

# Autumn Plants of the Peloponnese

Naturetrek Tour Report

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*Cyclamen hederifolium var. crassifolium*



*Stembergia sicula*



*Colchicum parietoris*



*Crocus goulimyi*

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## Day 1

Wednesday 20th October

We left Athens airport around 3pm and drove westwards on the busy motorway towards Corinth. A short diversion here allowed us to marvel at the Corinth Canal, which cuts through the narrow isthmus and effectively makes the Peloponnese an island. Before turning inland into the mountains we made a short stop to see our first Cyclamen, growing in Pine woodland, virtually at sea level. Following the twisting road upwards we skirted the deep Vouraikos Gorge and arrived in Kalavrita as darkness fell.

## Day 2

Thursday 21st October

Heading up towards the ski area on Chelmos, we made a number of short stops, finding *Crocus cancellatus mazziaricus* and the patterned leaves of Dense-flowered Orchid, *Neotinea intacta*. From the desolate car park we explored the slopes of the mountain, some of us reaching the ridge overlooking the Styx Valley and after a patient search we eventually found the small yellow flowers of *Sternbergia colchiciflora*. After lunch on the plateau, we drove to the other side of the mountain and were rewarded by spectacular displays of *Sternbergia sicula* on the rocky slopes.

## Day 3

Friday 22nd October

Our journey south from Kalavrita, was punctuated with ever more impressive displays of *Sternbergia sicula* and the chocolate-brown spathes of *Biarum tenuifolium*. Around Tripoli and beyond the landscape was dotted with *Crocus hadriaticus* with occasional pale lavender flowers among the more common brilliant white. Before descending to the plain of Sparta, our first *Cyclamen graecum* appeared showing the beautiful silver and pink leaf markings typical of the species. We arrived at our waterfront hotel in Gythio at 6pm and finished the day with a meal in one of the restaurants overlooking the harbour.

## Day 4

Saturday 23rd October

West of Gythio, the oak woodland contains an abundance of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*, scenting the hillsides with its sweet perfume. Genetic studies, as recent as 2009, separated this distinct taxon from populations further west in the Mediterranean. We made our way down to the coast for a picnic lunch, finding *Narcissus serotinus*, *Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon* and the pink goblets of *Colchicum parlatoris* growing from crevices in the limestone. We moved on to the rocky northern end of the Mani Peninsula to see two very striking *Crocus* species, *Crocus goulimyi*, in its typical purple variety and *Crocus niveus*, both endemic to this isolated corner of Greece. A visit to the beach by the Cave of Pyrgos Dirou rounded off the afternoon before we returned to Gythio for dinner.

## Day 5

Sunday 24th October

Travelling north we followed a winding road high into the Taygetos Mountains with their dense forests of Grecian Fir and Oriental Plane. *Galanthus reginae-olgae* was locally plentiful in damp shade along with more *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*. After lunch we continued along the rough trail through the forest, finding occasional *Colchicum boissieri*, the chequered *Colchicum bivonae* and a stony meadow with a sprinkling of *Crocus boryi*, *Crocus hadriaticus* and some impressive Parasol mushrooms. Dramatic views opened up to the plain below and we eventually emerged in the mountain village of Socha. Now back on tarmac, we completed our mountain circuit, passing hillsides purple with *Erica manipuliflora* and, surprisingly, several native Judas trees, *Cercis siliquastrum*, in full flower.

## Day 6

Monday 25th October

We set out eastwards towards the Sikea Peninsula, following the coast. The first *Narcissus tazetta* were in bloom and several *Anemone coronaria* on the rocky hillsides. The sandy beach by the rusting shipwreck of the Dmetri is one of a number of protected coastal sites around the Aegean, where the Loggerhead Turtle nest. *Clematis cirrhosa* adorned the shrubby dunes, while, on the seaward side, were a number of faded flowers of the Sea Daffodil, *Pancreatium maritimum*. After crossing the peninsula to the east coast, we had lunch by a rocky inlet overlooking Monemvasia. The pale blue *Globularia alypum* and pink *Coridothymus capitatus* were prominent, but there were no signs of the expected bulbs. This corner of the Peloponnese, at least, had clearly not yet received any rain. A little further south, we drove into the hills, where the star attractions were the profusion of the almost white *Crocus goulimyi* var. *leucanthus* and the masses of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium* in an abandoned olive grove. We finished the day with a visit to the fortified Byzantine settlement at Monemvasia and a lovely meal in one of its tavernas.

## Day 7

Tuesday 26th 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, Western Rock Nuthatch were busy feeding among the buildings and, growing on the walls, plants of interest including *Onosma frutescens*, the beautiful bicoloured *Campanula versicolor* and the endemic *Cymbalaria microcalyx*. The now familiar *Sternbergia sicula* was plentiful among the ruins and on the cliffs supporting the castle wall. A short drive brought us to Parori, where we lunched under an ancient Plane tree by its fountains. A short walk under the dramatic cliffs of the Parori Gorge revealed some fine specimens of Autumn Lady's Tresses *Spiranthes spiralis*, Friar's Cowl, *Arisarum vulgare* and leaf rosettes of Madonna Lily, *Lilium candidum*. On our return we visited Gythio Island to see the amazing range of leaf patterning on *Cyclamen graecum*.

## Day 8

Wednesday 27th October

An early start was made for the long drive to the airport, stopping briefly to make a final search for the 'missing' *Crocus biflorus melanthernus*. Unfortunately this year, although extremely plentiful, it was yet to emerge. We arrived at Athens, in plenty of time for our afternoon flight home.

## Species Lists

Systematic list of plants noted

### PTERIDOPHYTA

### FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

#### Selaginellaceae

*Selaginella denticulata*

#### Lesser Clubmosses Family

Mediterranean Selaginella Shaded damp rocks

#### Adiantaceae

*Adiantum capillus-veneris*

#### Maidenhair Fern Family

Maidenhair Fern Damp shaded cliffs

#### Aspleniaceae

*Ceterach officinarum*

#### Spleenwort family

Rusty-back Fern Frequent on rocks

#### Dennstaedtiaceae

*Pteridium aquilinum*

#### Bracken Family

Bracken Common

#### Polypodiaceae

*Polypodium cambricum*  
subsp. *australe*

#### Polypody Family

Southern Polypody Occasional on rocks and trees

#### Sinopteridaceae

*Cheilanthes fragrans*

Occasional. Rock crevices

### GYMNOSPERMAE

### CONIFERS

#### Ephedraceae

*Ephedra foeminea*

#### Joint Pine Family

Cliffs

#### Araucariaceae

*Araucaria heterophylla*

#### Monkey Puzzle Family

Norfolk Island Pine Planted

#### Cupressaceae

*Cupressus sempervirens*  
forma *sempervirens*

#### Juniper Family

Funeral Cypress Widely planted

*Juniperus communis* subsp.  
*alpina*

Juniper Chelmos

*Juniperus oxycedrus* subsp.  
*oxycedrus*

Prickly Juniper Mountains

*Juniperus phoenicea*

Phoenician Juniper Lowland scrub

#### Pinaceae

*Abies cephalonica*

#### Pine Family

Grecian Fir Mountains

*Pinus halepensis*

Aleppo Pine Frequent. Planted

*Pinus nigra* subsp.  
*pallasiana*

Black Pine Tagyetos

*Pinus pinea*

Umbrella pine Occasional. Planted

## ANGIOSPERMAE

## FLOWERING PLANTS

## DICOTYLEDONS

**Acanthaceae***Acanthus spinosus***Acanthus Family**

Spiny Bear's Breech

Rocky places. Occasional

**Aceraceae***Acer sempervirens***Maple Family**

Cretan Maple

Gorges and mountains.  
Evergreen in Taygetos**Anacardiaceae***Pistacia lentiscus***Sumach Family**

Mastic Tree

Often dominant in maquis

**Apiaceae***Crithmum maritimum**Daucus carota**Eryngium maritimum**Ferrula communis**Foeniculum vulgare**Scandix pecten-veneris*

Rock Samphire

Wild Carrot

Sea Holly

Giant Fennel

Fennel

Shepherd's Needle

Rocky coast

Widespread

Sandy coast

Frequent

Widespread

Occasional

**Apocyanaceae***Nerium oleander***Periwinkle Family**

Oleander

Widely planted and native  
along watercourses**Araliaceae***Hedera helix***Ivy Family**

Ivy

Gorges

**Asteraceae***Aster tripolium**Bellis perennis**Bellis sylvestris**Calendula arvensis**Carlina graeca**Carthamnus lanatus**Cichorium intybus**Dittrichia viscosa***Daisy Family**

Sea Aster

Daisy

Southern Daisy

Field Marigold

*(C. corymbosa)*

Chicory

Stink Aster

Salt marsh

Frequent

Frequent

Occasional

Abundant in garrigue

Taygetos

Waste places

Abundant in lowlands and  
on roadsides.

Parori gorge

Sand dunes

Frequent

Walls and rocks

Cliffs

Roadsides

Waste places

Occasional weed

*Galactites tomentosa**Otanthus maritimus**Pallenis spinosa**Phagnalon graecum**Ptilostemon chamaepeuce**Scolymus hispanicus**Silybum marianum**Xanthium spinosum*

Galactites

Cottonweed

Shrubby Ptilostemon

Spanish Oyster Plant

Milk Thistle

Spiny Cocklebur

**Berberidaceae***Berberis cretica***Barberry Family**

Cretan Barberry

Chelmos

<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borage Family</b>	
<i>Buglossoides purpureocaerulea</i>	Purple Gromwell	Taygetos
<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 andrewsii</i>		Mystras
<i>Campanula</i> sp.		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
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>		Occasional
<b>Corylaceae</b>	<b>Hornbeam Family</b>	
<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Hop Hornbeam	Taygetos
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Sedum amplexicaule</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolium</i>		Occasional. Rocks.
<i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i>	Thick-leaved Stonecrop	Frequent
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	A Pennywort	Parori gorge

<b>Cuscutaceae</b>	<b>Dodder Family</b>	
<i>Cuscuta</i> sp.	A dodder	Frequent
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>	<b>Cucumber Family</b>	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	White Bryony	Frequent
<i>Citrullus colocynthus</i>	Bitter Cucumber	Roadside
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
<b>Dipsacaceae</b>	<b>Teasel Family</b>	
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	A Scabious	Waste Places
<i>Pterocephalus perennis</i>		Chelmos
<i>Scabiosa brachiata</i>	Tremastelma	Taygetos
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heath Family</b>	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	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>	<b>Spurge Family</b>	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i>	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>	<b>Pea Family</b>	
<i>Acacia saligna</i>		Widely planted
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Occasional
<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>		Local in phrygana
<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i>		Chelmos
<i>Astragalus</i> sp.		Chelmos
<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> <i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i>	<b>St John's-Wort Family</b>	Frequent
<b>Juglandaceae</b> <i>Juglans regia</i>	<b>Walnut Family</b> Walnut	Planted
<b>Labiatae</b> <i>Ballota acetabulosa</i> <i>Lavandula stoechas</i> <i>Marrubium vulgare</i> <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i> <i>Salvia fruticosa</i> <i>Salvia verbenacea</i> <i>Scutellaria</i> sp. <i>Coridothymus capitatus</i>	<b>Mint Family</b> Garden Horehound French Lavender White Horehound Jerusalem Sage Three-leaved Sage A Skullcap A shrubby Thyme	Rocky places Occasional Waste ground Common Frequent Occasional Parori gorge Common, in flower
<b>Loranthaceae</b> <i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>abietis</i>	<b>Mistletoe Family</b> Mistletoe	Chelmos On <i>Abies</i> .
<b>Malvaceae</b> <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	<b>Mallow Family</b> Hibiscus Common Mallow	Gardens Common
<b>Meliaceae</b> <i>Melia azedarach</i>	<b>Mahogany Family</b> Indian Bead Tree	Planted. Roadsides
<b>Moraceae</b> <i>Ficus carica</i> <i>Morus alba</i>	<b>Mulberry Family</b> Fig White Mulberry	Frequent Commonly planted
<b>Myrtaceae</b> <i>Myrtus communis</i>	<b>Myrtle Family</b> Common Myrtle	Parori gorge
<b>Nyctaginaceae</b> <i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	<b>Bougainvillea Family</b> Bougainvillea	Widely planted
<b>Oleaceae</b> <i>Olea europaea</i> <i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	<b>Ash Family</b> Olive Mock Privet	Occasional, wild Frequent in maquis
<b>Oxalidaceae</b> <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	<b>Wood Sorrel Family</b> Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
<b>Papaveraceae</b> <i>Glaucium flavum</i>	<b>Poppy Family</b> Yellow Horned-poppy	Coast
<b>Phytolaccaceae</b> <i>Phytolacca americana</i>	<b>Pokeweed Family</b> American Pokeweed	Occasional. Waste places. Alien



<b>Pittosporaceae</b> <i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	<b>Pittosporum Family</b> Oriental Plane	Commonly planted
<b>Platanaceae</b> <i>Platanus orientalis</i>	<b>Plane Tree Family</b> Oriental Plane	Common in damp valleys
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b> <i>Plumbago europaea</i> <i>Limonium</i> sp.	<b>Thrift Family</b> Europaean Plumbago A Sea Lavender	Mystras Coast
<b>Polygalaceae</b> <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> <i>Polygala venulosa</i>	<b>Milkwort Family</b> Eastern Milkwort	Cultivated. Occasional
<b>Polygonaceae</b> <i>Polygonum maritimum</i> <i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	<b>Dock Family</b> Sea Knotgrass Bull's Head Dock	Coast Rocky places near coast
<b>Primulaceae</b> <i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>graecum</i> <i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>crassifolium</i> <i>Primula vulgaris</i>	<b>Primrose Family</b> Greek Sowbread Primrose	Common Common Taygetos
<b>Punicaceae</b> <i>Punica granatum</i>	<b>Pomegranate Family</b> Pomegranate	Planted
<b>Ranunculaceae</b> <i>Anemone coronaria</i> <i>Clematis cirrhosa</i> <i>Clematis flammula</i>	<b>Buttercup Family</b> Crown Anemone Virgin's Bower Fragrant Clematis	East of Gythio Frequent Occasional
<b>Rhamnaceae</b> <i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	<b>Buckthorn Family</b>	Widespread
<b>Rosaceae</b> <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> <i>Crataegus pycnoloba</i> <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> <i>Prunus cocomilia</i> <i>Prunus dulcis</i> <i>Prunus prostrata</i> <i>Prunus spinosa</i> <i>Pyrus spinosa</i> <i>Rubus sanctus</i> Agg. <i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	<b>Rose Family</b> Hawthorn Japanese Loquat Almond Rock Cherry Blackthorn Wild Pear A Bramble Thorny Burnet	Frequent Chelmos. Endemic Planted Chelmos. Endemic Widely planted Chelmos Near Manithrea Common Common. Pink flowers 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
<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 Endemic
<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>	Rusty Foxglove	Taygetos
<i>Odontites linkii</i>		Parori 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 oleoides</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
<b>Verbenaceae</b>	<b>Verbena Family</b>	
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Taygetos
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Frequent. River beds

<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 colchiciflora</i> <i>Sternbergia lutea</i> <i>Sternbergia sicula</i>	<b>Daffodil Family</b> Queen Olga's Snowdrop  Polyanthus Narcissus Sea Daffodil Slender Sternbergia Common Sternbergia	Taygetos Occasional East of Gythio Coastal dunes. Chelmos Areopoli Occasional
<b>Araceae</b> <i>Arisarum vulgare</i> <i>Arum italicum</i> <i>Biarum tenuifolium</i>	<b>Arum Family</b> Friar's Cowl A Lords and Ladies	Parori Gorge Parori 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	Occasional Common
<b>Colchicaceae</b> <i>Colchicum bivonae</i> <i>Colchicum boissieri</i> <i>Colchicum cupanii</i> <i>Colchicum parlatoris</i>	<b>Colchicum Family</b>	Taygetos Taygetos Mani Mani

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

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## Birds

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

## Reptiles

Balkan Green Lizard – *Lacerta trilineata*  
Greek Algyroides – *Algyroides moreoticus*

## Butterflies

Mediterranean Skipper – *Gegenes nostradamus*  
Large Skipper – *Ochlodes sylvanus*  
Scarce Swallowtail – *Iphiclides podalirius*  
Swallowtail caterpillar – *Papilio machaon*  
Clouded Yellow – *Colias crocea*  
Clouded yellow (white form) – *Colias crocea* f. *helice*  
Green Veined White – *Pieris napi*  
Large White – *Pieris brassicae*  
Eastern Bath White – *Pontia edusa*  
Brown Argus – *Aricia agestis*  
Small Copper – *Lycaena phlaeas*  
Sooty Copper – *Lycaena tityrus*  
Lesser Fiery Copper – *Lycaena thersamon*  
Langs Short tailed Blue – *Leptotes pirithous*  
Longtailed Blue – *Lampides boeticus*  
Common Blue – *Polyommatus icarus*  
Painted Lady – *Vanessa cardui*  
Red admiral – *Vanessa atalanta*  
Plain Tiger – *Danaus chrysippus*

Speckled wood – *Pararge aegeria*  
Wall Brown – *Lasiommata megera*  
Small Heath – *Coenonympha pamhilus*

#### Moths

Hummingbird Hawk Moth – *Macroglossum stellatarum*  
Spurge Hawk Moth caterpillar – *Hyles euphorbiae*

#### Dragonflies

Red-veined Darter – *Sympetrum fonscolombii*

#### Other Insects

Praying Mantis – *Mantis religiosa*  
Cone Head Mantis – nymph and adult – *Empusa fasciata*  
Stick insect – *Bacillus rossius*  
Blue-winged Grasshopper – *Oedipoda caerulea*  
Migratory Locust – *Locusta migratoria*

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