

Crete in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Ranunculus asiaticus



Aristolochia cretica



Erysimum candicum



Petromarula pinnata

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Day 1

Tuesday 15th April

Warm sunshine greeted our group on arrival in Hania. After loading the minibuses, we set off to our first stop at the Allied War Cemetery, at the head of Souda Bay. In damp grassland, near the shore, a variety of flowers included Rosy Garlic Allium roseum, the annual legumes, Southern Bird's-foot Trefoil *Lotus ornithopodioides*, and the bright red Asparagus Pea *Lotus tetragonolobus*, and the pale-blue Branched Broomrape, *Orobanche ramosa* which was parasitising Bermuda Buttercup *Oxalis pes-caprae*. Our first orchids included Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, large colonies of Common Tongue-orchid *Serapias lingua*, and the taller, single spikes of Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid *Serapias bergonii*.

As we travelled south, the roadside verges were bright with spring annuals, such as Mediterranean Thistle *Galactites tomentosus* and Crown Daisy *Glebionis coronaria*. We made a couple of brief stops during the journey, noting several European Bee-eaters and our first Griffon Vultures. After the narrow chasm of the Kourtalotiko Gorge, we arrived at our hotel in Plakias just after 6.00pm. After finding our rooms and freshening up, we walked down to the village for our evening meal. A European Shag and a Black-crowned Night Heron were on rocks in the bay, and we discovered an exhausted Common Nightingale near the shore.

Day 2

Wednesday 16th April

Soon after breakfast, we were back in the Kourtalotiko Gorge, watching Griffon Vulture, Red-billed Chough, Northern Raven and Eurasian Crag Martin flying around the high cliffs and these were soon joined by a pair of Bonelli's Eagle. Around our feet, and at the foot of the cliffs, a range of showy plants included the white Turban Buttercup *Ranunculus asiaticus*, pink Mediterranean Catchfly *Silene colorata*, the large-flowered Long-beaked Stork's-bill *Erodium gruinum*, and Thyme-leaved Savory *Satureja thymbra*, which was often hosting a colourful tangle of the thread-like stems of Palestinian Dodder *Cuscuta palaestina*.

We stopped for coffee in the attractive village of Spili, beside its famous Venetian lion fountains, before continuing south. A roadside stop produced some fine specimens of Late Spider Orchid *Ophrys holosericea* subsp. *holosericea*, Anatolian Orchid *Orchis anatolica*, and Naked Man Orchid *Orchis italica*. After travelling through Timbaki, we reached Phaestos, the second largest of Crete's magnificent Minoan Palaces, which overlooks the fertile Mesara plain and the distant, snow-capped Mount Ida, the highest mountain in the island. After lunch, an interesting range of shrubs, along the roadside, included the endemic Shrubby Sainfoin *Ebenus cretica*, Greek Sage *Salvia fruticosa*, Golden Cassidony *Helichrysum stoechas* subsp. *barrelieri* and Hairy Thymelaea *Thymelaea hirsta*, a member of the daphne family. Growing among these were Broad-leaved Leek *Allium nigrum*, an Early Spider Orchid *Ophrys sphogodes* subsp. *taurica*, Eastern Tongue-orchid *Serapias orientalis* and Southern Star-of-Bethlehem *Ornithogalum narbonense*.

Near Timbaki, we enjoyed a bonanza of birds around a 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. The aerial displays of a flock of 67 Purple Heron, undoubtedly stole the show. On the water, a variety of waders included Black-winged Stilt, Ruff, Common, Wood and Curlew Sandpipers and Little Stint. Barn Swallow, Red-rumped Swallow, and Sand Martin flew low over the water, and we saw Little Crake and Spotted Crake, along the water's edge. Sedge

Warbler was heard and we all had good views of a Great Reed Warbler. Eventually, we had to drag ourselves away and return to Plakias for dinner.

Day 3

Thursday 17th April

At our first stop of the morning, we explored the vicinity of Preveli Bridge. A large bush of Mediterranean Storax *Styrax officinalis* was in full flower and being busily pollinated by Oriental Hornets. Common plants included Honeywort *Cerintho major*, and Purple Viper's Bugloss *Echium plantagineum*, and in a trackside ditch, were plants of False Grass-poly *Lytbrum junceum*, Mediterranean Woundwort *Stachys cretica*, and Spinulose Woundwort *Stachys spinulosa*. On the rocky hillsides, we found Crested Lark, Woodlark, Black Redstart, Eastern Black-eared Wheatear and a Collared Flycatcher. Conspicuous plants included Jerusalem Sage *Phlomis fruticosa*, Yellow Asphodel *Asphodeline lutea*, branched Asphodel *Asphodelus ramosus*, and Eastern Mediterranean Mullein *Verbascum macrurum*. Most of the group chose to visit the Preveli Monastery, while the rest continued to explore the neighbouring hillsides, where we were fortunate to see Blue Rock Thrush, Corn Bunting, Ortolan Bunting and Cirl Bunting.

After lunch, overlooking the monastery, and another brief stop in the Kourtaliotiko Gorge, we drove up into the hills, above Spili. We found the impressive flowers of Cretan Birthwort *Aristolochia cretica*, the caterpillar food-plant of the endemic Cretan Festoon, several of which were flying around, in the process of egg-laying. On the plateau, we made a couple of short walks and soon found an impressive number of orchids. They included Giant Orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*, the yellow Sparse-flowered Orchid *Orchis pauciflora*, Four-spotted Orchid *Orchis quadripunctata*, Bory's Orchid *Anacamptis boryi*, Milky Orchid *Neotinea lactea*, Toothed Orchid *Neotinea tridentata*, Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophora*, Naked Man Orchid *Orchis italica*, and several plants of the endemic and rather uncommon Sitia Orchid *Orchis sitiaca*. In addition, we found numerous Bee orchids of the genus *Ophrys*, such as Yellow Bee Orchid *Ophrys lutea* subsp. *galilaea*, Heldreich's Orchid *Ophrys scolopax* subsp. *heldreichii*, Late Spider Orchid, Cretan Bee Orchid *Ophrys cretica*, Sawfly Orchid *Ophrys tenthredinifera* and Bumble Bee Orchid *Ophrys bombyliflora*, including some interesting hybrids between the latter two. In addition, we admired the attractive flowers of Cretan Iris *Iris unguicularis* subsp. *cretensis*, lots of Barbary Nut *Moraea sisyrrinchium*, and the surrounding fields had eye-catching displays of the bright red *Tulipa orphanidea*. After another exciting afternoon, we returned to Plakias for dinner.

Day 4

Friday 18th April

After a short diversion to see a small grove of Cretan Date Palm *Phoenix theophrasti*, we followed a scenic road to the west, and stopped near the coast, beside low scrub and olive groves. There were plenty of Crested Lark and other birds, such as Whinchat, White Wagtail and European Stonechat. Passing north, overhead, was a steady stream of Barn Swallow, Sand Martin, Common Swift, Alpine Swift and Pallid Swift. At the 14th-century Venetian fortress of Frangocastello, we found the interesting flower heads of Cage Thistle *Atractylis cancellata*, among a colourful display of annuals.

We navigated the steep, switchback road to the top of the Imbros Gorge, where we enjoyed the local speciality of pancakes with honey, before setting off on our walk. Over the next four hours we made steady progress down a rocky path, where every turn revealed a new vista and new plants. The cliffs provide a refuge for many of Crete's endemic plants and highlights included the shrubby Cretan Gorge Laurel *Staezelina petiolata*, Cretan Dittany *Origanum dictamnus*, the Tree Spurge *Euphorbia sultan-bassei*, and Shrubby Mullein *Verbascum arcturus*. Along the shady

bed of the gorge, we noted Cretan Buttercup *Ranunculus creticus*, Variegated Anchusa *Anchusa variegata*, Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage *Saxifraga rotundifolia* subsp. *chrysosplenifolia*, the delicate white flowers of Cretan Sowbread *Cyclamen creticum* and the tiny Jersey Fern *Anogramma leptophylla*. Where the gorge eventually widened, we found the huge purple spathes of Dragon Arum *Dracunculus vulgaris*, emitting a pungent aroma of rotting flesh. Before returning to Plakias, we relaxed over snacks at enjoyed the views from the Taverna Komitades.

Day 5

Saturday 19th April

Before leaving Plakias, we had a short walk behind the village, where we found the delicate blue annual *Solenopsis minuta*. On the sand dunes, we found the endemic Tassel Hyacinth *Muscari spreitzenboferi*, Sea Spurge *Euphorbia paralias*, the yellow Cretan Viper's-grass *Galasia cretica*, and lots of Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum*. We scrambled up to look at the Plakias Fault, which forms a smooth high cliff, defining the eastern edge of the bay.

At the Kotsifou Gorge, we visited a little chapel, under the cliff, where we found some fine patches of the attractive endemic crucifer *Ricotia cretica*, and the yellow spathes of Cretan Arum *Arum creticum*. Continuing north to the late-Minoan cemetery near Armeni, we explored the many amazing rock-cut tombs, while lunch was being prepared. Under a canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis*, a diverse flora included many Tassel Hyacinths *Muscari comosum*, carpets of Greek Lloydia *Gagea graeca*, Greek Golden Drop *Onosma graeca*, and the sweetly scented shrub, *Osyris alba*. The distinctive call of Wryneck was heard, but the bird remained elusive.

Along the north coast, an interesting beach flora included Three-horned Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata*, Cottonweed *Achillea maritima*, Rayless Chamomile *Anthemis rigida*, Sea Holly *Eryngium maritimum*, and Yellow Horned-poppy *Glaucum flavum*. After a welcome break for ice-creams in Georgiopolis, we explored the attractive harbour, before a short visit to the nearby wetland, where a strong freshwater spring feeds a reservoir. From here, we made rapid progress to the comfortable Halepa Hotel, in Hania, 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 20th April

After breakfast, we drove to Agia Lake, the largest of Crete's freshwater wetlands. Among the Eurasian Coot and Common Moorhen, there were several Garganey, Little Grebe and a single Common Sandpiper, a Western Marsh Harrier patrolled the reedbeds, and along the water's edge we found Squacco Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, and after a patient search, a Little Crake.

We continued into the White Mountains to the Omalos plateau, where we found fine specimens of Burnt Candytuft *Aethionema saxatile* subsp. *creticum*, on a roadside cliff, and superb patches of *Cyclamen creticum*, growing in the shade of Cretan Maple *Acer sempervirens*. After coffee and lunch in the Taverna Omalos, we ventured out across the stony plateau. Early-breeding Woodlark were singing from the apple orchards, and we recorded Northern Wheatear, Black-eared Wheatear, Common Linnet, Goldfinch and Common Stonechat and a single European Turtle Dove. Griffon Vultures circled high above us, along with Northern Raven and singles of European Honey Buzzard and Golden Eagle.

Swathes of *Tulipa saxatilis* were 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 patches of a Star of Bethlehem

Gagea peduncularis. At the end of the road, we had clear views into the depths of the Samaria Gorge and walked a short distance up the E4 footpath. Many new discoveries included the familiar blue flowers of Aubretia *Aubretia deltoidea*, mounds of pink-flowered Rock Cherry *Prunus prostrata*, and several new endemics, such as Cretan Mouse-ear *Cerastium scaposum*, Small-leaved Oregano *Origanum microphyllum*, the Mountain Tea *Sideritis syriaca* subsp. *syriaca*, Narrow-leaved Milk-vetch *Astragalus angustifolius* subsp. *echinoides*, a bright yellow Treacle-mustard *Erysimum raulinii*, and a lone specimen of Cretan Orchid *Orchis spitzzeilii* 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*, where we found several bright green Tree Frogs and many tadpoles of Green Toad.

Day 7

Monday 21st April

Shortly After breakfast, most of the group chose to visit the newly opened Archaeological Museum, which provided a fascinating insight into Hania's long history. Afterwards we visited the Agia Triada Monastery and wandered through its well-tended vineyards and olive groves, before moving onto the headland, for our picnic. Tree Pipit, Common Redstart, Willow Warbler and European Pied Flycatcher were new birds, here, and lots of European Bee-eaters flew by. In the vicinity we found some splendid Dragon Arum, 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*.

At the end of the road, we walked past the grounds of the Gouverneto Monastery, where we recorded our first Spotted Flycatcher of the week and our second Collared Flycatcher. Following A stony path to the Cave of St. John was decorated with the small blue flowers of One-leaved Barbary Nut *Moraea mediterranea*, and a careful search revealed the tiny spiral leaves of the endemic onion *Allium circinnatum* subsp. *circinnatum*.

As we drove to the northern end of the peninsula, Common Cuckoo, Long-legged Buzzard and a flock of 16 European Turtle Doves were added to our bird list. After refreshments in Stavros, the film location for the famous 1964 drama, Zorba the Greek, we strolled down to the beach to see the historic quarries that were used by the Venetians during the building of the city of Hania. We returned to Hania to complete our checklists, before our last evening meal, together.

Day 8

Tuesday 22nd April

After breakfast and packing, we had the remainder of the morning 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	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	Rock crevices. Common
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Locally common
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris pallida</i>	Pale Buckler-fern	Shaded cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Hedges
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Wet areas. Agia
Isoetaceae	Quillwort Family	
<i>Isoetes hystrix</i>	Land Quillwort	Seasonal pond on Omalos plateau
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	Shaded cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Pteridaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Damp cliffs and springs
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Damp shaded earth
<i>Hemionitis acrostica</i>	Scented Cheilanthes	Rock crevices
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Damp earth
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS AND ALLIES	
Araucariaceae	Monkey-puzzle Family	
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> ‡	Norfolk Island Pine	Cultivated. Coastal
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>horizontalis</i>	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	Joint-pine Family	
<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	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>Acanthus mollis</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
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

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<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Wild Fennel	Common
<i>Helosciadeum nodiflorum</i>	Fool's Watercress	Occasional. Wet places. Spili
<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 daucoides</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>Smyrnium olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Common
<i>Smyrnium perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Locally common
<i>Smyrnium 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

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<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
<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
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	Common. Roadsides and waste areas
<i>Onopordum bracteatum</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i> •	Cretan Cotton Thistle	Coastal phrygana
<i>Onopordum tauricum</i>	Taurian Cotton Thistle	Roadsides and rocky places

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<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
<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>Staehelina 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

Berberis cretica

Barberry Family

Cretan Barberry

Mountains

Bignoniaceae

Jacaranda mimosifolia ‡

Jacaranda Family

Jacaranda

Cultivated

Boraginaceae

Anchusa hybrida

Anchusa azurea subsp. *azurea*

Anchusa variegata

Borago officinalis

Cerintho major

Cynoglossum columnae

Cynoglossum creticum

Echium angustifolium

Echium italicum subsp. *biebersteinii*

Echium plantagineum

Myosotis incassata

Myosotis ramosissima

Neatostema apulum

Onosma erecta

Onosma graeca

Symphytum creticum

Borage Family

Wavy-leaved Anchusa

Large Blue Alkanet

Variegated Anchusa

Borage

Honeywort

A Hound's-tongue

Blue Hound's-tongue

Narrow-leaved Bugloss

Pale Bugloss

Purple Viper's Bugloss

A Forget-me-not

Early Forget-me-not

Yellow Gromwell

A Golden Drop

Greek Golden Drop

Cretan Comfrey

Roadsides

Roadsides

Imbros Gorge

Weedy places

Preveli Bridge

Occasional

Frequent

Common near coast

Common

Common

Rocky places

Widespread

Rocky phrygana. Coastal

Mountain rocks

Armeni Minoan Cemetery

Shady cliffs

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Brassicaceae		
Cabbage Family		
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Dry rocky places
<i>Alyssum simplex</i>	An Alison	Dry rocky places
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Common
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress	Frequent
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Aubretia	Omalos
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Buckler Mustard	Common
<i>Brassica cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Cretan Cabbage	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

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Capparaceae		
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Frequent on cliffs
Caprifoliaceae		
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	A Scabious	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Lomelosia brachiata</i>	Tremastelma	Rocky places
<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	Rockt 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
Honeysuckle Family		
Pink Family		
Rock-rose Family		
Bindweed Family		

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<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
<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
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

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<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
<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
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<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
<i>Lupinus pilosus</i>	A Hairy Lupin	Locally common. Sometimes cultivated
<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

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<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
<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

Frankeniaceae

Sea-heath Family

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<i>Frankenia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Sea-heath	Maritime rocks and sand
Gentianaceae		
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> subsp. <i>intermedia</i>	Gentian Family 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
Geraniaceae		
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Crane's-bill Family 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>	St John's-wort Family Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort	Maquis
<i>Hypericum perfoliatum</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 Family Walnut	Cultivated
Lamiaceae		
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Dead-nettle Family 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

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<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
<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 oxymastrum</i>	Italian Wounwort	Gouverneto Monastery
<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
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Moraceae	Mulberry Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Frequent
<i>Ficus elastica</i> ‡	Rubber Plant	Cultivated
<i>Morus alba</i> ‡	White Mulberry	Cultivated
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family	
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡	River Red Gum	Cultivated
<i>Melaleuca viminalis</i> ‡	Weeping Bottlebrush	Cultivated
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Occasional along watercourses
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	Preveli Bridge
<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 purpleomarginatum</i>	Purple-fringed Poppy	Occasional
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy	Common
<i>Roemeria apula</i>	Peacock Poppy	Occasional
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum Family	

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<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
<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	Plane Family	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	River valleys
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Winged Sea-lavender	Coastal sands
Polygalaceae	Milk-wort Family	
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> ‡	Myrtle-leaved Milkwort	Cultivated
<i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Eastern Milkwort	Frequent
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
<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	Purslane Family	
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> ‡	Purslane	Disturbed ground
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Cyclamen creticum</i> •	Cretan Sowbread	Locally common
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>candicum</i> •	A Greek Sowbread	Widespread
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Common

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Latin name

Lysimachia foemina
Lysimachia linum-stellatum
Samolus valerandi

Common name

Blue Pimpernel
 Asterolinon
 Brookweed

Notes

Common
 Frequent
 Wet rocks. Georgiopolis

Ranunculaceae

Adonis cretica •
Anemone coronaria
Anemone hortensis subsp. *heldreichii*
Clematis cirrhosa
Nigella damascena
Ranunculus arvensis
Ranunculus asiaticus
Ranunculus bullatus
Ranunculus creticus
Ranunculus ficaria subsp. *chrysocephalus*
Ranunculus muricatus
Ranunculus paludosus
Ranunculus peltatus
Staphisagria macrosperma

Buttercup Family

Cretan Yellow Pheasant's-eye
 Crown Anemone
 Heldreich's Anemone
 Virgin's Bower
 Love-in-a-Mist
 Corn Buttercup
 Turban Buttercup
 Autumn Buttercup
 Cretan Buttercup
 A Lesser Celandine
 Rough-fruited Buttercup
 Jersey Buttercup
 Pond Water-crowfoot
 Lice Bane

Akrotiri peninsula
 Gious Kambos. Omalos
 Widespread
 Occasional. Maquis and roadsides
 Plakias headland
 Fields
 Locally common
 Locally common
 Shady cliffs
 Common
 Moist places
 Locally common
 Seasonal pond. Omalos plateau
 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

Bedstraw Family

Narrow-leaved Crosswort

Occasional. Rocky ground

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<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Waste places
<i>Galium divaricatum</i>	Lamarck's Bedstraw	Occasional
<i>Galium fruticosum</i> •	Shrubby Bedstraw	Cliffs
<i>Galium graecum</i>	Greek Bedstraw	Cliffs
<i>Galium setaceum</i>	Bristled Bedstraw	Occasional
<i>Hexaphylla pubescens</i> •	Pubescent Woodruff	Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Frequent in scrub
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Common
<i>Thliphthisa rigida</i> •	Rigid Woodruff	Cliffs and rocky ground
<i>Valantia hispida</i>	Bristly Crosswort	Dry rocky places
<i>Valantia muralis</i>	Wall Valantia	Dry rocky places
Rutaceae		
<i>Citrus x limon</i> ‡	Lemon	Cultivated
<i>Citrus x aurantium</i> ‡	Orange	Cultivated
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i> subsp. <i>chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Occasional
Salicaceae		
<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		
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Bastard-toadflax Family	Locally common
Sapindaceae		
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Maple Family	Common. Mountains
Saxifragaceae		
<i>Saxifraga hederacea</i>	Saxifrage Family	Locally common
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysosplenifolia</i>	Ivy-leaved Saxifrage	Limestone rocks. Omalos
Scrophulariaceae		
<i>Myoporum laetum</i> ‡	Figwort Family	Cultivated
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Ngaio	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Shining Figwort	Common. Imbros Gorge
<i>Verbascum arcturus</i> •	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Common on cliffs
<i>Verbascum macrurum</i>	Shrubby Mullein	Common
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Eastern Mediterranean Mullein	Common
<i>Verbascum spinosum</i> •	Wavy-leaved Mullien	Common
Simaroubaceae		
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡	Spiny Mullein	Common
Solanaceae		
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	Tree-of-heaven Family	Naturalised
Nightshade Family		
	White Henbane	Weedy places and walls. Hania

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<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	
<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 callimischon</i> subsp. <i>haemostictum</i>		Cliffs. Imbros Gorge. Autumn-flowering
<i>Allium circinnatum</i> subsp. <i>circinnatum</i> •		Akrotiri peninsula

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Latin name

Allium neapolitanum

Allium nigrum

Allium roseum

Allium rubrovittatum

Allium subhirsutum

Allium trifoliatum

Pancratium maritimum

Common name

Naples Garlic

Broad-leaved Leek

Rosy Garlic

Hairy Garlic

Pink Garlic

Sea Daffodil

Notes

Occasional

Abandoned fields

Occasional

Occasional

Stony ground. Akrotiri

Abandoned fields

Sand dunes

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare

Arum concinatum

Arum creticum

Arum idaeum •

Dracunculus vulgaris

Zantedeschia aethiopica ‡

Arum Family

Friar's Cowl

An Arum

Cretan Arum

Cretan Mountain Arum

Dragon Arum

Arum Lily

Common. Damp places

Common. Olive groves

Kotsifou Gorge

Omalos plateau

Common

Cultivated

Arecaceae

Phoenix canariensis ‡

Phoenix theophrasti

Washingtonia filifera ‡

Palm Family

Canary Palm

Cretan Date Palm

California Fan-palm

Cultivated

South coast

Cultivated

Asparagaceae

Agave americana ‡

Asparagus aphyllus subsp. *orientalis*

Drimia numidica

Muscari comosum

Muscari neglectum

Muscari spreitzenhoferi •

Ornithogalum divergens

Ornithogalum creticum •

Ornithogalum narbonense

Ruscus aculeatus

Asparagus Family

Centuryplant

Leafless Asparagus

Sea Squill

Tassel Hyacinth

A Grape Hyacinth

A Tassel Hyacinth

A Star-of-Bethlehem

A Star-of-Bethlehem

Southern Star-of-Bethlehem

Butcher's-broom

Cultivated and naturalised

Common

Common

Common

Mountain rocks. Omalos

Frequent

Frequent

Occasional. Limestone crevices

Frequent

Shady areas

Asphodelaceae

Asphodeline lutea

Asphodelus fistulosus

Asphodelus ramosus

Asphodel Family

Yellow Asphodel

Hollow-stemmed Asphodel

Branched Asphodel

Common

Ditches and roadsides

Common

Cyperaceae

Carex distachya

Carex pendula

Cladium mariscus

Cyperus capitatus

Cyperus longus

Cyperus rotundus

Schoenoplectus lacustris

Sedge Family

Pendulous Sedge

Great Fen-sedge

Sand Galingale

Galingale

Nut Grass

Common Club-rush

Spili Hill

Agia Lake

Agia Lake

Coastal sands

Wet places

Ditches

Agia Lake

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<i>Scirpoides holoschoenus</i>	Round-headed Club-rush	Damp places
Dioscoreaceae		
<i>Dioscorea communis</i>	Black Bryony	Woodland and scrub
Iridaceae		
<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		
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Maritime sands
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	Jointed Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toad Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Wet places
Liliaceae		
<i>Fritillaria messanensis</i> subsp. <i>sphaciotica</i> •	A Fritillary	Imbros Gorge
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	Greek 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 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>Neotinea tridentata</i>	Toothed 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	Plakias headland
<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

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<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 sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>taurica</i>	An Early Spider Orchid	Agia Triada
<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	Near 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>Aegilops geniculata</i>	Ovate Goat-grass	Occasional
<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
<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>Festuca ambigua</i>	Bearded Fescue	Occasional
<i>Festuca ovina</i> agg.	Sheep's-fescue	Widespread
<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
Grass Family		

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<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
Ruppiales	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)

Common name	Latin name	April 2025							
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>					✓			
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>						✓		
Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		✓	✓					H
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>				✓		✓	✓	
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</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>						✓	16	
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>		2				✓		
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓	✓		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		3						
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		✓	✓					
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓						
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>		2						
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		✓						
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		✓						
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>		✓						
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>					✓			
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>					✓			
Squacco Heron	<i>Aedeola ralloides</i>						✓		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓			
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		67	✓	✓				
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓			✓	✓		
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓			✓	✓	
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		2	2		✓			
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓					✓		
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>							✓	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>								
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>			H	H			H	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓				✓		
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓					40	
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					✓			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</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>		✓	✓					
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>			✓			✓	✓	
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓						
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropsis rufula</i>		✓				✓		
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H			✓		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>							✓	
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							✓	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓						
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		✓						
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						✓		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	H	H	✓	H	✓		
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓	✓	✓		
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>							✓	
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							✓	
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓						✓	

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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>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
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>	✓			✓				✓
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>						✓		
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>								✓
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>				✓		✓	✓	
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>			✓					
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	✓		✓			

Other vertebrates

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Mammals									
Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		✓						
Beech Marten	<i>Martes foina bunites</i>	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	
Cretan Badger •	<i>Meles meles arkalus</i>					D			
Reptiles									
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>		✓		✓		✓		
Cretan Wall Lizard •	<i>Podarcis cretensis</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>				✓	✓			
Amphibians									
Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>						T		
Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>						✓		
Cretan Water Frog •	<i>Pelophylax cretensis</i>		H						

Invertebrates

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Common name	Latin name	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Butterflies									
Papilionidae									
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirus</i>		✓				✓	✓	
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Cretan Festoon •	<i>Zerynthia cretica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Hesperiidae									
Lulworth Skipper	<i>Thymelicus acteon</i>		✓					✓	
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>						✓	✓	
Pieridae									
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>			✓			✓		
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>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>		✓						
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓						
Brown Argus	<i>Arica agrestis</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									
Oleander Hawkmoth	<i>Daphnis nerii</i>		✓						
Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>		E	E	E	E			
Dragonflies									
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>						✓		
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>		✓				✓		
Keeled Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>		✓						
Other Insects									
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>			✓		✓		✓	
Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>		✓						
Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera adami</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Oriental Hornet	<i>Vespa orientalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Paper Wasp	<i>Polistes gallicus</i>							✓	
Potter Wasp	<i>Odynerus spinipes</i>		✓						

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Dark-edged Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius major</i>			✓	✓				
Green Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela campestris</i>			✓					
Molluscs									
Cretan Door Snail	<i>Albinaria corrugata</i> subsp. <i>inflata</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Garden Snail	<i>Helix aspersa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	