

# Autumn Plants of the Peloponnese

Naturetrek Tour Report

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*Narcissus tazetta*



Gythio Harbour



*Galanthus reginae olgae*



*Crocus goulimy*

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## Day 1

Sunday 25th October

Two days of heavy rain preceded the group's arrival in Athens. Driving west towards Corinth we were diverted around a flooded section of the motorway and arrived late at our hotel in the mountain resort of Kalavrita.

## Day 2

Monday 26th October

We spent the day exploring the lower slopes of mount Chelmos, finding our first *Cyclamen hederifolium*, abundant mistletoe in the Grecian Fir forests and *Crocus cancellatus mazzjaricus* in the stony pasture. The local endemic hawthorn, *Crataegus pycnoloba* made a spectacular display of its large yellow fruits below the ski resort. A foray onto the mountain slopes revealed a rich flora, including *Daphne oleoides*, snowy-white *Cerastium candidissimum*, the endemic *Globularia stygia* and the Scabious relative *Pteroccephalus perennis*, still with a few flowers.

As the mist closed in, late in the afternoon, we drove to a viewpoint below the cloud overlooking the mythical Styx Valley. Searching the steep hillsides we eventually found the unmistakable leaves of *Sternbergia sicula* and, as an exciting end to the afternoon, a few plants in flower by the roadside, just as a heavy shower curtailed our botanising for the day.

## Day 3

Tuesday 27th October

Our long drive south to Gythio was punctuated by several roadside stops. Above Kalavrita, a patient search located *Crocus biflorus melantherus*, distinguished by its black anthers and fine purple feathering on the outer tepals. South of Klitoria we found lots more *Sternbergia sicula* and the brown spathes of *Biarum tenuifolium*. The sun brought out an abundance of insect life including Praying Mantis and a variety of butterflies.

Our lunch break near Tripoli among masses of *Crocus hadriaticus* was curtailed by rain, but we were able to see more during the afternoon and make comparisons with *Crocus biflorus melantherus* which in places speckled the rocky hillsides as far as the eye could see.

## Day 4

### Wednesday 28th October

West of Gythio we explored a variety of habitats around the northern part of the Mani Peninsula. In an old olive grove we found many *Spiranthes spiralis* while under a closed canopy of Valonia Oak was an exceptional abundance of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*, scenting the hillside with its sweet perfume. This taxon was described as recently as June of this year and, on current evidence, applies to all *Cyclamen hederifolium* in the Peloponnese. Not surprisingly, this fact generated much discussion among the Cyclamen enthusiasts in the party. Overlooking the coast we located a few *Narcissus serotinus* and growing from crevices in the limestone, pink goblets of *Colchicum parlatoris*. Around Areopoli there were spectacular displays of *Crocus goulimyi* and *Crocus niveus* both Peloponnese endemics. Our final stop was in walled olive groves to see huge patches of deep yellow *Sternbergia lutea*, the flowers almost closed in the fading light.

## Day 5

### Thursday 29th October

From Gythio, the Taygetos Mountains looked reasonably clear so we headed north and followed the winding road up towards the mountain refuge. *Galanthus reginae-olgae* was flowering in the damp shade of Grecian Fir and Oriental Plane along with lots of *Cyclamen hederifolium*. Heading down the mountain we found a sheltered spot for lunch by a small chapel and yet another new crocus, *Crocus laevigatus*.

Our final destination was the Parori Gorge which provided an interesting short walk in dramatic scenery. Among the flowers we noted here was Friars Cowl and truly wild *Lilium candidum*. We enjoyed a welcome drink in the village before returning to Gythio in the dark.

## Day 6

### Friday 30th October

We set out eastwards towards the Sikea Peninsula, following the coast. A hillside above the road proved very rewarding with many *Narcissus tazetta*, several *Anemone coronaria* and a wonderful display of *Clematis cirrhosa*. The sandy beach by the rusting shipwreck of the Dmetri also proved to be very interesting with a range of new flora and fauna including a large male Balkan Green Lizard. Crossing the peninsula to its east coast we stopped at a roadside field with stunning displays of *Crocus boryi* and pale forms of *Crocus goulimyi* before lunching in a rocky inlet on the coast, overlooking Monemvasia. The rocky hillside was dotted with the tiny purple goblets of *Colchicum cupanii* with the pale blue *Globularia alypum* and pink *Cordithymus capitatus*.

A little further south, we drove into the hills, with views of both coasts of the peninsula. The star attractions here were the profusion of *Crocus goulimyi* var. *leucanthus*, and expanses of *Cyclamen hederifolium crassifolium* in abandoned olive groves. Although late in the afternoon, we finished with a brief visit to Monemvasia and a coffee, before driving back for our evening meal.

## Day 7

### Saturday 31st October

We spent the morning exploring the ruins of the Byzantine town of Mystras perched on the steep flanks of the Taygetos Mountains overlooking Sparta. As well as the fascinating archaeology and history in its maze of streets, growing on the walls were plants of interest including *Onosma frutescens*, the beautiful bicoloured *Campanula versicolor* and the endemic *Cymbalaria microcalyx*.

We then drove up the Langada Gorge for lunch and explored the dramatic scenery to the top of the pass, before heading back to Gythio. Some of us crossed the stone jetty to Gythio Island to see the amazing range of leaf patterns on *Cyclamen graecum*. A full moon was reflected, early, in the sea as we left the lighthouse and returned to Gythio harbour for our last evening meal.

## Day 8

Sunday 1st November

We journeyed back to Athens airport for our afternoon flight, taking in the stark but beautiful landscape of the Peloponnese on the way.

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## Systematic list of plants noted

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Location/notes</b>
<b>PTERIDOPHYTA</b>		
<b>FERNS AND FERN ALLIES</b>		
<b>Selaginellaceae</b>		
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Selaginella	Shaded damp rocks
<b>Adiantaceae</b>		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern Family Maidenhair Fern	Damp shaded cliffs
<b>Aspleniaceae</b>		
<i>Ceterach officinarum</i>	Spleenwort family Rusty-back Fern	Frequent on rocks
<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Family Bracken	Common
<b>Polypodiaceae</b>		
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i> subsp. <i>australe</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody	Occasional on rocks and trees
<b>Sinopteridaceae</b>		
<i>Cheilanthes fragrans</i>		Occasional. Rock crevices
<b>GYMNOSPERMAE</b>		
<b>CONIFERS</b>		
<b>Ephedraceae</b>		
<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	Joint Pine Family	Cliffs
<b>Araucariaceae</b>		
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	Monkey Puzzle Family Norfolk Island Pine	Planted
<b>Cupressaceae</b>		
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma <i>sempervirens</i>	Juniper Family Funeral Cypress	Widely planted
<i>Juniperus communis</i> subsp. <i>alpina</i>	Juniper	Chelmos
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Mountains
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper	Lowland scrub
<b>Pinaceae</b>		
<i>Abies cephalonica</i>	Pine Family Grecian Fir	Mountains
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	Occasional. Planted

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<i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>pallasiana</i>	Black Pine	Taygetos
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Umbrella pine	Occasional. Planted
<b>ANGIOSPERMAE      FLOWERING PLANTS</b>		
<b>DICOTYLEDONS</b>		
<b>Acanthaceae</b>	<b>Acanthus Family</b>	
<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Spiny Bear's Breech	Rocky places. Occasional
<b>Aceraceae</b>	<b>Maple Family</b>	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Gorges and mountains. Evergreen in Taygetos
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>	<b>Sumach Family</b>	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Often dominant in maquis
<b>Apiaceae</b>		
<i>Critibum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Rocky coast
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Widespread
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Sandy coast
<i>Ferrula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Frequent
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Widespread
<b>Apocyanaceae</b>	<b>Periwinkle Family</b>	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Widely planted and native along watercourses
<b>Araliaceae</b>	<b>Ivy Family</b>	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Gorges
<b>Asteraceae</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>	
<i>Aster tripolium</i>	Sea Aster	Salt marsh
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Frequent
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Frequent
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Occasional
<i>Carlina graeca</i>	( <i>C. corymbosa</i> )	Abundant in garrigue
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Waste places
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Abundant in lowlands and on roadsides.
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Parori Gorge
<i>Otanthus maritimus</i>	Cottonweed	Sand dunes
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>		Frequent
<i>Phagnalon graecum</i>		Walls and rocks
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Cliffs.
<i>Scoymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant	Roadsides

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<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Waste places
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	Spiny Cocklebur	Occasional weed
<b>Berberidaceae</b>	<b>Barberry Family</b>	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry	Chelmos
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borage Family</b>	
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	Coast. Red flowers
<i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i>	Pale Bugloss	Common. White flowers
<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	Heliotrope	Waste ground. Occasional
<i>Onosma frutescens</i>	Golden Drops	Mystras
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Cress Family</b>	
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Chelmos
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Sandy coast
<i>Draba lasiocarpa</i>	Taygetos	
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	Mystras
<b>Cactaceae</b>	<b>Cactus family</b>	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Prickly Pear	Widespread alien
<b>Campanulaceae</b>	<b>Bellflower Family</b>	
<i>Campanula</i> spp.		Chelmos
<i>Campanula versicolor</i>		Cliffs
<b>Capparaceae</b>	<b>Caper Family</b>	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Cliffs. Widespread
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Occasional
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Waste places
<b>Chenopodiaceae</b>	<b>Goosefoot Family</b>	
<i>Arthrocnemum perenne</i>	Perennial Glasswort	Coastal salt-marsh
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Sandy Beach
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>		Common in maquis
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally common
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Fumana	Frequent

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<b>Convolvulaceae</b> <i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	Occasional
<b>Corylaceae</b> <i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	<b>Hornbeam Family</b> Hop Hornbeam	Taygetos
<b>Crassulaceae</b> <i>Sedum amplexicaule</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolium</i>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	Rocks.
<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Thick-leaved Stonecrop	Frequent
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	A Pennywort	Parori Gorge
<b>Cuscutaceae</b> <i>Cuscuta</i> sp.	<b>Dodder Family</b> A dodder	Frequent
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b> <i>Bryonia cretica</i>	<b>Cucumber Family</b> White Bryony	Frequent
<i>Citrullus colocynthis</i>	Bitter Cucumber	Roadside
<i>Echallium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
<b>Dipsacaceae</b> <i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	<b>Teasel Family</b> A Scabious	Waste Places
<i>Pterocephalus perennis</i>		Chelmos
<b>Ericaceae</b> <i>Arbutus unedo</i>	<b>Heath Family</b> Strawberry Tree	In flower and fruit
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Common in maquis
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>		Locally common in maquis. In flower
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b> <i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i>	<b>Spurge Family</b> Greek Spiny Spurge	Locally common
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Locally common
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Coastal hillsides
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Coast
<i>Euphorbia rigida</i>	Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge	Widespread
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Occasional weed
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Plant	Occasional weed
<b>Fabaceae</b> <i>Acacia saligna</i>	<b>Pea Family</b>	Widely planted
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Anthyllis hermanningiae</i>		Local in phrygana
<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i>		Chelmos
<i>Astragalus</i> sp.		Chelmos



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<i>Calycotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Often dominant.
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Frequent tree, in fruit
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	Frequent. Gorges
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>		Common
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Coastal sand dunes
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Melilot	Roadsides
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Frequent
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	False Acacia	Widely planted
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Common. Roadsides
<b>Fagaceae</b>	<b>Beech Family</b>	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	Taygetos
<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	Locally common
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	White Oak	Occasional
<b>Guttiferae</b>	<b>St John's Wort Family</b>	
<i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i>		Frequent
<b>Juglandaceae</b>	<b>Walnut Family</b>	
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut	Planted
<b>Labiatae</b>	<b>Mint Family</b>	
<i>Ballota acetabulosa</i>	Garden Horehound	Rocky places
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Occasional
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	Waste ground
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	Common
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Three-leaved Sage	Frequent
<i>Salvia verbenacea</i>		Occasional
<i>Scutellaria</i> sp.	A Skullcap	Parori, Langada Gorges
<i>Coridothymus capitatus</i>	A shrubby Thyme	Common, in flower
<b>Loranthaceae</b>	<b>Mistletoe Family</b>	
<i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>abietis</i>	Mistletoe	Chelmos On <i>Abies</i> .
<b>Malvaceae</b>	<b>Mallow Family</b>	
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i>	Hibiscus	Gardens
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Common

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<b>Meliaceae</b>	<b>Mahogany Family</b>	
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Indian Bead Tree	Planted. Roadsides
<b>Moraceae</b>	<b>Mulberry Family</b>	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Frequent
<i>Morus alba</i>	White Mulberry	Commonly planted
<b>Myrtaceae</b>	<b>Myrtle Family</b>	
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Parori gorge
<b>Nyctaginaceae</b>	<b>Bougainvillea Family</b>	
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	Bougainvillea	Widely planted
<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Ash Family</b>	
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	Occasional, wild
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Mock Privet	Frequent in maquis
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Wood Sorrel Family</b>	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	<b>Poppy Family</b>	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy	Coast
<b>Phytolaccaceae</b>	<b>Pokeweed Family</b>	
<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	American Pokeweed	Occasional. Waste places. Alien
<b>Pittosporaceae</b>	<b>Pittosporum Family</b>	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Commonly planted	
<b>Platanaceae</b>	<b>Plane Tree Family</b>	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	Common in damp valleys
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	<b>Thrift Family</b>	
<i>Plumbago europaea</i>	Europaean Plumbago	Mystras
<i>Limonium</i> sp.	A Sea Lavender	Coast
<b>Polygalaceae</b>	<b>Milkwort Family</b>	
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i>	Cultivated. Alien	
<i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Eastern Milkwort	Occasional
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Dock Family</b>	
<i>Polygonum maritimum</i>	Sea Knotgrass	Coast
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Bull's Head Dock	Rocky places near coast

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<b>Primulaceae</b>		
<b>Primrose Family</b>		
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>graecum</i>	Greek Sowbread	Common
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>crassifolium</i>		Common
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose	Taygetos
<b>Punicaceae</b>		
<b>Pomegranate Family</b>		
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate	Planted
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>		
<b>Buttercup Family</b>		
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	East of Gythio
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower	Frequent
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	Fragrant Clematis	Occasional
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>		
<b>Buckthorn Family</b>		
<i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>		Widespread
<b>Rosaceae</b>		
<b>Rose Family</b>		
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Frequent
<i>Crataegus pycnoloba</i>		Chelmos
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Japanese Loquat	Planted
<i>Prunus cocomilia</i>		Chelmos
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	Widely planted
<i>Prunus prostrata</i>	Rock Cherry	Chelmos
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Near Manithrea
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Wild Pear	Common
<i>Rubus sanctus</i> Agg.	A Bramble	Common. Pink flowers
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Common in garrigue
<b>Rutaceae</b>		
<b>Rue Family</b>		
<i>Citrus limon</i>	Lemon	
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Orange	
<b>Salicaceae</b>		
<b>Willow Family</b>		
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	Occasional. Planted
<b>Santalaceae</b>		
<b>Sandalwood Family</b>		
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Hemi-parasite.Red berries

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<b>Saxifragaceae</b>	<b>Saxifrage Family</b>	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysosplenifolia</i>		Shaded rocks.
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort Family</b>	
<i>Cymbalaria microcalyx</i>	A Toadflax	Walls. Mystras
<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>	Rusty Foxglove	Taygetos
<i>Odontites linkii</i>		Langada Gorge
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Shining Figwort	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Occasional
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>		Common
<b>Simaroubaceae</b>	<b>Tree of Heaven Family</b>	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	Occasional. Alien
<b>Solanaceae</b>	<b>Potato Family</b>	
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Thornapple	Waste ground. Alien
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	Henbane	Mystras
<i>Mandragora officinarum</i>	Mandrake	Frequent
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Shrubby Tobacco	Waste ground. Alien
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Waste ground. Fruit black
<b>Tamaricaceae</b>	<b>Tamarisk Family</b>	
<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>		Coast
<b>Thymelaceae</b>	<b>Daphne Family</b>	
<i>Daphne oleioides</i>	Evergreen shrub.	Chelmos
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>		Rocky places near the sea
<b>Ulmaceae</b>	<b>Elm Family</b>	
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Nettle Tree	Taygetos, Mystras
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall	Walls. Common
<b>Valerianaceae</b>	<b>Valerian Family</b>	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	Monemvasia, Langada
<b>Verbenaceae</b>	<b>Verbena Family</b>	
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Taygetos
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Frequent. River beds

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<b>Violaceae</b> <i>Viola graeca</i>	<b>Violet Family</b>	Chelmos
<b>Vitaceae</b> <i>Vitis vinifera</i>	<b>Vine Family</b> Vine	Occasional
<b>Zygophyllaceae</b> <i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	<b>Caltrop Family</b> Maltese Cross	Occasional

### MONOCOTYLEDONS

<b>Agavaceae</b> <i>Agave americana</i>	<b>Agave Family</b> Century Plant	Planted
<b>Alliaceae</b> <i>Allium ameloprasum</i> <i>Allium callimischon</i> subsp. <i>callimischon</i>	<b>Onion Family</b> Wild Leek	Monemvasia Frequent
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b> <i>Galanthus reginae-olgae</i> <i>Narcissus serotinus</i> <i>Narcissus tazetta</i> <i>Pancratium maritimum</i> <i>Sternbergia lutea</i> <i>Sternbergia sicula</i>	<b>Daffodil Family</b> Queen Olga's Snowdrop Occasional Polyanthus Narcissus Sea Daffodil Common Sternbergia	Taygetos East of Gythio Coastal dunes. Areopoli Occasional
<b>Araceae</b> <i>Arisarum vulgare</i> <i>Biarum tenuifolium</i>	<b>Arum Family</b> Friar's Cowl	Parori Gorge Below Klitoria
<b>Asparagaceae</b> <i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	<b>Asparagus Family</b> Frequent	
<b>Asphodelaceae</b> <i>Asphodeline lutea</i> <i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	<b>Asphodel Family</b> Yellow Asphodel Common	Occasional
<b>Colchicaceae</b> <i>Colchicum cupanii</i> <i>Colchicum parlatoris</i>	<b>Colchicum Family</b>	Near Monemvasia Mani

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<b>Cyperaceae</b>	<b>Sedge Family</b>	
<i>Cyperus capitatus</i>		Sand dunes
<b>Dioscoridaceae</b>	<b>Yam Family</b>	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Occasional
<b>Graminae</b>	<b>Grass Family</b>	
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	Common in lowlands
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram Grass	Sand dunes
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Wet areas
<b>Hyacinthaceae</b>	<b>Hyacinth Family</b>	
<i>Charybdis maritima</i>	(Urginea) Sea Squill	Locally common
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Occasional
<i>Scilla autumnalis</i>	Autumn Squill	Common
<i>Scilla autumnalis</i> subsp. <i>latifolia</i>		Southern. Endemic
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Iris Family</b>	
<i>Crocus biflorus</i> subsp. <i>melantherus</i>		Widespread
<i>Crocus boryi</i>		Widespread
<i>Crocus cancellatus</i> subsp. <i>mazziaricus</i>		Mountains
<i>Crocus goulimyi</i>		Locally common
<i>Crocus goulimyi</i> subsp. <i>leucanthus</i>		South of Monemvasia
<i>Crocus hadriaticus</i>		Locally common
<i>Crocus laevigatus</i>		Taygetos and Foutia
<i>Crocus niveus</i>		Local
<i>Iris unguicularis</i>	Algerian Iris	Parori Gorge
<b>Liliaceae</b>	<b>Lily Family</b>	
<i>Lilium candidum</i>	Madonna Lily	Parori Gorge
<i>Urginea maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Frequent
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchid Family</b>	
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Autumn Lady's Tresses	Occasional
<b>Posidoniaceae</b>	<b>Posidonia Family</b>	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune Grass	Washed-up remains on beaches

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<b>Ruscaceae</b>	<b>Butcher's Broom Family</b>	
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	Gorges
<b>Smilacaceae</b>	<b>Smilax Family</b>	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax	Common

## Birds

Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinans</i>
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>
Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>

## Reptiles

Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>	male and young
Greek Algyroides	<i>Algyroides moreoticus</i>	male and female

## Butterflies

Mediterranean Skipper	<i>Gegenes nostradamus</i>
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>
Swallowtail caterpillar	<i>Papilio machaon</i>
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>
Clouded yellow (white form)	<i>Colias crocea</i> f. <i>helice</i>
Green Veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>

Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>
Lesser Fiery Copper	<i>Lycaena thersamon</i>
Langs Short tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>
Longtailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>
Red admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>
Speckled wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pambilus</i>

### Moths

Hummingbird Hawk Moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>
Spurge Hawk Moth caterpillar	<i>Hyles euphorbiae</i>

### Dragonflies

Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>
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### Other Insects

Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>	
Cone Head Mantis	<i>Empusa fasciata</i>	nymph and adult
Stick insect	<i>Bacillus rossius</i>	
Blue-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulescens</i>	
Migratory Locust	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	