

Crete in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

8th – 15th April 2025



Ebenus cretica



Samaria Gorge



Cyclamen creticum



Tulipa saxatilis

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Day 1

Tuesday 8th April

After an early flight from Gatwick to Hania, our first stop after leaving the airport was at the Allied War Cemetery, at the head of Souda Bay, where the neat rows of graves provided a stark reminder of the island's turbulent history. In nearby grassland, we found Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, dense colonies of Common Tongue-orchid *Serapias lingua*, in a variety of shades of pink, and numerous pale blue spikes of Branched Broomrape *Orobanche ramosa* parasitising Bermuda Buttercup *Oxalis pes-caprae*. Two common annual legumes were Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil *Lotus ornithopodioides*, and the bright red Asparagus Pea *Lotus tetragonolobus*.

We travelled east towards Rethymnon and then turned south, passing colourful roadside verges, full of Crown Daisy *Glebionis coronaria* Mediterranean Thistle *Galactites tomentosus* and tall spires of Giant Fennel *Ferula communis*. At a brief roadside stop, notable birds included Barn Swallow, European Red-rumped Swallow, Whinchat, Sardinian Warbler, Wood Warbler, and a Collared Flycatcher. After passing through the narrow chasm of the Kourtaliotiko Gorge, we received a warm welcome at our comfortable family-run hotel, overlooking Plakias Bay. A brief scan of the shore revealed flocks of 12 Garganey, and around 40 Black-winged Stilt. After settling into our rooms, we wandered down to the harbour for our evening meal.

Day 2

Wednesday 9th April

Leaving the hotel at 9.00am, we stopped in the Koutaliotiko Gorge. We watched our first Griffon Vultures over the high cliffs along with Red-billed Chough, Western Jackdaw and Northern Raven. By our feet, among many colourful plants, we noted Mediterranean Catchfly *Silene colorata*, Tree Spurge *Euphorbia dendroides*, Greek Spiny Spurge *Euphorbia acanthothamnos*, Variegated Anchusa *Anchusa variegata*, and Greek Chamomile *Anthemis chia*. Moving on to Spili, we stopped for coffee beside its famous Venetian lion-head fountains, before continuing south. A roadside stop produced Giant Orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*, Late Spider Orchid *Ophrys holosericea* subsp. *holosericea*, Dingy Bee Orchid *Ophrys fusca* subsp. *cinereophila*, Anatolian Orchid *Orchis anatolica*, and a single pristine flower of *Fritillaria messanensis* subsp. *sphaciatica*.

While lunch was being prepared, we visited the archaeological site at Phaestos, the second largest of Crete's magnificent Minoan Palaces. Nearby, large bushes of pink Shrubby Sainfoin *Ebenus cretica* lined the roadside and on abandoned terraces we found Greek Sage *Salvia fruticosa*, Wild Gladiolus *Gladiolus italicus*, Broad-leaved Leek *Allium nigrum*, and Eastern Tongue Orchid *Serapias orientalis*.

We spent the remainder of the afternoon enjoying some superb birding around the small coastal lagoon, at Kokkinos. This small body of water and a surrounding wetland are rare features in Crete and provide a magnet for migrating birds. Among today's highlights, flocks of 30 Black-crowned Night Heron and 65 Purple Heron stole the show, as they circled overhead, while on the water were 25 Northern Pintail and a selection of waders that included Black-winged Stilt, Green, Wood and Curlew Sandpipers and Ruff. From the seaward edge of the lagoon, we added Squacco Heron and Gull-billed Tern, Little Grebe and Black-necked Grebe, and a careful search of the far bank revealed four Little Crake and a solitary Spotted Crake. Around 400 Sand Martin were resting on a fence, after their long flight from Africa. After a very productive afternoon, we returned to Plakias for dinner.

Day 3

Thursday 10th April

After breakfast, we drove eastwards to the 18th century Preveli Bridge. Mediterranean Storax *Styrax officinalis* was just starting to flower, and the adjacent olive groves had displays of yellow Honeywort *Cerinth major*, Purple Viper's Bugloss *Echium plantagineum* and the tall, pink Bean Broomrape *Orobanche crenata*. Nearer the coast, prominent plants of the rocky phrygana included Jeruslaem Sage *Phlomis fruticosa*, Branched Asphodel *Asphodelus ramosus*, Yellow Asphodel *Asphodeline lutea*, and large spiny rosettes of Cretan Cotton Thistle *Onopordon bracteatum* subsp. *creticum*. We recorded Crested Lark, Woodlark, and Common Stonechat, and had good views of Eastern Black-eared Wheatear. After a visit to the Preveli Monastery, a patient search of the nearby hillside rewarded us with Blue Rock Thrush, Eastern Subalpine Warbler, Ruppell's Warbler and Ortolan Bunting.

After lunch, we spent the afternoon exploring the plateau above Spili. The arable fields were dotted with a scarlet tulip. Restricted to this locality, it was originally described as *Tulipa doerfleri*, but has recently been included within the more widespread *Tulipa orphanidea*. The damp soils of the rocky hills support an astonishing number of orchids, and we quickly identified the yellow Sparse-flowered Orchid *Orchis pauciflora*, Milky Orchid *Neotinea lactea*, and Bory's Orchid *Anacamptis boryi*. Bee Orchids of the genus *Ophrys* were represented by Heldreich's Orchid *Ophrys scolopax* subsp. *heldreichii*, Late Spider Orchid, Sawfly Orchid *Ophrys tentbedinifera*, and Bumble Bee Orchid *Ophrys bombyliflora* with occasional hybrids between the latter two, *Ophrys* x *sommieri*. Further across the plateau, we added Cretan Bee Orchid *Ophrys cretica*, Four-spotted Orchid *Orchis quadripunctata*, spectacular patches of the robust pink Naked Man Orchid *Orchis italica*, Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophora*, and several plants of the rare endemic Sitia Orchid *Orchis sitiaca*. Lax-flowered Orchid *Anacamptis laxiflora*, and colonies of Common Tongue-orchid were growing in damp meadows. There were relatively few birds, but we did enjoy wonderful views of a singing Corn Bunting, just above our heads.

As we returned to Plakias, we made one more stop to see the dramatic flowers of Cretan Birthwort *Aristolochia cretica*. It is the foodplant of the endemic Cretan Festoon and we saw several butterflies, busily laying their eggs.

Day 4

Friday 11th April

After a short diversion to see a small grove of Cretan Date Palm *Phoenix theophrasti*, we took the scenic road, to the west. In low scrub and olive groves, near the coast, a range of birds included Spotted Flycatcher, Woodchat Shrike, and plenty of Crested Lark and Western Yellow Wagtail, while overhead there was a steady stream of Alpine Swift, Common Swift, Sand Martin, Western House Martin, and Barn Swallow. At the 14th-century Venetian fortress of Frangocastello, we found an adult Nosed Grasshopper and Violet Carpenter Bee, and the interesting flower heads of Cage Thistle *Atractylis cancellata*, among a colourful display of annuals.

Heading steeply inland, we arrived at the Taverna Imbros, where we enjoyed the local speciality of pancakes with honey, before setting off on our walk. Over the next few hours, we followed the eight-kilometre trail down the length of the Imbros Gorge. Common plants included Variegated Anchusa, the large-flowered Cretan Buttercup *Ranunculus creticus*, Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage *Saxifraga chrysosplenifolia*, and Little Robin *Geranium purpureum*. Among rocks, in a few places, we found Cretan Sowbread *Cyclamen creticum*, the autumn-flowering *Cyclamen graecum* subsp. *candicum*, the attractive endemic crucifer *Ricotia cretica* and Cretan Comfrey *Symphytum creticum*. Many of Crete's plants are cremnophytes, uniquely adapted to living on vertical cliffs, and of these, we noted Shrubby Flax *Linum arboreum*, and endemic species such as Shrubby Bedstraw *Galium fruticosum*, the leathery-leaved, shrubby

thistle *Stachelina petiolata*, the silver-leaved knapweed *Centaurea argentea*, the Tree Spurge *Euphorbia sultan-bassei*, and Shrubby Mullein *Verbascum arcturus*. During the walk, Eurasian Wren was common, and we noted Eurasian Crag Martin, Common Kestrel, a pair of Bonelli's Eagle, and the occasional call of Eurasian Scops Owl. Finally, after several very narrow sections we exited the gorge and relaxed over drinks at the Taverna Komitades, before returning to Plakias.

Day 5

Saturday 12th April

Before leaving Plakias for the last time, we had a short walk in the village, where we saw Little Ringed Plover, Common Sandpiper and Little Stint. On the sand dunes, there were masses of Sea Daffodil *Pancreatum maritimum*, Sea Spurge, *Euphorbia paralias*, Sea Medick *Medicago marina* and the tassel hyacinth *Muscari spreitzenhoferi*. We walked as far as the Plakias Fault, a dramatic geological feature, which defines the eastern edge of the bay.

In the Kotsifou Gorge most of the accessible flora had been erased by roadworks following the previous year's rockfalls but we did find some fine examples of the yellow Cretan Arum *Arum creticum* and Cretan Cabbage *Brassica cretica*. Continuing north to Armeni, we explored the amazing rock-cut tombs of the late-Minoan cemetery, while lunch was being prepared. A wide range of plants, under a canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis* included a variety of Tongue-orchids, the willowy shrub *Osyris alba* and Greek Golden Drop *Onosma graeca*.

We made a short stop on the north coast where an interesting sand dune flora included Three-horned Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata*, Cottonweed *Achillea maritima*, Sea Holly *Eryngium maritimum*, Yellow Horned-poppay *Glaucium flavum*, and Spiny Knapweed *Centaurea spinosa*. At Georgioupolis, we enjoyed a break for coffee and ice-creams, and explored its attractive harbour before visiting the nearby wetland, where a strong freshwater spring feeds a reservoir. Balkan Terrapin were hauled out on the banks, but apart from a few Common Moorhen, Eurasian Coot and the calls of Cetti's Warbler, there was little bird activity. From here, we made good progress to Hania, where we checked in to the comfortable Halepa Hotel, our base for the remainder of the trip. Once refreshed, we went out for a delicious evening meal in a local taverna.

Day 6

Sunday 13th April

In the morning, we visited Agia Lake, the largest of Crete's freshwater wetlands, where Barn Swallows and Western House Martins flew low over the water, catching insects. A Western Marsh Harrier hunted in the distance, and we saw Cetti's Warbler, Willow Warbler and Sedge Warbler, among the reeds.

We continued our journey high into the White Mountains to Omalos village, on the edge of an undulating, stony plateau, surrounded by high mountain. Fine specimens of Burnt Candytuft *Aethionema saxatile* subsp. *creticum* adorned a roadside cliff and under the shade of Cretan Maple *Acer sempervirens*, we found superb patches of *Cyclamen creticum*. We had coffee and lunch at Taverna Omalos, before venturing out to explore. It was a beautiful sunny day, and we were fortunate to find swathes of *Tulipa saxatilis*, at their peak of flowering, ranging in colour from deep pink to white. They were mixed with blue, purple, and red Crown Anemone *Anemone coronaria* and yellow tufts of a Star of Bethlehem *Gagea peduncularis*. A single European Honey Buzzard, a pair of Golden Eagle, Griffon Vulture, Raven and Alpine Chough circled high above us and Woodlark could be heard across the fields. At the end of the road, we enjoyed views into the depths of the Samaria Gorge, and on a short walk along the E4 footpath,

we found the blue flowers of the familiar Aubretia *Aubrieta deltoidei*-, the delicate, white-flowered Cretan Mouse-ear *Cerastium scaposum* and a lone specimen of Cretan Orchid *Orchis spitzelii* subsp. *nitidifolia*. Making a circuit of the plateau, we wandered among more stunning displays of tulip and anemone and had a closer look at a grove of the rare Cretan Zelkova *Zelkova abelicea*, Crete's only endemic tree, with almost its entire population restricted to the Omalos plateau. Our final stop before returning to Hania was at a large ephemeral pool covered in the white flowers of Pond Water-crowfoot *Ranunculus peltatus*.

Day 7

Monday 14th April

For most of the group, the newly opened Archaeological Museum provided a fascinating insight into Hania's long history. Later in the morning, we visited the Agia Triada Monastery, before having lunch among ancient olive trees and rocky phrygana of the Akrotiri peninsula. New plants, here, included French Lavender *Lavandula stoechas*, Yellow Pheasant's-eye *Adonis microcarpa* subsp. *cretica*, a rare Cat-mint *Nepeta scordotis*, Blessed Thistle *Centaurea benedicta*, and the introduced Cape Marigold *Arctotheca calendula*. There were many flowering specimens of Dragon Arum *Dracunculus vulgaris*, their deep purple spathes giving off a pungent aroma of rotting flesh. We had good views of Woodchat Shrike, our second Collared Flycatcher of the week, and parties of European Bee-eaters, and a Eurasian Hoopoe flew over.

At the end of the road, we followed a stony path from the Gouverneto Monastery to the Cave of St. John, finding Cretan Mallow *Maha cretica*, One-leaved Barbary Nut *Moraea mediterranea*, the bright red Cretan Vetch *Vicia cretica*, and the tiny endemic onion *Allium circinnatum* subsp. *circinnatum*, with grey, hairy, corkscrew leaves. In the monastery garden, European Pied Flycatcher was a new discovery.

Driving to the northern end of the peninsula, we were stopped in our tracks by the remarkable sight of 37 European Turtle Doves on the wires. We finished the afternoon with drinks at Stavros, the location for the famous 1964 film drama, Zorba the Greek, before returning to Hania for our last evening meal together.

Day 8

Tuesday 15th April

After breakfast and packing, we had some time left to explore the old city and harbour, before a short journey to airport, in time for our homeward flight.

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Species lists

Plants

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Latin name	Common name	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES		
FERNS AND FERN ALLIES		
Aspleniaceae		
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Spleenwort Family Rustyback	Rock crevices. Common
Dennstaedtiaceae		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Family Bracken	Locally common
Dryopteridaceae		
<i>Dryopteris pallida</i>	Buckler-fern Family Pale Buckler-fern	Shaded cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Equisetaceae		
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Horsetail Family Branched Horsetail	Hedges
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Wet areas. Agia
Isoetaceae		
<i>Isoetes hystrix</i>	Quillwort Family Land Quillwort	Seasonal pond on Omalos plateau
Polypodiaceae		
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody	Shaded cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Pteridaceae		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern Family Maidenhair Fern	Damp cliffs and springs
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Damp shaded earth
<i>Hemionitis acrostica</i>	Scented Cheilanthes	Rock crevices
Selaginellaceae		
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Clubmoss	Damp earth
GYMNOSPERMS		
CONIFERS AND ALLIES		
Araucariaceae		
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> ‡	Monkey-puzzle Family Norfolk Island Pine	Cultivated. Coastal
Cupressaceae		
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>horizontalis</i>	Juniper Family Cypress	Common. Sea-level to treeline
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>sempervirens</i> ‡	Italian Cypress	Cultivated
<i>Juniperus deltoides</i>	Prickly Juniper	Frequent. Mountains
<i>Juniperus macrocarpa</i>	Sea Juniper	Coastal
Ephedraceae		
<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	Joint-pine Family A Joint-pine	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge

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Pinaceae		
Pine Family		
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Turkish Pine	Frequent native tree
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> ‡	Aleppo Pine	Cultivated
<i>Pinus pinea</i> ‡	Stone Pine	Cultivated near coasts
ANGIOSPERMS		
FLOWERING PLANTS		
DICOTYLEDONS		
Acanthaceae		
Bear's-breeches Family		
<i>Carpobrotus eduli</i>	Bear's-breeches	Cultivated
<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Spiny Bear's-breeches	Frequent
Aizoaceae		
Dewplant Family		
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> ‡	Yellow Hottentot-fig	Coastal alien
<i>Carpobrotus x accedens</i> ‡		Coastal alien
<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i> ‡	Slenderleaf Iceplant	Sandy coast
<i>Atriplex portulacoides</i>		
Amaranthaceae		
Goosefoot Family		
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> ‡	Pigweed	Weedy places
<i>Atriplex portulacoides</i>	Sea Purslane	Souda Bay
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	Maritime sand
<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Nettle-leaved Goosefoot	Waste areas
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-hen	Waste areas
<i>Salicornia perennis</i>	Perennial Glasswort	Souda Bay
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Plakias beach
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	Coastal saltmarsh
Anacardiaceae		
Sumach Family		
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Common in maquis
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	Frequent in maquis and gorges
<i>Schinus molle</i> ‡	Californian Pepper Tree	Cultivated
Apiaceae		
Carrot Family		
<i>Bunium ferulaceum</i>	Balkan Pignut	Abandoned fields
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock	Hedges and roadsides
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Maritime rocks
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Frequent
<i>Daucus guttatus</i>	A Wild Carrot	Coastal sand. Plakias
<i>Daucus pumilus</i>	Dune Carrot	Sand dunes
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	Common
<i>Eryngium creticum</i>	Cretan Eryngo	Frequent
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Sand dunes
<i>Eryngium ternatum</i> •	An Eryngo	Imbros Gorge
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Common
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Wild Fennel	Common
<i>Helosciadeum nodiflorum</i>	Fool's Watercress	Occasional. Wet places. Spili

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<i>Lagoecia cuminoides</i>	Fluffy Thimbleweed	Rocky phrygana
<i>Lecokia cretica</i>	Lecokia	Damp roadsides
<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water Dropwort	Moist woodland and fields
<i>Orlaya daucooides</i>	An Orlaya	Frequent
<i>Scaligeria napiformis</i>	Scaligeria	Frequent. Rocky phrygana
<i>Scandix australis</i>	Southern Shepherd's-needle	Occasional. Rocky places
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Sium latifolium</i>	Greater Water-parsnip	Agia Lake
<i>Smyrniium olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Common
<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Locally common
<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>rotundifolium</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Locally common
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	Fields and rocky places
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Mediterranean Hartwort	Common
<i>Torilis leptophylla</i>	A Bur-parsley	Frequent
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	Knotted Bur-parsley	Common
Apocynaceae		
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Riverbeds. Planted on roadsides
<i>Plumeria rubra</i> ‡	Frangipani	Cultivated
<i>Vinca major</i> ‡	Greater Periwinkle	Garden escape
Araliaceae		
<i>Hedera helix</i> subsp. <i>helix</i>	Ivy	Common
Aristolochiaceae		
<i>Aristolochia cretica</i> •	Cretan Birthwort	Locally common
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Birthwort	Frequent
Asteraceae		
<i>Achillea cretica</i>	Cretan Sneezewort	Avlaki gorge
<i>Achillea maritima</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Cottonweed	Sand dunes
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i> ‡	Mexican Devil	Damp habitats
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile	Frequent. Fallow fields
<i>Anthemis chia</i>	Greek Chamomile	Common
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	Common
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i> ‡	Cape Marigold	Akrotiri
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i>	Shrubby Wormwood	Roadsides near Souda
<i>Atractylis cancellata</i>	Cage Thistle	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Common
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Common
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Frequent
<i>Carduus argentatus</i>	Silver Thistle	Locally common below cliffs
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Slender Thistle	Rocky places. Waste ground
<i>Carlina curetum</i> subsp. <i>curetum</i> •	A Carline Thistle	Mountains
<i>Carlina graeca</i>	Greek Carline Thistle	Common. Rocky places
<i>Carthamus creticus</i>	Smooth Distaff Thistle	Rocky places
Dogbane Family		
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Riverbeds. Planted on roadsides
<i>Plumeria rubra</i> ‡	Frangipani	Cultivated
<i>Vinca major</i> ‡	Greater Periwinkle	Garden escape
Ivy Family		
<i>Hedera helix</i> subsp. <i>helix</i>	Ivy	Common
Birthwort Family		
<i>Aristolochia cretica</i> •	Cretan Birthwort	Locally common
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Birthwort	Frequent
Daisy Family		
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<i>Centaurea argentea</i> subsp. <i>argentea</i> •	A Knapweed	Imbros Gorge
<i>Centaurea benedicta</i>	Blessed Thistle	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i> subsp. <i>calcitrapa</i>	Red Star-thistle	Occasional
<i>Centaurea idaea</i> •		Widespread and common
<i>Centaurea poculatoris</i> •		Cliffs. Imbros Gorge, only
<i>Centaurea raphanina</i> subsp. <i>raphanina</i> •	A Knapweed	Common on rocks
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	Occasional
<i>Centaurea spinosa</i> •	Spiny Knapweed	North coast beaches
<i>Chamaeleon gummifer</i>	Pine Thistle	Phrygana and fallow fields
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Rush Skeletonweed	Sandy and waste places
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Roadsides
<i>Cichorium spinosum</i>	Spiny Chicory	Common
<i>Crepis commutata</i>	Confused Hawk's-beard	Frequent
<i>Crepis neglecta</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i> •	Cretan Hawk's-beard	Widespread and common
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i>	Beaked Hawk's-beard	Olive groves and stony places
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	Rocky places and roadsides
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> ‡	Globe Artichoke	Cultivated
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Common
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Common
<i>Echinops spinosissimus</i>	Spiniest Globe Thistle	Common
<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i> ‡	Argentine Fleabane	Frequent on roadsides
<i>Filago pygmaea</i>	Pygmy Cudweed	Frequent
<i>Filago pyramidata</i>	Broad-leaved Cudweed	Common
<i>Galactites tomentosus</i>	Mediterranean Thistle	Common
<i>Gelasia cretica</i>	Cretan Viper's-grass	Cliffs
<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>	Slender Salsify	Plakias headland
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Common
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Locally common
<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i>	Scaly Hawkbit	Phrygana and fallow fields
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i> subsp. <i>barrelieri</i>	Golden Cassidony	Rocky places
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i> subsp. <i>microphyllum</i>	Curry Plant	Rocky places in mountains
<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Hirtellina fruticosa</i>		Imbros Gorge
<i>Hypochaeris achyrophorus</i>	Mediterranean Cat's-ear	Rocky places
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	Waste areas
<i>Lamyropsis cynaroides</i>		Rocky places
<i>Leontodon tuberosus</i>	Tuberous Hawkbit	Widespread and common
<i>Limbarda crithmoides</i>	Golden-samphire	Rock shores
<i>Logfia gallica</i>	Narrow-leaved Cudweed	Common
<i>Matricaria chamomilla</i>	Scented Mayweed	Roadsides near sea-level Common. Roadsides and waste areas
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	
<i>Onopordum bracteatum</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i> •	Cretan Cotton Thistle	Coastal phrygana
<i>Onopordum tauricum</i>	Taurian Cotton Thistle	Roadsides and rocky places
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Golden Star	Common
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i> subsp. <i>rupestre</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Rocks, cliffs and walls
<i>Picnomon acarna</i>	Yellow-spine Thistle	Stony ground and roadsides
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Cliffs and rocky banks

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<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	Star Hawkbit	Common
<i>Reichardia picroides</i>	Common Brighteyes	Rocky places and coastal sand
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant	Waste areas
<i>Senecio rupestris</i>	Rock Groundsel	Rare. Kotsifou Gorge, only
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Common
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Uncommon. Waste areas
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sowthistle	Waste areas
<i>Sonchus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>microcephalus</i>	Tuberous Hawk's-beard	Widespread
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sowthistle	Waste areas
<i>Stachelina petiolata</i> •	Cretan Gorge Laurel	Cliffs
<i>Tolpis umbellata</i>	Tolpis	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Common
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	Scentless Mayweed	Gouverneto monastery
<i>Tyrimnus leucographus</i>	White-spotted Thistle	Disturbed ground
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	Prickly Golden-fleece	Disturbed ground
<i>Xanthium orientale</i> ‡	Rough Cocklebur	Alien weed
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ‡	Spiny Cocklebur	Alien weed
<i>Xeranthemum inapertum</i>	Xeranthemum	Stony phrygana
Berberidaceae		
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Barberry Family Cretan Barberry	Mountains
Bignoniaceae		
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> ‡	Jacaranda Family Jacaranda	Cultivated
Boraginaceae		
<i>Anchusa hybrida</i>	Borage Family Wavy-leaved Anchusa	Roadsides
<i>Anchusa azurea</i> subsp. <i>azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Roadsides
<i>Anchusa variegata</i>	Variiegated Anchusa	Imbros Gorge
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Weedy places
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	Preveli Bridge
<i>Cynoglossum columnae</i>	A Hound's-tongue	Occasional
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	Frequent
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	Common near coast
<i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i>	Pale Bugloss	Common
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Common
<i>Myosotis incassata</i>	A Forget-me-not	Rocky places
<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>	Early Forget-me-not	Widespread
<i>Neatostema apulum</i>	Yellow Gromwell	Rocky phrygana. Coastal
<i>Onosma erecta</i>	A Golden Drop	Mountain rocks
<i>Onosma graeca</i>	Greek Golden Drop	Armeni Minoan Cemetery
<i>Symphytum creticum</i>	Cretan Comfrey	Shady cliffs
Brassicaceae		
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i>	Cabbage Family Burnt Candytuft	Dry rocky places
<i>Alyssum simplex</i>	An Alison	Dry rocky places
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Common

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<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress	Frequent
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Aubretia	Omalos
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Buckler Mustard	Common
<i>Brassica cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Cretan Cabbage	Gorges
<i>Bunias erucago</i>	Warty Cabbage	Weedy places
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Maritime sands
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	Common
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	Common
<i>Draba verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass	Common
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Garden Rocket	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Erucaria hispanica</i>	Spanish Mustard	Roadside. Phaestos
<i>Erysimum candicum</i> subsp. <i>candicum</i> •	A Treacle-mustard	Imbros Gorge
<i>Erysimum raulinii</i> •	A Treacle-mustard	Omalos
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Hoary Mustard	Fallow fields and roadsides
<i>Lepidium didymum</i>	Lesser Swine-cress	Garden weed
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	Armeni
<i>Lunaria annua</i> subsp. <i>pachyrrhiza</i>	Honesty	Occasional
<i>Malcolmia chia</i>	A Malcolmia	Phrygana near sea-level
<i>Malcolmia flexuosa</i> subsp. <i>naxensis</i>	A Malcolmia	Rocks and walls near sea-level
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	Kourtaliotiko Gorge
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	Coasts
<i>Mutarda nigra</i> ‡	Black Mustard	Roadsides
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Water-cress	Wet ditches and streams
<i>Ricotia cretica</i> •	Ricotia	Gorges and screes
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	Roadsides
<i>Sisymbrium irio</i>	London Rocket	Weedy places
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Weedy places
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Austrocylindropuntia cylindrica</i> ‡		Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> ‡	Prickly Pear	Cultivated and naturalised
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Annual Bellflower	Frequent
<i>Campanula tubulosa</i> •	Tubular Bellflower	Widespread
<i>Petromarula pinnata</i> •	Petromarula	Common
<i>Solenopsis minuta</i>	Solenopsis	Locally abundant
Cannabaceae	Hackberry and Hemp Family	
<i>Celtis tournefortii</i>	Oriental Hackberry	Imbros Gorge
Capparaceae	Caper Family	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Frequent on cliffs
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	A Scabious	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Lomelosia brachiata</i>	Tremastelma	Rocky places

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<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Rocky places
<i>Valeriana asarifolia</i>	Cretan Valerian	Cliffs and rocky places
<i>Valeriana calcitrapae</i>	Annual Valerian	Rocky places
<i>Valeriana discoidea</i>	A Corn Salad	Dry, open habitats
<i>Valeriana echinata</i>	A Corn Salad	Stony pasture
<i>Valeriana rubra</i> ‡	Red Valerian	Occasional
Caryophyllaceae		
<i>Cerastium comatum</i>	Levantine Mouse-ear	Occasional
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Omalos
<i>Cerastium scaposum</i> •	Cretan Mouse-ear	Locally common
<i>Herniaria hirsuta</i>	Hairy Rupturewort	Frangocastello
<i>Moenchia graeca</i>	An Upright Chickweed	Frequent
<i>Paronychia macrosepala</i>	Large-sepalled Nailwort	Frequent
<i>Petrorhagia dianthoides</i> •	A Tunic Flower	Imbros Gorge
<i>Petrorhagia dubia</i>	Hairy Pink	Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	Four-leaved Allseed	Widespread
<i>Sagina apetala</i>	Annual Pearlwort	Common
<i>Silene behen</i>	Hairless Catchfly	Rocky places
<i>Silene bellidifolia</i>	Daisy-leaved Catchfly	Waste areas
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly	Common
<i>Silene cretica</i>	Cretan Catchfly	Frequent
<i>Silene dichotoma</i>	Forked Catchfly	Gious Kambos and Melambes
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Common
<i>Silene sedoides</i>	Hairy Catchfly	Coastal sand
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Frequent
<i>Spergularia bocconeii</i>	Boccone's Sand Spurrey	Souda Bay
<i>Stellaria cupaniana</i>	Southern Chickweed	Weedy places
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Common. Weedy places
Cistaceae		
<i>Cistus creticus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	Common
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Maquis
<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally common
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Mediterranean Rock-rose	Common. Rocky places
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Rock-rose	Common. Rocky places
<i>Helianthemum hymettium</i> •	A Rock-rose	Rocky places in mountains
Convolvulaceae		
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> subsp. <i>althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Common
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> subsp. <i>tenuissimus</i>	Elegant Bindweed	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Frequent. Waste places
<i>Convolvulus dorycnium</i>	A Bindweed	Coastal phrygana
<i>Convolvulus oleifolius</i>	Olive-leaved Bindweed	Dry rocky places
<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>	Small Blue Bindweed	Rocky places
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Frequent parasite
Pink Family		

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<i>Cuscuta palaestina</i>	Palestinian Dodder	The commonest species
<i>Ipomoea indica</i> ‡	Blue Morning Glory	Cultivated
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Petrosedum sediforme</i>	Pale Stonecrop	Imbros Gorge
<i>Petrosedum tenuifolium</i>	Slender-leaved Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Rosularia serrata</i>	Saw-leaved Rosularia	Cliffs
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Rocks and walls
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Sedum creticum</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i> •	Cretan Stonecrop	Cliffs
<i>Sedum litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop	Rocky places near the sea
<i>Sedum praesidis</i> •		Rocky phrygana
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	Navelwort	Shaded rocks
<i>Umbilicus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Navelwort	Shaded rocks
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	White Bryony	Frequent
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
Cytinaceae	Cytinus Family	
<i>Cytinus ruber</i>	Cytinus	Parasitic on <i>Cistus creticus</i>
<i>Cytinus hypocistis</i>	Yellow Cytinus	Parasitic on <i>Cistus salvifolius</i>
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Common in maquis
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Common in maquis
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>	Autumn Heather	Locally common
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i>	Greek Spiny Spurge	Common
<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>	Small Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Maritime cliffs
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Spurge	Georgiopolis Lake
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Maritime sand
<i>Euphorbia peplis</i>	Purple Spurge	Sandy beaches
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia sultan-hassei</i> •	A Tree Spurge	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Common
<i>Ricinus communis</i> ‡	Castor-oil-plant	Frequent naturalised weed
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Acacia retinodes</i> ‡	Swamp Wattle	Cultivated
<i>Acacia saligna</i> ‡	Blue-leaved Wattle	Cultivated

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<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Scrub and waste areas
<i>Anthyllis circinnata</i>	Disc Trefoil	Widespread
<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>	Hermann's Kidney Vetch	Occasional
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>rubriflora</i>	A Kidney Vetch	Common
<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i> subsp. <i>echinoides</i>		
•	Narrow-leaved Milk-vetch	Common above Omalos
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Common
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Common
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Common
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> ‡	Judus Tree	Frequently cultivated
<i>Chamaecytisus spinescens</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i>	Cretan Dwarf Broom	Omalos plateau
<i>Coronilla cretica</i>	Cretan Crown Vetch	Weedy places
<i>Coronilla globosa</i> •	A Crown Vetch	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
<i>Coronilla rostrata</i>	A Crown Vetch	Widespread
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion-vetch	Common
<i>Coronilla securidaca</i>	Hatchet Vetch	Widespread
<i>Ebenus cretica</i> •	Shrubby Sainfoin	Cliffs and hillsides
<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i> ‡	Cockspur Coral Tree	Cultivated. Hania
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>	Spiny Broom	Common
<i>Hippocrepis biflora</i>	A Horseshoe Vetch	Rocky places
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Red Vetchling	Olive groves and stony hillsides
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Crimson Pea	Frequent
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	Winged Vetchling	Armeni
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	Red Vetchling	Frequent
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>	Round Pea	Frequent
<i>Lotus conimbricensis</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Fallow fields
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Damp places
<i>Lotus cytisoides</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Sands and rocks near the sea
<i>Lotus edulis</i>	Edible Lotus	Widespread
<i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i>	Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil	Widespread
<i>Lotus peregrinus</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Occasional near the sea
<i>Lotus tetragonolobus</i>	Asparagus Pea	Widespread Locally common. Sometimes cultivated
<i>Lupinus pilosus</i>	Hairy Lupin	Occasional
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Occasional
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Medicago disciformis</i>	Disc Medick	Stony ground near the sea
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Common
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Sand dunes
<i>Medicago murex</i>	A Bur Medick	Rocky places
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Disc Medick	Rocky or sandy places
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Widespread
<i>Medicago sativa</i> ‡	Lucerne	Occasional
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Melilot	Near airport
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Widespread
<i>Onobrychis aequidentata</i>	A Sainfoin	Rocky places
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cock's-comb Sainfoin	Rocky places near the sea

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<i>Ononis reclinata</i>	Small Restharrow	Widespread
<i>Ononis spinosa</i> subsp. <i>diacantha</i>	Spiny Restharrow	Rocky places
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Compressed Bird's-foot	Rocky places
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> ‡	False Acacia	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Caterpillar-plant	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Roadsides and maquis
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Clover	Widespread
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's-foot Clover	Weedy places
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	Strawberry Clover	Bare ground
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	Annual White Clover	Moist habitats
<i>Trifolium physodes</i>	Bladder Clover	Armeni Minoan Cemetery
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Widespread
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Burrowing Clover	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	Fields and rocky places
<i>Trifolium uniflorum</i>	One-flowered Clover	Widespread
<i>Trigonella balansae</i>	A Fenugreek	Mostly coastal in north
<i>Trigonella graeca</i>	A Trigonella	Disturbed ground
<i>Tripodion tetraphyllum</i>	Bladder Vetch	Common
<i>Vicia bithynica</i>	Bithynian Vetch	Widespread
<i>Vicia cretica</i>	Cretan Vetch	Rocky places
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	Common
<i>Vicia lathyroides</i>	Spring Vetch	Phrygana
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow-vetch	Common
<i>Vicia pubescens</i>	A Vetch	Occasional
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i> ‡	Common Vetch	Escape from cultivation
<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i>	Fine-leaved Vetch	Common
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	Common
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> ‡	Wisteria	Cultivated

Fagaceae

<i>Castanea sativa</i> ‡	Sweet Chestnut	Cultivated and occasionally naturalised
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	Common
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Frequent
<i>Quercus ithaburensis</i> subsp. <i>macrolepis</i>	Valonia Oak	Common around Armeni
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	Common around Armeni

Beech Family

Frankeniaceae

<i>Frankenia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Sea-heath	Maritime rocks and sand
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Sea-heath Family

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Gentianaceae

<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> subsp. <i>intermedia</i>	Yellow-wort	Damp places
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Rocky places
<i>Centaurium maritimum</i>	Sea Centaury	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	Lesser Centaury	Damp places. Plakias
<i>Centaurium tenuiflorum</i>	Small-flowered Centaury	Coastal

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Geraniaceae		
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Disturbed areas and coastal sands
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Phrygana and riverbeds
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Musk Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Rocky places
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Damp ground
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Shady places
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Shady places
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
Hypericaceae		
<i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i> subsp. <i>empetrifolium</i>	Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort	Maquis
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perfoliate St John's-wort	Rocky places
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's-wort	Rocky places
<i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>	Wavy-leaved St John's-wort	Common
Juglandaceae		
<i>Juglans regia</i> ‡	Walnut	Cultivated
Lamiaceae		
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound	Waste places
<i>Clinopodium creticum</i> •	Cretan Calamint	Rocky places in mountains
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	Imbros Gorge
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Common
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	Local in maquis
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Wet places
<i>Mentha longifolia</i>	Horse Mint	Wet places
<i>Micromeria juliana</i>	Julian Savory	Rocky places
<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>	Veined Savory	Rocky places
<i>Nepeta melissifolia</i>	A Cat-mint	Rare. Agia Triada
<i>Nepeta scordotis</i>	A Cat-mint	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Origanum dictamnus</i> •	Cretan Dittany	Cliffs
<i>Origanum microphyllum</i> •	Small-leaved Oregano	Omalos plateau
<i>Origanum onites</i>	White Marjoram	Occasional
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>hirtum</i>	Marjoram	Frequent in maquis
<i>Phlomis cretica</i>	Cretan Jerusalem Sage	Locally common
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	Common
<i>Prasium majus</i>	White Hedge-nettle	Common
<i>Prunella cretensis</i>	Cretan Self-heal	Omalos plateau
<i>Pseudodictamnus mediterraneus</i>	False Dittany	Common in phrygana
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Greek Sage	Common
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Common
<i>Salvia viridis</i>	Red-topped Sage	Occasional. Akrotiri peninsula

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<i>Satureja thymbra</i>	Thyme-leaved Savory	Maquis and phrygana
<i>Scutellaria sieberi</i> •	A Skullcap	Cliffs and rocky banks
<i>Sideritis romana</i> subsp. <i>curvidens</i>	Round-toothed Ironwort	Rocky places
<i>Sideritis syriaca</i> subsp. <i>syriaca</i> •	Mountain Tea	Mountains
<i>Stachys cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	Common
<i>Stachys spinosa</i> •	Spiny Wounwort	Preveli
<i>Stachys spinulosa</i>	Spinulose Woundwort	Preveli and Imbros Gorge
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	Felty Germander	Rocky places
<i>Teucrium cuneifolium</i> •	Wedge-leaved Germander	Rare. Imbros Gorge
<i>Teucrium divaricatum</i> subsp. <i>divaricatum</i>	Spreading Germander	Rocky places
<i>Teucrium quadratum</i>	Small-leaved Germander	Rocky places
<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	Mediterranean Thyme	Common
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Gorge-beds and damp places
Linaceae		
<i>Linum arboreum</i>	Shrubby Flax	Cliffs in gorges
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Biennial Flax	Frequent
<i>Linum pubescens</i>	Hairy Flax	Rocky places
<i>Linum strictum</i>	Upright Yellow Flax	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Linum trigynum</i>	Southern Flax	Rocky places near the sea
Lythraceae		
<i>Lythrum junceum</i>	False Grass-poly	Wet ditches
<i>Punica granatum</i> ‡	Pomegranate	Cultivated
Malvaceae		
<i>Alcea rosea</i>	Wild Hollyhock	Occasional
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> ‡	Hibiscus	Cultivated
<i>Malva arborea</i>	Tree-mallow	Coast. Hania
<i>Malva multiflora</i>	Smaller Tree-mallow	Frequent
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Least Mallow	Rocky places near the sea
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Common
<i>Malva unguiculata</i>	Bryony-leaved Tree-mallow	Common
Meliaceae		
<i>Melia azedarach</i> ‡	Persian Lilac	Cultivated
Moraceae		
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Frequent
<i>Ficus elastica</i> ‡	Rubber Plant	Cultivated
<i>Morus alba</i> ‡	White Mulberry	Cultivated
Myrtaceae		
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡	River Red Gum	Cultivated
<i>Melaleuca viminalis</i> ‡	Weeping Bottlebrush	Cultivated
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Occasional along watercourses

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Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea Family	
<i>Bougainvillea x buttiana</i> ‡	Bougainvillea	Cultivated
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>europaea</i>	Wild Olive	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Mock Privet	Occasional in maquis
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Greater Willowherb	Wet ditches
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Mediterranean Bartsia	Frequent in meadows
<i>Orobanche alba</i>	Thyme Broomrape	Occasional
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	Bean Broomrape	Parasitic on <i>Vicia faba</i>
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	Common on <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	Common
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	Occasional. Damp places
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Procumbent Yellow-sorrel	Weed of cultivation
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
Paeoniaceae	Peony Family	
<i>Paeonia clusii</i> subsp. <i>clusii</i> •	Clusius' Peony	Omalos
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	Weedy places and fields
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy	Coast
<i>Hypocoum procumbens</i>	Sickle-fruited Hypocoum	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Papaver dubium</i> subsp. <i>dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy	Cropped land
<i>Papaver purpureomarginatum</i>	Purple-fringed Poppy	Occasional
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy	Common
<i>Roemeria apula</i>	Peacock Poppy	Occasional
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum Family	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> ‡	A Pittosporum	Cultivated
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> ‡	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Walls
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel's-snout	Occasional
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Glandular Plantain	Common
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	Hairy Plantain	Common
<i>Plantago cretica</i>	A Plantain	Rocky places near coast
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	Frequent
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Olive groves. Damp places
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Damp places

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<i>Plantago weldenii</i>	A Buck's-horn Plantain	Coastal
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	Water Speedwell	Streams
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Widespread
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Brooklime	Semi-aquatic
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Widespread
<i>Veronica persica</i> ‡	Common Field Speedwell	Naturalised near the sea
Platanaceae		
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	River valleys
Plumbaginaceae		
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Winged Sea-lavender	Coastal sands
Polygalaceae		
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> ‡	Myrtle-leaved Milkwort	Cultivated
<i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Eastern Milkwort	Frequent
Polygonaceae		
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	Disturbed ground
<i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i>	Horsetail Knotgrass	Olive groves. Roadsides
<i>Polygonum maritimum</i>	Sea Knotgrass	Coastal sands
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Horned Dock	Common
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	Wet places
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Occasional
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Fiddle Dock	Damp places
<i>Rumex tuberosus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i>	Tuberous Dock	Rocky places
Portulacaceae		
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> ‡	Purslane	Disturbed ground
Primulaceae		
<i>Cyclamen creticum</i> •	Cretan Sowbread	Locally common
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>candicum</i> •	A Greek Sowbread	Widespread
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Common
<i>Lysimachia foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel	Common
<i>Lysimachia linum-stellatum</i>	Asterolinon	Frequent
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed	Wet rocks. Georgiopolis
Ranunculaceae		
<i>Adonis cretica</i> •	Cretan Yellow Pheasant's-eye	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	Gious Kambos. Omalos
<i>Anemone hortensis</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Anemone	Widespread
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower	Occasional. Maquis and roadsides
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-Mist	Plakias headland
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup	Fields
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	Locally common
<i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>	Autumn Buttercup	Locally common

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<i>Ranunculus creticus</i>	Cretan Buttercup	Shady cliffs
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> subsp. <i>chrysocephalus</i>	A Lesser Celandine	Common
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	Rough-fruited Buttercup	Moist places
<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>	Jersey Buttercup	Locally common
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot	Seasonal pond. Omalos plateau
<i>Staphisagria macrosperma</i>	Lice Bane	Imbros Gorge

Resedaceae

Reseda lutea

Mignonette Family

Mignonette

Waste areas

Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus oleoides

Buckthorn Family

Small Buckthorn

Frequent in phrygana

Rosaceae

Alchemilla arvensis
Crataegus monogyna
Cydonia oblonga ‡
Eriobotrya japonica ‡
Prunus amygdalus ‡
Prunus persica ‡
Prunus prostrata
Pyracantha coccinea ‡
Pyrus communis ‡
Pyrus spinosa
Rosa canina
Rosa sempervirens
Rubus creticus
Sanguisorba cretica •
Sanguisorba verrucosa
Sarcopoterium spinosum

Rose Family

Parsley-piert
Hawthorn
Quince
Japanese Loquat
Almond
Peach
Rock Cherry
Firethorn
Domestic Pear
Almond-leaved Pear
Dog-rose
Evergreen Rose
Holy Bramble
Cretan Salad Burnet
Mediterranean Salad Burnet
Thorny Burnet

Widespread
Common
Cultivated
Cultivated
Cultivated
Cultivated
Mountain rocks. Omalos
Cultivated
Cultivated
Common
Frequent
Frequent
Common
Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Frequent
Common

Rubiaceae

Crucianella angustifolia
Galium aparine
Galium divaricatum
Galium fruticosum •
Galium graecum
Hexaphylla pubescens •
Rubia peregrina
Sherardia arvensis
Thliphthisa rigida •
Valantia hispida
Valantia muralis

Bedstraw Family

Narrow-leaved Crosswort
Cleavers
Lamarck's Bedstraw
Shrubby Bedstraw
Greek Bedstraw
Pubescent Woodruff
Wild Madder
Field Madder
Rigid Woodruff
Bristly Crosswort
Wall Valantia

Occasional. Rocky ground
Waste places
Occasional
Cliffs
Cliffs
Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
Frequent in scrub
Common
Cliffs and rocky ground
Dry rocky places
Dry rocky places

Rutaceae

Citrus x limon ‡
Citrus x aurantium ‡

Rue Family

Lemon
Orange

Cultivated
Cultivated

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<i>Ruta chalepensis</i> subsp. <i>chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Occasional
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i> ‡	White Poplar	Common
<i>Salix alba</i> ‡	White Willow	By rivers
<i>Salix kaptarae</i> •	An endemic Willow	Agia Lake
Santalaceae	Bastard-toadflax Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Locally common
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Common. Mountains
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga hederacea</i>	Ivy-leaved Saxifrage	Locally common
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysospleniiifolia</i>	Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage	Limestone rocks. Omalos
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Myoporum laetum</i> ‡	Ngaio	Cultivated
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Shining Figwort	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Common. Imbros Gorge
<i>Verbascum arcturus</i> •	Shrubby Mullein	Common on cliffs
<i>Verbascum macrurum</i>	Eastern Mediterranean Mullein	Common
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullien	Common
<i>Verbascum spinosum</i> •	Spiny Mullein	Common
Simaroubaceae	Tree-of-heaven Family	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡	Tree-of-heaven	Naturalised
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane	Weedy places and walls. Hania
<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i>	Mandrake	Frequent
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡	Shrub Tobacco	Naturalised along roadsides
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Weedy places
Styracaceae	Storax Family	
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Mediterranean Storax	Frequent
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tamarisk	Coastal
<i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i> ‡	Smyrna Tamarisk	Planted. Plakias beach
Thymelaeaceae	Mezereon Family	
<i>Daphne sericea</i>	A Daphne	Common in mountains
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	Hairy Thymelaea	Rocky places near the sea
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	

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<i>Ulmus minor</i> ‡	Small-leaved Elm	Occasional. Georgioupolis
<i>Zelkova abelicea</i> •	Cretan Zelkova	Omalos plateau
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria cretica</i>	Cretan Pellitory	Rocks and walls
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-Wall	Rocks and walls
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Membranous Nettle	Weedy places
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	Weedy places
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Small Nettle	Weedy places
Verbenaceae	Vervain Family	
<i>Lantana camara</i> ‡	Lantana	Cultivated
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i> ‡	Frog Fruit	Plakias
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Frequent. Waste areas
Viburnaceae	Viburnum Family	
<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Dwarf Elder	Occasional
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ‡	Elder	Naturalised around villages
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> ‡	Grape Vine	Cultivated
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Waste areas
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Broad-leaved Wild Leek	Occasional
<i>Allium callimischon</i> subsp. <i>haemostictum</i>		Imbros Gorge
<i>Allium circinnatum</i> subsp. <i>circinnatum</i> •		Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	Occasional
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	Broad-leaved Leek	Abandoned fields
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	Occasional
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	Hairy Garlic	Stony ground. Akrotiri
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Sand dunes
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	Common. Damp places
<i>Arum concinnum</i>	An Arum	Common. Olive groves
<i>Arum creticum</i>	Cretan Arum	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Arum idaeum</i> •	Cretan Mountain Arum	Omalos plateau
<i>Dracunculus vulgaris</i>	Dragon Arum	Common
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i> ‡	Arum Lily	Cultivated
Arecaceae	Palm Family	
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i> ‡	Canary Palm	Cultivated
<i>Phoenix theophrasti</i>	Cretan Date Palm	South coast

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<i>Washingtonia filifera</i> ‡	California Fan-palm	Cultivated
Asparagaceae		
Asparagus Family		
<i>Agave americana</i> ‡	Centuryplant	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Asparagus aphyllus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>	Leafless Asparagus	Common
<i>Drimia numidica</i>	Sea Squill	Common
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Common
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	Mountain rocks. Omalos
<i>Muscari spreitzenhoferi</i> •	A Tassel Hyacinth	Frequent
<i>Ornithogalum divergens</i>	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Frequent
<i>Ornithogalum creticum</i> •	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Occasional. Limestone crevices
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	Southern Star-of-Bethlehem	Frequent
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Shady areas
Asphodelaceae		
Asphodel Family		
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	Common
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Ditches and roadsides
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Branched Asphodel	Common
Cyperaceae		
Sedge Family		
<i>Carex distachya</i>		Spili Hill
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Agia Lake
<i>Cladium mariscus</i>	Great Fen-sedge	Agia Lake
<i>Cyperus capitatus</i>	Sand Galingale	Coastal sands
<i>Cyperus longus</i>	Galingale	Wet places
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Nut Grass	Ditches
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>	Common Club-rush	Agia Lake
<i>Scirpoides holoschoenus</i>	Round-headed Club-rush	Damp places
Dioscoreaceae		
Yam Family		
<i>Dioscorea communis</i>	Black Bryony	Woodland and scrub
Iridaceae		
Iris Family		
<i>Crocus sieberi</i> •	A Crocus	Omalos
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	Frequent
<i>Iris florentina</i> ‡	White Iris	Planted
<i>Iris x germanica</i> ‡	German Iris	Planted
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	Agia Lake
<i>Iris tuberosa</i>	Snake's-head Iris	Gious Kambos and Omalos
<i>Iris unguicularis</i> subsp. <i>cretensis</i> •	Cretan Iris	Locally common
<i>Moraea mediterranea</i>	One-leaved Barbary Nut	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Common
Juncaceae		
Rush Family		
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Maritime sands
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	Jointed Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toad Rush	Wet places

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<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Wet places
Liliaceae		
<i>Fritillaria messanensis</i> subsp. <i>sphaciotica</i> •	A Fritillary	Imbros Gorge
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	Grwwk Lloydia	Common
<i>Gagea peduncularis</i>	A Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem	Omalos plateau
<i>Scilla nana</i> •	Dwarf Glory-of-the-snow	Above Omalos plateau
<i>Tulipa orphanidea</i>	Doerfler's Tulip	Gious Kambos
<i>Tulipa saxatilis</i>	Rock Tulip	Gious Kambos. Omalos plateau
Orchidaceae		
<i>Anacamptis boryi</i>	Bory's Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Anacamptis collina</i>	Saccate-lipped Orchid	Occasional
<i>Anacamptis coriophora</i>	Bug Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Anacamptis laxiflora</i>	Lax-flowered Orchid	Damp meadows
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	Occasional
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Locally common
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Locally common
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Orchid	Spili hill and Armeni
<i>Ophrys cretica</i>	Cretan Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>cinereophila</i>	Dingy Bee Orchid	Spili Hill
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>fusca</i>	Dingy Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys holosericea</i> subsp. <i>holosericea</i>	Late Spider Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>galilaea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>phryganae</i>	Phrygana Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Orchid	Locally frequent
<i>Ophrys</i> x <i>sommieri</i>	<i>O. bombyliflora</i> x <i>O. tenthredinifera</i>	Spili hill
<i>Orchis anatolica</i>	Anatolian Orchid	Spili
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Spili hill and Armeni
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	Common
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Locally common
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Locally common
<i>Orchis sitiaca</i> •	Sitia Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Orchis spitzelii</i> subsp. <i>nitidifolia</i> •	Cretan Orchid	Above Omalos plateau
<i>Serapias bergonii</i>	Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid	Widespread
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Common Tongue-orchid	Locally common
<i>Serapias orientalis</i>	Eastern Tongue-orchid	Agia Triada
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	Occasional
Poaceae		
<i>Andropogon distachyos</i>	Two-spiked Beard-grass	Rocky places. Roadsides
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	Damp places. Fields
<i>Arundo donax</i> ‡	Giant Reed	Naturalised and common
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Slender Oat	Disturbed ground

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<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Wild-oat	Fallow land
<i>Brachypodium retusum</i>	Mediterranean False-brome	Widespread
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	Shaded areas
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Drooping Brome	Frequent
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	Disturbed ground
<i>Briza minor</i>	Lesser Quaking-grass	Moist ground
<i>Calamagrostis arenaria</i> subsp. <i>australis</i>	Marram	Sand dunes
<i>Catapodium marinum</i>	Sea Fern-grass	Maritime
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	Bare stony ground
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda Grass	Disturbed ground
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	Rough Dog's-tail	Rocky places. Fields
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Hairy Finger-grass	Roadsides
<i>Hordeum murinum</i> subsp. <i>leporinum</i>	Wall Barley	Roadsides. Waste places
<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>	Thatching Grass	Widespread
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Common
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's-tail	Frequent
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	Widespread
<i>Lolium temulentum</i>	Darnel	Fields and waste places
<i>Melica rectiflora</i>	A Melick	Cliffs
<i>Oloptum miliaceum</i>	Smilo Grass	Olive groves. Waste areas
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Marshes and riverbanks
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Waste places
<i>Stipellula capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Rocky places and fields
Posidoniaceae	Neptune-grass Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Marine
Ruppiaceae	Tasselweed Family	
<i>Ruppia maritima</i>	Beaked Tasselweed	Kokkinos Lagoon
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	Common
Typhaceae	Reedmace Family	
<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Southern Reedmace	Agia Lake
Zosteraceae	Eelgrass Family	
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Eelgrass	Marine

Birds (H = Heard only)

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		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>					✓	✓		
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	12							
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anus clypeata</i>		✓						
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>						✓		
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		25						
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		✓						
Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		H				5		
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓						
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columbia livia 'domestica'</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓		✓		✓		
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			H				37	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>		✓						
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓			✓	✓		
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓	✓		
Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>		4						
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓				✓		
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		✓						
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	40	✓						
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓		✓			
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓						
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓						
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓						
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>		✓						
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		2						
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		✓						
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>		✓						
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>				✓		✓		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		30						
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			
Squacco Heron	<i>Aedeola ralloides</i>		3						
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓					
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		65						
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>						✓	✓	
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennata</i>							✓	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓			2		
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>				2				
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						✓	✓	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>				H			H	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		H				✓	✓	

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European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						✓	✓	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>				✓				
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>						✓		
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>						✓		
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>						✓		
Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓	✓			✓			
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	H	
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		H	✓	✓			✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		40	✓	✓			✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropsis rufula</i>	✓	✓		✓				
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		✓	H	H	H	✓		
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	✓							
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>						✓		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				✓			H	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>						✓		
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓					
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>				H				
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	H	H	✓	H	✓		
Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Curruca ruppeli</i>			✓					
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>			✓					
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>				✓			✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		H		✓	✓	✓		
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓	✓				
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			H	H				
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>							✓	
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	✓						✓	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				✓				
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>				✓				
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetta</i>	4			✓		✓		
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</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>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					✓			
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			✓					
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	

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Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>						H		
European 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>					H	✓	✓	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓	✓		H		
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>			✓					
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓		✓				

Other vertebrates

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Common name	Latin name	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mammals									
Beech Marten	<i>Martes foina bunites</i>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Reptiles									
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>		✓			✓			
Cretan Wall Lizard •	<i>Podarcis cretensis</i>					✓			
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>					✓	✓		

Invertebrates

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Common name	Latin name	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Butterflies									
Papilionidae									
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓						
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>					✓			
Cretan Festoon •	<i>Zerynthia cretica</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Hesperiidae									
Pigmy Skipper	<i>Gegenes pumilio</i>					✓			
Pieridae									
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>					✓			
Lycaenidae									
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Nymphalidae									
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									
Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>			E					

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Dragonflies										
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>			✓		✓				
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>			✓						
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>			✓	✓	✓				
Other Insects										
Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>			✓	✓					
Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulea</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>				✓	✓				
Potter Wasp	<i>Odynerus spinipes</i>			E		E				
Dark-edged Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius major</i>				✓	✓				
Molluscs										
Cretan Door Snail	<i>Albinaria corrugata</i> subsp. <i>inflata</i>				✓					
Garden Snail	<i>Helix aspersa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Crustaceans										
Land Crab	<i>Potamon potamios</i>			✓						