we set off up towards Moni Preveli, and en route we stopped beside a memorial garden overlooking the Libyan Sea, dedicated both to the Cretans' rebellion against Turkish rule in the 1800s, and their help in the evacuation of Allied troops during WWII. On arrival it was raining. However, we saw a couple of Chukar, and not long after the sun came out. We saw Yellow Asphodel *Asphodeline lutea*, Barbary Nut *Moraea sisyrinchium* and One leaved Barbary Nut *Moraea mediterranea*. We then continued on to the monastery. Some of us walked around Moni Preveli. The plants that stood out in the rocky landscape were the silver-leaved Mediterranean Woundwort *Stachys cretica*, a mullein *Verbascum macrurum* and another mullein *Verbascum sinuatum* just coming out. Birdwise, we saw Corn Bunting, Stonechat and Goldfinch, and we also had a good view of our first Blue Rock Thrush. We then drove a short distance back along the road to a viewpoint, where we had our first picnic lunch.

The rain returned as we headed north to a village called Spili, where we stopped for a drink and waited for the rain to stop. After a warm drink, we drove up into the hills above the village and parked beside low cushions of the compact white One-flowered Clover *Trifolium uniflorum*. Then, for the rest of the afternoon, we wandered the rugged scrubby *phrygana* landscape with the odd arable field. In the fields we found the majestic red Doerfler's Tulip *Tulipa doerfleri*, Turban Buttercup *Ranunculus asiaticus* and Heldreich's Anemone *Anemone hortensis* subsp. *heldreichii*. Amongst rocks we found Cretan Iris *Iris unguicularis* subsp. *cretensis*, and some Snake's-head Iris *Iris tuberosa*. On the rocks, there was the small Mediterranean Clubmoss *Selaginella denticulata*.

However, the most thrilling event was looking at the amazing number of orchids, which included Bory's Orchid *Anacamptis boryi*, Four-spotted Orchid *Orchis quadripunctata*, Sparse-flowered Orchid *Orchis pauciflora*, Italian Orchid *Orchis italica*, Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophora*, Milky Orchid *Neotinea lactea*, Anatolian Orchid *Orchis anatolica* and Pink Butterfly Orchid *Anacamptis papilionacea* subsp. *alibertis*. Then the *Ophrys* species included Bumblebee *Ophrys bombiliflora*, Sawfly *O. tenthredinifera*, Cretan *O. cretica*, Yellow *O. lutea* and Heldreich's *O. heldreichii*. We also saw a number of birds including Corn Bunting, Woodlark, Raven, Hooded Crow and Buzzard. Time was moving on and it started to rain again, so after an enjoyable orchid bonanza, we made our way down from the hills and returned to Plakias, where it was not raining. Back at the hotel, we freshened up, then walked down to the restaurant and had another delicious meal followed by the customary *raki*.

## Day 3

Wednesday 3rd April

### Phaestos, Amari Valley

After breakfast, we headed north through the Kourtilliotiki Gorge and saw the Griffon Vultures again. We continued east past Spili and stopped beside a garage to look at a roadside bank. Here there were Field Gladiolus *Gladiolus italicus*, Pale Bugloss *Echium italicum*, Purple Bugloss *Echium plantagineum*, Asparagus Pea *Tetragonolobus purpureus*, Giant Orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*, Sawfly Orchid *Ophrys tenthredinifera*, Creberrima *O. creberrima*, Yellow *O. lutea*, Sitia *Orchis sitiaca* and Pyramidal Orchids *Anacamptis pyramidalis*.

Then we set off to Phaestos, the second largest Minoan Palace, built around 1900BC (the largest is Knossos). We first had to drive through the fertile plain of Mesara, which is covered in greenhouses. When we arrived at Phaestos, we set up the picnic lunch, then we visited the ruins with its wonderful views out across the plain to Mount Ida. Here and there were views of Alpine Swift and Kestrel, and beside where we parked some of the group saw Squirting Cucumber *Echallium elaterium*. After our lunch stop, we drove a little further on to stop beside an olive grove next to a grass bank with a nice stand of Cretan Ebony *Ebenus creticus* just coming out above it. On the grass bank we found a variety of flowers including Cock's-comb Sainfoin *Onobrychis caput-galli*, Cretan Bee Orchid *Ophrys cretica* and the aromatic Greek Sage *Salvia fruticosa*.

We then set off towards a lagoon beside the sea and to the side of the busy town of Timbaki. Here we looked out for wetland birds and we were rewarded by seeing Black-winged Stilt, Black-necked Grebe, Mediterranean Gull and Gull-billed Tern.

It was then time for the return journey back to Plakias, where we had a moment to freshen up and go through the list of what we had seen during the day; then we walked to the restaurant for another delicious meal.

## Day 4

Thursday 4th April

### Frangokastello, Imbros Gorge

After breakfast we headed westwards along the scenic road towards Frangokastello, through the hillside villages of Selia, Rodakino and Skaloti. We stopped just before the castle, where we saw a number Crested Larks, and here we also saw Thyme-leaved Rock-rose *Fumana thymifolia*, Blue Pimpernel *Lysimachia foemina*, and Rayless Chamomile *Anthemis rigida*. We then continued up to the fourteenth-century fortress, built by the Venetians as a defence against pirates and the rebellious Sfakiots (the local inhabitants in this part of Crete). The castle was the site of a battle in the 1800s, fought between the Cretans and the Turks, and because of this it is reputed to be one of the most haunted places on Crete. However, when we were there the sun shone and we saw, instead of ghosts, a number of plants including White Horehound *Marrubium vulgare*, Mandrake *Mandragora officinarum* and Spiniest Globe Thistle *Echinops spinosissimus*.

We then made our way up the winding road to the top of Imbros Gorge, stopped at the taverna and tried the local pancakes for lunch, while looking down on the gorge. After lunch the group split up. Half of the group chose to walk the length of the gorge, while the rest returned to the coast near the castle in a minibus, to see what migrant birds might be found.

The group that descended down the magnificent Imbros Gorge had the whole afternoon exploring the length of the gorge, looking at chasmophytes, the plants that thrive on gorge walls. There were many plants to be seen, but the more unusual ones were Rock Lettuce *Petromarula pinnata* and Cretan Cabbage *Brassica cretica*. The more accessible plants included Variegated Anchusa *Anchusa variegata*, Nettle-leaved Figwort *Scrophularia peregrina*, Cretan Gorge Comfrey *Procopiana cretica*, Cretan Sowbread *Cyclamen creticum*, Savory *Scutellaria sieberi* and some Four-spotted Orchids *Orchis quadripunctata*. Above the gorge were Crag Martins and Griffon Vultures, while in the gorge there were Wrens. We also came across the Cretan Door Snails *Albinaria corrugata* subsp. *inflata* which were clinging to the rock face.

Our trek through the gorge finished by meeting up with the others, and having refreshments at the taverna at the base, including chips for some of us. Then it was back to the hotel and onto the restaurant back in Plakias.

## Day 5

Friday 5th April

### Armani, Georgiopolis and Chania

After packing for the journey to Chania, and our last breakfast at the 'Hotel Horizon', we made our way out towards the headland on the eastern side of Plakias Bay. Here we first looked at the sand dunes, where we saw lots of coastal plants including Sea Medick *Medicago marina*, Cretan Viper's-grass *Scorzonera cretica*, Dune Carrot *Pseudorhiza pumila*, Sea Rocket *Cakile maritima* and Sea Spurge *Euphorbia peplus*. We then made our way up to the cliff wall with a footpath below it. At the base of the cliff, we found the unusual plant named Cretan Birthwort *Aristolochia cretica*, sometimes known as 'Dutchman's Pipe' because of its resemblance to a smoking pipe. This flower is the food plant for the resident rare endemic Cretan Festoon butterfly *Zerynthia cretica*, of which we saw a good number fluttering around us. There were other flowers to see like the Cretan Rock Tulip *Tulipa cretica* and Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*.

The next stop was at the Kotsiphos Gorge where we looked at some good stands of Cretan Arum *Arum creticum*, while above us there were some circling Griffon Vultures. Then we continued our journey north towards Armeni.

At the Late Minoan cemetery site, we stopped for our picnic lunch. The site is littered with numerous grave sites cut out of the rock; many of them had hewn steps leading down into underground chambers. The site is beneath a Valonia Oak *Quercus macrolepis* woodland. These oaks were very striking because of their large, shaggy acorn cups. Historically, the galls found on these trees were once used in the tanning industry, and became an important product to export. The vegetation on the site is believed to not have had any interference for hundreds of years, and so from a botanical point of view it was like being in the 'Garden of Eden', with a rich mix of plants growing in profusion; it was hard to know where to put your feet. There was Giant Orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*, Sawfly Bee Orchid *Ophrys tenthredinifera*, Heldreich's *O. heldreichii*, Italian Orchid *Orchis italica* and Tongue Orchids *Serapias lingua*, Branched Asphodel *Asphodelus ramosus*, a Star of Bethlehem *Ornithogalum narbonense*, Barbary Nut *Moraea sisyrinchium*, Cretan Sowbread *Cyclamen creticum* and the pink Kidney Vetch *Anthyllis vulneraria* subsp. *rubiflora*, to mention a few. Some of us were lucky to see a single Mediterranean Horseshoe Bat *Rhinolophus euryale* in one of the tombs.

Then we set off to Georgiopolis and on arrival stopped off by the idyllic small white church beside the sea. We walked into the village, and there we had ice creams, fresh orange juice or coffee. After this pleasant interlude, we made our way to a small lake just on the edge of the village. Here there were Coot, Moorhen and Little Grebe, but the real treat was seeing two Pygmy Cormorants.

Then it was off to the 'Hotel Halepa', which once used to be the British consular building for Crete. We freshened up on arrival and then walked to a restaurant not far away, where we had a wide choice of traditional Cretan dishes to choose from for dinner.

## Day 6

Saturday 6th April

### Agia Reservoir, Omalos Plateau

After breakfast we headed to the Agia Reservoir. Here we looked over a large expanse of water beside a taverna surrounded by huge stands of Giant Reed *Arundo donax* and Common Reed *Phragmites australis*. We were greeted by the site of Marsh Harrier flying overhead, and beside the dam we saw Sedge and Cetti's Warblers singing their hearts out.

We next made our way up the winding road on to the Omalos Plateau, in search of wild flowers. It was not long before we all jumped out to photograph the pink Baker's Tulip *Tulipa bakeri* in areas fenced off from the grazing goats and sheep. There were also numerous Crown Anemone *Anemone coronaria* to be seen; they came in a variety of colours including pink, blue, purple and red. We also found the tiny pink flower *Crocus sieberi*. Then our attention was caught by a young Golden Eagle with some Griffon Vultures, circling above us.

We then drove on to the head of the Samaria Gorge. Here, it was a little chilly and there was snow on the mountains, but the view was magnificent. We had a short walk looking at the plants. The main trees to be found here were Cypress *Cupressus sempervirens* var. *horizontalis* and Calabrian Pine *Pinus halepensis* subsp. *brutia*. A shrub below them was the very spiny Cretan Barberry *Berberis cretica*. Among the rocks there were the pale mauve Aubretia *Aubretia deltoidea* and a yellow-flowered Alison *Alyssum simplex*. The gorge is closed at this time of year because it can be dangerous. The Samaria Gorge is a National Park, and has a number of rare species living in it, like the Kri Kri (the Cretan Wild Goat) and Cretan Wild Cat.

Afterwards we drove on around the plateau, looking at more Baker's Tulips and some amazing patches of Crown Anemones. There were some Cretan Maples *Acer sempervirens* just coming into leaf, and then some rare endemic Zelkova Trees *Zelkova abelicea*; they were not in leaf, but some of the dead leaves from last year could be found below them. We continued around the plateau seeing Woodchat Shrike and Eastern Black-eared and Northern Wheatears. We also found a few beautiful bright green tree frogs wandering around in the grass.

We returned to the hotel, went into the centre of the old city, and tried out a new restaurant, where we had a wide choice of local food to choose from.

## Day 7

Sunday 7th April

### Akrotiri Peninsula

After breakfast, we drove to the Souda Bay War Cemetery. Everyone had the opportunity to read the epitaphs of the numerous Allied soldiers who had lost their lives in the 1941 Battle of Crete. The soldiers put up a great fight against the weight of a massive German airborne attack, but they were completely outnumbered and forced to retreat. Just outside the cemetery, we discovered a lovely stand of Common Tongue Orchid *Serapias lingua*, a few Small Tongue Orchids *Serapias parviflora* and the semi-parasitic plants Yellow Bartsia *Parentucellia viscosa* and Southern Red Bartsia *Parentucellia latifolia*. Just as we were about to leave, a beautiful Wryneck was spotted, and seen by all.

Then we headed for the Akrotiri peninsula and the 'monastery route'. We briefly stopped at the seventeenth-century Gou Monastery, which produces many local products such as olive oil, wine and *raki*, and is surrounded by orange and olive groves. Naples Garlic *Allium neapolitanum* and Tassel Hyacinth *Leopoldia comosa* were to be found near the car park. Butterflies included Swallowtail and Painted Lady near the minibuses, and numerous 'Cretan' Sparrows (treated by many as Italian Sparrows) were seen and heard flying around the monastery grounds.

We then drove to the sixteenth-century monastery of Moni Gouvernetou. Just inside the gate were a number of very attractive double-flowered Bermuda Buttercups *Oxalis pes-caprae*, which were unusual. The pine trees along the path had been attacked severely by the Pine Processionary caterpillars, which had stripped most of their needles and made their nest all over the trees. We decided to walk down to a cave, but not go on down to the ruins of Moni Katholikou at the northern tip of the peninsula. Along the track we saw bushes of Greek Spiny Spurge, the white-flowered Prasium, Yellow Pheasant's-eye *Adonis cretica* and the fragrant Hairy Thorny Broom *Calicotome villosa*. As we were leaving this area, we stopped to look at the Dragon Arum *Dracunculus vulgaris* and while here we heard, then spotted, an Eastern Subalpine Warbler.

Then we returned to the hotel, where we had our last picnic lunch. Everyone was free to go and explore the city for the rest of the afternoon, and we met up for dinner at a seafood restaurant.

## Day 8

Monday 8th April

### Flight home

It rained during the evening and continued to rain on our last day. After breakfast, some of us headed out of Chania and went up through the Therisio Gorge, where we saw Nettle-leaved Figwort *Scrophularia peregrina*, Cretan Gorge Comfrey *Procopiana cretica* and Cretan Sowbread *Cyclamen creticum*. We stopped off for a drink of Greek mountain tea in a taverna, then returned to join the others to collect our luggage. It was now time to set off to the airport for the flight home, after an excellent week's holiday.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I = introduced		April 2025							
Common name	Latin name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>							✓	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>						✓	✓	
Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	✓	✓					✓	
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>							✓	✓
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>				✓				
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		✓						
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓						
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>						✓		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			H		✓	✓		
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓			✓			
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		✓						
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>		✓						
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>					✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>							✓	
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>				✓				
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓		✓			
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>					✓	✓		
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>						✓	✓	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>						✓		
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				✓		✓		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>						✓		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		3						
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>							✓	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>			✓				✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>						✓		
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>					✓	✓		
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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Common name	Latin name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>						✓	✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H	H	H	✓	✓	
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			H	✓				
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>							✓	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>							✓	
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		H			H	H		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>							✓	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>							✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>						✓		
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					✓			
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>						✓		
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				✓			✓	
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓						
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			✓			✓	✓	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		H						
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>				✓		✓		
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						✓		
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓				✓		
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓				
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>						✓		
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>						✓	✓	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>					H	✓		

## Mammals

Common name	Scientific name
Beech Marten (dead)	<i>Martes foina bunites</i>
Cretan Badger (dead)	<i>Meles meles arkalus</i>
Mediterranean Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus euryale</i>

## Reptiles and amphibians

Common name	Scientific name
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>
Cretan Wall Lizard - E	<i>Podarcis cretensis</i>
Ocellated Skink	<i>Chalcides ocellatus</i>
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>
Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>
Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>

## Butterflies

E - endemic	
Common name	Latin name
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Cretan Festoon - E	<i>Zerynthia cretica</i>
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>
Southern Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>

## Moths

Common name	Scientific name
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>
Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>

## Dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>

## Other insects

Common name	Scientific name
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>
Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>
Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulescens</i>
Red-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>
Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera adami</i>
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>
Dark-edged Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius major</i>

## Molluscs

Common name	Scientific name
Cretan Door Snail	<i>Albinaria corrugata inflata</i>
Garden Snail	<i>Helix aspersa</i>

## Plants

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Scientific name	Common name	Notes
<b>PTERIDOPHYTES</b>	<b>FERNS AND FERN ALLIES</b>	
<b>Aspleniaceae</b>	<b>Spleenwort Family</b>	
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	Imbros Gorge
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Acute-leaved Spleenwort	Imbros Gorge
<b>Cystopteridaceae</b>	<b>Bladder-fern Family</b>	
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder-fern	Imbros Gorge
<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>	<b>Bracken Family</b>	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Spili hills
<b>Dryopteridaceae</b>	<b>Buckler-fern Family</b>	
<i>Dryopteris pallida</i>	Pale Buckler-fern	Imbros Gorge
<b>Equisetaceae</b>	<b>Horsetail Family</b>	
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Nr Turkish bridge
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Aria Lake
<b>Polypodiaceae</b>	<b>Polypody Family</b>	
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	Imbros Gorge
<b>Pteridaceae</b>	<b>Maidenhair Fern Family</b>	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Imbros Gorge
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Imbros Gorge
<b>Selaginellaceae</b>	<b>Lesser Clubmoss Family</b>	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Spili hills
<b>GYMNOSPERMS</b>	<b>CONIFERS AND ALLIES</b>	
<b>Araucariaceae</b>	<b>Monkey-puzzle Family</b>	
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> - I	Norfolk Island Pine	Road sides
<b>Cupressaceae</b>	<b>Juniper Family</b>	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>horizontalis</i>	Cypress	Road sides
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>sempervirens</i> - I	Italian Cypress	Road sides
<i>Juniperus macrocarpa</i>	Sea Juniper	Chania
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Plakias
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i> subsp. <i>phoenicea</i>	Phoenicean Juniper	Plakias

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<b>Pinaceae</b>	<b>Pine Family</b>	
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Turkish Pine	Road sides
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> - I	Aleppo Pine	Chania
<i>Pinus pinea</i> - I	Stone Pine	Chania
<b>ANGIOSPERMS</b>	<b>FLOWERING PLANTS</b>	
<b>DICOTYLEDONS</b>		
<b>Acanthaceae</b>	<b>Bear's-breeches Family</b>	
<i>Acanthus mollis</i> - I	Bear's-breeches	Chania
<b>Aizoaceae</b>	<b>Dewplant Family</b>	
<i>Carpobrotus x accedens</i> - I	Hottentot-fig	Plakias
<b>Amaranthaceae</b>	<b>Goosefoot Family</b>	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	Lagoon
<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Nettle-leaved Goosefoot	Festos
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Lagoon
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	Lagoon
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>	<b>Sumach Family</b>	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Plakias
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	Plakias
<i>Schinus molle</i> - I	Californian Pepper Tree	Phaestos
<b>Apiaceae</b>	<b>Carrot Family</b>	
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Plakias
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Road sides
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	Spili hills
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Plakias
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Road sides
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Wild Fennel	Road sides
<i>Helosciadium nodiflorum</i>	Fool's Watercress	Streams
<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water Dropwort	Aria Lake
<i>Orlaya daucoides</i>	An Orlaya	Turkish bridge
<i>Scandix australis</i>	Southern Shepherd's-needle	Nr Spili
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Turkish bridge
<i>Smyrniolus olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Turkish bridge
<i>Smyrniolus perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Spili hills
<i>Smyrniolus perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>rotundifolium</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Spili hills
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Mediterranean Hartwort	Widespread
<b>Apocynaceae</b>	<b>Dogbane Family</b>	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Road sides
<i>Plumeria rubra</i> - I	Frangipani	Road sides
<i>Vinca major</i> - I	Greater Periwinkle	Road sides
<b>Araliaceae</b>	<b>Ivy Family</b>	
<i>Hedera helix</i> subsp. <i>helix</i>	Ivy	Roadsides

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<b>Aristolochiaceae</b>	<b>Birthwort Family</b>	
<i>Aristolochia cretica</i> - E	Cretan Birthwort	Plakias
<b>Asteraceae</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>	
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile	Road sides
<i>Anthemis chia</i>	Greek Chamomile	Road sides
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	Road sides
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i>	Shrubby Wormwood	Road sides
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Road sides
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Road sides
<i>Bellium minus</i>	Least Daisy	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Nr Phaestos
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Souda Bay
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i>	Beaked Hawk's-beard	Road sides
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Road sides
<i>Echinops spinosissimus</i>	Spiniest Globe Thistle	Frangello castello
<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i> - I	Argentine Fleabane	Road sides
<i>Filago pygmaea</i>	Pygmy Cudweed	Nr Phaestos
<i>Filago pyramidata</i>	Broad-leaved Cudweed	Nr Phaestos
<i>Galactites tomentosus</i>	Mediterranean Thistle	Road sides
<i>Gelasia cretica</i>	Cretan Viper's-grass	Plakias
<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>	Slender Salsify	Plakias
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Road sides
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Road sides
<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i>	Scaly Hawkbit	Plakias
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i> subsp. <i>microphyllum</i>	Curry Plant	Nr Phaestos
<i>Helichrysum orientale</i>	Eastern Everlastingflower	Nr Phaestos
<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	Turkish bridge
<i>Hypochaeris achyrophorus</i>	Mediterranean Cat's-ear	Prevelli
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	Chania
<i>Matricaria chamomilla</i>	Scented Mayweed	Chania
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	Prevelli
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Golden Star	Nt Phaestos
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i> subsp. <i>rupestre</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Plakias
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	Star Hawkbit	Plakias
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Prevelli
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Prevelli
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sowthistle	Chania
<i>Sonchus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>microcephalus</i>	Tuberous Hawk's-beard	Road sides
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sowthistle	Prevelli
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Prevelli
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	Prickly Golden-fleece	Plakias
<b>Berberidaceae</b>	<b>Barberry Family</b>	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry	Omalos
<b>Bignoniaceae</b>	<b>Jacaranda Family</b>	
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> - I	Jacaranda	Road sides

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<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borage Family</b>	
<i>Anchusa azurea</i> subsp. <i>azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Prevelli
<i>Anchusa variegata</i>	Variegated Anchusa	Imbros Gorge
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Aria Lake
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	Nr Turkish bridge
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	Nr Phaestos
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Prevelli
<i>Myosotis incrassata</i>	A Forget-me-not	Imbros Gorge
<i>Onosma erecta</i>	A Golden Drop	Nr Phaestos
<i>Symphytum creticum</i>	Cretan Comfrey	Imbros Gorge
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Cabbage Family</b>	
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Gorges
<i>Alyssum simplex</i>	An Alison	Imbros Gorge
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Chania
<i>Arabis caucasica</i>	Alpine Rock-cress	Omalos
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress	Imbros Gorge
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Aubretia	Omalos
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Buckler Mustard	Prevelli
<i>Brassica cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Cretan Cabbage	Imbros Gorge
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Lagoon
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	Prevelli
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	Chania
<i>Draba verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass	Spili hills
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Garden Rocket	Spili hills
<i>Erysimum x cheiri</i> - I	Wallflower	Chania
<i>Lepidium didymum</i>	Lesser Swine-cress	Chania
<i>Lunaria annua</i> subsp. <i>pachyrrhiza</i>	Honesty	Road sides
<i>Malcolmia chia</i>	A Malcomia	Imbros Gorge
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	Chania
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	Chania
<i>Mutarda nigra</i> - I	Black Mustard	Prevelli
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Water-cress	Aria Lake
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	Prevelli
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Road sides
<b>Cactaceae</b>	<b>Cactus Family</b>	
<i>Austrocylindropuntia cylindrica</i> - I		
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> - I	Prickly Pear	Road sides
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower Family</b>	
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Annual Bellflower	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Petromarula pinnata</i> - E	Petromarula	Imbros Gorge
<b>Capparaceae</b>	<b>Caper Family</b>	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Gorges
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	A Scabious	Minoan cemetery
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Road sides
<i>Valeriana asarifolia</i>	Cretan Valerian	Nr Spili

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<i>Valeriana calcitrapae</i>	Annual Valerian	Road sides
<i>Valeriana rubra</i> - I	Red Valerian	Road sides
<i>Valeriana discoidea</i>	A Corn Salad	Turkish bridge
<i>Valeriana echinata</i>	A Corn Salad	Imbros Gorge
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Prevelli
<i>Cerastium scaposum</i> - E	Cretan Mouse-ear	Plakias
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	Four-leaved Allseed	Prevelli
<i>Sagina apetala</i>	Annual Pearlwort	Imbros Gorge
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly	Prevelli
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Prevelli
<i>Spergularia bocconeii</i>	Greek Sand Spurrey	Plakias
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Chania
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>	
<i>Cistus creticus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	Prevelli
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Cistus	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Mediterranean Rock-rose	Prevelli
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Rock-rose	Akrotiri peninsula
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> subsp. <i>althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Road sides
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> subsp. <i>tenuissimus</i>	Elegant Bindweed	Road sides
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Road sides
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Prevelli
<i>Ipomoea indica</i> - I	Blue Morning Glory	Road sides
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Crassula alata</i>	Three-part Crassula	Nr Spili
<i>Crassula tillaea</i>	Mossy Stonecrop	Phaestos
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Road sides
<i>Sedum litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop	Chania
<i>Sedum praesidis</i> - E		
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	Navelwort	Gorge
<i>Umbilicus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Navelwort	Imbros Gorge
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>	<b>Cucumber Family</b>	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	White Bryony	Imbros Gorge
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Phaestos
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heather Family</b>	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Road sides
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Road to Omalos
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnus</i>	Greek Spiny Spurge	Preveli
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Turkish bridge



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<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Imbros Gorge
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Chania
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Plakias
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Spili
<i>Euphorbia sultan-hassei</i> - E	A Tree Spurge	Imbros Gorge
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Preveli war memorial
<i>Ricinus communis</i> - I	Castor-oil-plant	Below Phaestos
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Acacia retinodes</i> - I	Swamp Wattle	Road sides
<i>Acacia saligna</i> - I	Blue-leaved Wattle	Road sides
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>rubriflora</i>	A Kidney Vetch	Minoan Cemetery
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Plakias
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Preveli
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Preveli
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	Road sides
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion-vetch	Road sides
<i>Ebenus cretica</i> - E	Shrubby Sainfoin	Plakias
<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i> - I	Cockspur Coral Tree	Chania
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>	Spiny Broom	Road sides
<i>Hippocrepis biflora</i>	A Horseshoe Vetch	Road sides
<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>	Fodder Pea	Road sides
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Nr Turkish bridge
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Red Vetchling	Plakias
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Crimson Pea	Plakias
<i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i>	Clustered Bird's-foot Trefoil	Nr Phaestos
<i>Lotus tetragonolobus</i>	Asparagus Pea	Nr Spili
<i>Lupinus pilosus</i>	A Hairy Lupin	Above Plakias
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Chania
<i>Medicago disciformis</i>	Disc Medick	Plakias
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Plakias
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Plakias
<i>Medicago murex</i>	A Bur Medick	Plakias
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Disc Medick	Plakias
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Plakias
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	A Medick	Plakias
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Melilot	Road sides
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Phaestos
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cock's-comb Sainfoin	Nr Phaestos
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Compressed Bird's-foot	Plakias
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> - I	False Acacia	Road sides
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Road sides
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Nr Spili
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Plakias
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Nr Phaestos
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	Plakias
<i>Trifolium uniflorum</i>	One-flowered Clover	Spili hills
<i>Trigonella balansae</i>	A Fenugreek	Nr Imbros
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow-vetch	Phaestos
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i> - I	Common Vetch	Road sides

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<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i>	Fine-leaved Vetch	Road to Omalos
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	Turkish bridge
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> - I	Wisteria	Road sides
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<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	Minoan Cemetery
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Centaurium maritimum</i>	Sea Centaury	Lagoon
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	Lesser Centaury	Frangello castello
<i>Centaurium tenuiflorum</i>	Small-flowered Centaury	Nr Frangello castello
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Preveli
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Turkish bridge
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Chania
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Spili
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Imbros Gorge
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Spili
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	Plakias
Hypericaceae	St John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum aegypticum</i>	Shrubby St John's-wort	Imbros Gorge
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	
<i>Juglans regia</i> - I	Walnut	Road sides
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	Preveli
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Plakias
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	Preveli
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	
<i>Mentha longifolia</i>	Horse Mint	Chania
<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Spear Mint	Chania
<i>Micromeria juliana</i>	Julian Savory	Nr Phaestos
<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>	Veined Savory	Minoan Cemetery
<i>Nepeta melissifolia</i>	A Cat-mint	Nr Phaestos
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>hirtum</i>	Marjoram	Plakias
<i>Phlomis cretica</i>	Cretan Jerusalem Sage	Preveli
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	Preveli
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Greek Sage	Road sides
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Frangello castello
<i>Salvia viridis</i>	Red-topped Sage	Imbros Gorge
<i>Satureja thymbra</i>	Thyme-leaved Savory	Frangello castello
<i>Stachys cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	Preveli
<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	Mediterranean Thyme	Preveli
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Imbros Gorge

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<b>Lauraceae</b>	<b>Laurel Family</b>	
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay	Aria Lake
<b>Linaceae</b>	<b>Flax Family</b>	
<i>Linum arboreum</i>	Shrubby Flax	Imbros Gorge
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Biennial Flax	Souda Bay
<b>Lythraceae</b>	<b>Loosestrife Family</b>	
<i>Punica granatum - I</i>	Pomegranate	Chania
<b>Malvaceae</b>	<b>Mallow Family</b>	
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis - I</i>	Hibiscus	Road sides
<i>Malva arborea</i>	Tree-mallow	Chania
<i>Malva multiflora</i>	Smaller Tree-mallow	Preveli
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Least Mallow	Preveli
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Preveli
<b>Meliaceae</b>	<b>Mahogany Family</b>	
<i>Melia azedarach - I</i>	Persian Lilac	Road sides
<b>Moraceae</b>	<b>Mulberry Family</b>	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Road sides
<i>Ficus elastica - I</i>	Rubber Plant	Road sides
<i>Morus alba - I</i>	White Mulberry	Road sides
<b>Myrtaceae</b>	<b>Myrtle Family</b>	
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis - I</i>	River Red Gum	Road sides
<i>Melaleuca viminalis - I</i>	Weeping Bottlebrush	Road sides
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Turkish bridge
<b>Nyctaginaceae</b>	<b>Bougainvillea Family</b>	
<i>Bougainvillea x buttiana - I</i>	Bougainvillea	Road sides
<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Olive Family</b>	
<i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>oleaster</i>	Wild Olive	Road sides
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Mock Privet	Chania
<b>Onagraceae</b>	<b>Willowherb Family</b>	
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Greater Willowherb	Aria Lake
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrape Family</b>	
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Mediterranean Bartsia	Nr Phaestos
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	Bean Broomrape	Nr Turkish Bridge
<i>Orobanche lavandulacea</i>	Lavender Broomrape	Frangocastello
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	Plakias
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	Spili hills
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	Souda Bay
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Wood-sorrel Family</b>	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae - I</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	Road sides

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<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppy Family</b>	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	Aria Lake
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	Chania
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy	Chania
<i>Papaver dubium</i> subsp. <i>dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy	Road sides
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy	Road sides
<i>Roemeria sicula</i>	Rough Poppy	Road sides
<b>Phytolaccaceae</b>	<b>Pokeweed Family</b>	
<i>Phytolacca americana</i> - I	American Pokeweed	Chania
<b>Pittosporaceae</b>	<b>Pittosporum Family</b>	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> - I	A Pittosporum	Chania
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	<b>Plantain Family</b>	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> - I	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Spili
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel's-snout	Plakias
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Glandular Plantain	Plakias
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	Hairy Plantain	Road sides
<i>Plantago cretica</i>	A Plantain	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Nr Spili
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Chania
<i>Plantago weldenii</i>	A Buck's-horn Plantain	Preveli
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	Water Speedwell	Aria Lake
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Spili
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Brooklime	Aria Lake
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Turkish bridge
<b>Platanaceae</b>	<b>Plane Family</b>	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	Turkish bridge
<b>Polygalaceae</b>	<b>Milk-wort Family</b>	
<i>Polygala monspeliaca</i>	Mediterranean Milkwort	Spili Hills
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> - I	Myrtle-leaved Milkwort	Aria Lake
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Dock Family</b>	
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Road sides
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primrose Family</b>	
<i>Cyclamen creticum</i> - E	Cretan Sowbread	Imbros Gorge
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Preveli
<i>Lysimachia foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel	Preveli
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed	Nr Georgeopolis
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup Family</b>	
<i>Adonis cretica</i> - E	Cretan Yellow Pheasant's-eye	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	Omalos
<i>Anemone hortensis</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Anemone	Spili hills
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower	Road sides

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<i>Ficaria chrysocephala</i>	A Lesser Celandine	Turkish bridge
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	Phaestos
<i>Ranunculus chius</i>		Nr Phaestos
<i>Ranunculus creticus</i>	Cretan Buttercup	Road sides
<b>Resedaceae</b>	<b>Mignonette Family</b>	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Mignonette	Road sides
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>	<b>Buckthorn Family</b>	
<i>Rhamnus oleoides</i>	Small Buckthorn	Georgeopolis
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose Family</b>	
<i>Alchemilla arvensis</i>	Parsley-piert	Plakias
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Omalos
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i> - I	Quince	Road sides
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> - I	Japanese Loquat	Road sides
<i>Prunus amygdalus</i> - I	Almond	Road sides
<i>Prunus persica</i> - I	Peach	Road sides
<i>Prunus prostrata</i>	Rock Cherry	Road sides
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> - I	Firethorn	Road sides
<i>Pyrus communis</i> - I	Domestic Pear	Road sides
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	Road sides
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog-rose	Road sides
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Rose	Road sides
<i>Rubus creticus</i>	Holy Bramble	Turkish bridge
<i>Sanguisorba verrucosa</i>	Mediterranean Salad Burnet	Plakias
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Preveli
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraw Family</b>	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Turkish bridge
<i>Galium graecum</i>	Greek Bedstraw	Plakias
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Plakias
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Preveli
<i>Valantia muralis</i>	Wall Valantia	Turkish bridge
<b>Rutaceae</b>	<b>Rue Family</b>	
<i>Citrus x limon</i> - I	Lemon	Road sides
<i>Citrus x aurantium</i> - I	Orange	Road sides
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i> subsp. <i>chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Imbros Gorge
<b>Salicaceae</b>	<b>Willow Family</b>	
<i>Populus alba</i> - I	White Poplar	Road sides
<i>Salix alba</i> - I	White Willow	Road sides
<b>Santalaceae</b>	<b>Bastard-toadflax Family</b>	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Nr Phaestos
<b>Sapindaceae</b>	<b>Maple Family</b>	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Imbros Gorge

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<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	<b>Saxifrage Family</b>	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysospleniiifolia</i>	Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage	Imbros Gorge
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort Family</b>	
<i>Myoporum laetum</i> - I	Ngaio	Road sides
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Shining Figwort	Nr Spili
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Imbros Gorge
<i>Verbascum arcturus</i> - E	Shrubby Mullein	Imbros Gorge
<i>Verbascum macrurum</i>	Eastern Mediterranean Mullein	Preveli
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullien	Preveli
<b>Solanaceae</b>	<b>Nightshade Family</b>	
<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i>	Mandrake	Frangocastello
<b>Styracaceae</b>	<b>Storax Family</b>	
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Mediterranean Storax	Turkish bridge
<b>Tamaricaceae</b>	<b>Tamarisk Family</b>	
<i>Tamariix parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tamarisk	Road sides
<i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i> - I	Smyrna Tamarisk	Road sides
<b>Thymelaeaceae</b>	<b>Mezereon Family</b>	
<i>Daphne gnidioides</i>	A Daphne	Nr Spili
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	Hairy Thymelaea	Preveli
<b>Ulmaceae</b>	<b>Elm Family</b>	
<i>Zelkova abelicea</i> - E	Cretan Zelkova	Omalos
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>	
<i>Parietaria cretica</i>	Cretan Pellitory	Imbros Gorge
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-Wall	Spili
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Membranous Nettle	Preveli
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Small Nettle	Preveli
<b>Verbenaceae</b>	<b>Vervain Family</b>	
<i>Lantana camara</i> - I	Lantana	Road sides
<b>Viburnaceae</b>	<b>Viburnum Family</b>	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> - I	Elder	Chania
<b>Vitaceae</b>	<b>Vine Family</b>	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> - I	Grape Vine	Road sides
<b>MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>		
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>	<b>Daffodil Family</b>	
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	Nr Phaestos
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Plakias
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Arum Family</b>	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	Spili hills

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<i>Dracunculus vulgaris</i>	Dragon Arum	Phaestos
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i> - I	Arum Lily	Road sides
Arecaceae	Palm Family	
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i> - I	Canary Palm	Road sides
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i> - I	California Fan-palm	Road sides
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Agave americana</i> - I	Centuryplant	Road sides
<i>Asparagus aphyllus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>	Leafless Asparagus	Road sides
<i>Drimys numidica</i>	Sea Squill	Preveli
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Nr Spili
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	Preveli
<i>Muscari spreitzenhoferi</i> - E	A Tassel Hyacinth	Nr Spili
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	Southern Star-of-Bethlehem	Nr Phaestos
Asphodelaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodeline liburnica</i>	Jacob's Rod	Road sides
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	Preveli
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Preveli
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Branched Asphodel	Preveli
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Aria Lake
<i>Carex remota</i>	Remote Sedge	Aria Lake
<i>Scirpoides holoschoenus</i>	Round-headed Club-rush	Nr Georgiopolis
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
<i>Dioscorea communis</i>	Black Bryony	Imbros Gorge
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Crocus sieberi</i> - E	A Crocus	Omalos
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	Road sides
<i>Iris florentina</i> - I	White Iris	Road sides
<i>Iris x germanica</i> - I	German Iris	Road sides
<i>Iris tuberosa</i>	Snake's-head Iris	Spili hills
<i>Iris unguicularis</i> subsp. <i>cretensis</i> - E	Cretan Iris	Spili hills
<i>Moraea mediterranea</i>	One-leaved Barbary Nut	Preveli
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Preveli
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Lagoon
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Lagoon
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Fritillaria messanensis</i> subsp. <i>sphaciotica</i> - E	A Fritillary	Nr Spili
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	Greek Lloydia	Nr Phaestos
<i>Tulipa cretica</i> - E	Cretan Tulip	Plakias
<i>Tulipa doerfleri</i> - E	Doerfler's Tulip	Spili hills
<i>Tulipa saxatilis</i>	Rock Tulip	Imbros Gorge



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<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchid Family</b>	
<i>Anacamptis boryi</i>	Bory's Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Phaestos
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Nr Spili
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Ophrys cretica</i>	Cretan Bee Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>galilaea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Nr Spili
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>phryganae</i>	Phrygana Bee Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>spruneri</i>	Spruner's Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Orchis anatolica</i>	Anatolian Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Spili hills
<i>Orchis sitiaca</i> - E	Sitia Orchid	Nr Spili
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Common Tongue-orchid	Souda Bay
<i>Serapias orientalis</i>	Eastern Tongue-orchid	Nr Phaestos
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	Nr Phaestos
<i>Ophrys episcopalpis</i>	Large flowered Bee Orchid	Nr Spili
<b>Poaceae</b>	<b>Grass Family</b>	
<i>Aegilops biuncialis</i>	A Goat-grass	Road sides
<i>Andropogon distachyos</i>	Two-spiked Beard-grass	Plakias
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	Plakias
<i>Arundo donax</i> - I	Giant Reed	Turkish bridge
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Slender Oat	Plakias
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Wild-oat	Plakias
<i>Brachypodium retusum</i>	Mediterranean False-brome	Plakias
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	Nr Phaestos
<i>Calamagrostis arenaria</i> subsp. <i>australis</i>	Marram	Plakias
<i>Catapodium maritimum</i>	Sea Fern-grass	Plakias
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	Turkish bridge
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Hairy Finger-grass	Plakias
<i>Hordeum murinum</i> subsp. <i>leporinum</i>	Wall Barley	Plakias
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>spontaneum</i> - I	Wild Barley	Road sides
<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>	Thatching Grass	Road sides
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Nr Phaestos
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's-tail	Road sides
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	Road sides
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Lagoon
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Road sides
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Annual Beard-grass	Plakias
<i>Sesleria doerfleri</i> - E	Doerfler's Moor-grass	Spili hills
<i>Stipellula capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Plakias

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<b>Posidoniaceae</b>	<b>Neptune-grass Family</b>	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Plakias
<b>Smilacaceae</b>	<b>Smilax Family</b>	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	Road sides