

Autumn Plants of the Peloponnese

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Colchicum parlatoris



Crocus boryi



Gythio Harbour



Sterbergia sicula

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Day 1

Wednesday 31st October

We left Athens airport around 3 pm and after driving westwards on the motorway we made a short diversion to see the Corinth Canal, which cuts through the narrow isthmus and effectively makes the Peloponnese an island. Here we saw our first Black Redstart and a variety of insects, including Eastern Bath White and Nosed Grasshopper, *Acridia hungarica*. The sun was setting over the mountainous skyline of the northern Peloponnese as we followed the coast road northwards along the gulf. As darkness fell, we turned inland and climbed steeply on the twisting road, skirting the deep Vouraikos Gorge, arriving in Kalavrita at 6pm. Soon afterwards we enjoyed a hearty meal in a local restaurant, before retiring to bed after a long day.

Day 2

Thursday 1st November

Overnight rain fortunately cleared away and the cloud lifted. After breakfast we headed up towards Mt. Chelmos. Our first stop was in an area of Kermes Oak scrub and open pasture where we soon located our first crocus. *Crocus cancellatus mazziiaricus* with white or pale lavender flowers was fairly common but a careful search was needed to find just a few *Crocus biflorus melantherus* with their diagnostic black anthers. Although few were flowering, there were many plants of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium* showing the amazing variety of leaf patterns, typical of this taxon. When we reached the car park below the ski resort, the mountain top was clear, so we set off to explore the slopes as far as the ridge overlooking the Styx Valley. Cartwheels of prostrate juniper dominated the landscape along with dwarfed trees of Grecian Fir, *Abies cephalonica* and the endemic Hawthorn, *Crataegus pycnoloba*, with its spectacular large red and yellow fruit. Although we failed to find *Sternbergia colchiciflora* there was a rich flora on the stony slopes. Dwarf shrubs included the local endemics, *Globularia stygia*, and *Thymus rechingeri*, the more widespread *Drypis spinosa* and *Daphne oleoides* with a few late flowers.

Driving over the plateau, we stopped for lunch and found a number of *Colchicum boissieri* before investigating the steep rocky hillsides. *Sternbergia sicula* grows abundantly here but they had all flowered a few weeks previously. We returned to Kalavritta and set off for Plataniotissa on the other side of the Vouraikos Gorge. This took us quite a while, on narrow roads, through an interesting and colourful landscape. We stopped to admire a meadow and roadside bank covered in *Sternbergia sicula* in full flower, just as a heavy shower descended. We finally arrived in Plataniotissa, as it got dark, but fortunately the object of our excursion was floodlit. The church inside the hollow bowl of the massive and ancient Oriental Plane had certainly been worth the effort to get there and provided a unique and memorable experience.

Day 3

Friday 2nd November

As we travelled south we found several Balkan Wall Lizards and stunning displays of *Sternbergia sicula* growing in the company of hundreds of *Crocus biflorus melantherus* and the purple spathes of *Biarum tenuifolium*. At our lunch stop, just north of Tripoli, we spent some time observing and photographing an adult *Mantis religiosa* and an instar of the curious *Empusa fasciata*. *Crocus hadriaticus* was common here and further south, mixed with *Crocus biflorus melantherus* which usually flowers a little later.

At our final stop, a third white crocus joined the mix, namely *Crocus boryi* with white anthers. Alongside these, *Cyclamen graecum* and *Cyclamen hederifolium crassifolium* grew together, the latter preferring the shade of bushes. As we descended to the plain of Sparta the dramatic mountains of the Taygetos stretched before us and we arrived at our waterfront hotel in Gythio just before 6 pm. We finished the day with dinner overlooking the picturesque harbour.

Day 4

Saturday 3rd November

West of Gythio, in an old olive grove, we found a number of butterflies, including Small Heath and Clouded Yellow. A woodland of Valonia Oak, *Quercus ithaburensis* susp. *macrolepis* was scented with carpets of *Cyclamen hederifolium crassifolium*, while a bramble hedge had a large number of Lang's Short-tailed Blue, several Brown Argus and the striking caterpillar of Common Swallowtail. A roadside walk proved very rewarding with finds of *Narcissus serotinus*, *Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon* and some beautiful pink *Colchicum parlatoris*, the latter endemic to the southern Peloponnese. We also had some excellent views of Greek Rock Lizard and Peloponnese Wall Lizard, sunning themselves on the rocks.

Lunch on the beach gave an opportunity for a paddle or a swim after which we returned to a small damp area where huge numbers of Plain Tiger were nectaring on Stink Aster, *Dittrichia viscosa*. We spent the rest of the afternoon on the northern end of the Mani Peninsula finding populations of *Crocus niveus*, *Crocus goulimy* and *Colchicum psaridis*, all endemic to this isolated corner of Greece. As a finale, we visited the ruins of the Turkish Kalefa Castle and watched the sun set.

Day 5

Sunday 4th November

We followed a winding road up into the Taygetos Mountains into forests of Greek Fir, *Abies cephalonica* and Black Pine, *Pinus nigra*. In damp gullies under Oriental Plane, *Galanthus reginae-olgae* was locally plentiful, along with *Cyclamen hederifolium crassifolium*.

After lunch, we walked along the road through the forest, finding the occasional *Colchicum boissieri* and surprisingly three Marginated Tortoises who had announced their presence by the banging of their shells, as two males competed over a female. At our high point of 1300m there was a sprinkling of *Crocus boryi* and *Crocus hadriaticus* and on an open rocky hillside, typical mountain vegetation included *Astragalus angustifolius*, *Aubrieta deltoidea* and the striking seed pods of *Fibigia chypeata*. We returned to Gythio the way we had come with just enough daylight to appreciate the amazing variation of leaf patterns of *Cyclamen graecum* on Gythio Island.

Day 6

Monday 5th November

Driving eastwards along the coast we stopped to see *Narcissus tazetta*, flowering on a rocky hillside, before walking along the beach by the rusting wreck of the Dimitrios. A range of coastal flora here included Sea Daffodil, *Pancratium maritimum*, Sea Spurge, *Euphorbia paralias*, and Round-headed Club Rush, *Scirpus holoschoenus*, one of Britain's rarest plants. After crossing the flat expanse of the Evrotas Delta, we travelled through low hills to the east coast of the Sikea Peninsula, stopping briefly to look at a small population of *Crocus goulimyi* near a newly opened market. A little further south beyond Monemvasia, we drove through the hills with views of both coasts before stopping for lunch. Between here and Foutia there was a profusion of *Crocus goulimyi* subsp. *leucanthus* with pale flowers, occasionally pure white. Growing with it and more widely scattered over the rocky hillsides was *Crocus laevigatus* with white anthers and a variable amount of purple feathering on the outer tepals. The old olive groves around the village were ablaze with drifts of *Cyclamen bederifolium crassifolium*.

We moved on to Monemvasia where we spent the remainder of the day exploring the maze of streets and wonderful architecture of this most amazing Byzantine town. High on the rock beyond the inner fortifications were more bulbs, including *Sternbrgia sicula*, *Cyclamen graecum*, *Crocus goulimyi*, in its typical subspecies, and some fine clumps of *Colchicum cupanii*. Western Rock Nuthatch and Black Redstart flitted around the ruins. When darkness brought an end to our exploration we finished with a memorable meal in a taverna overlooking the sea, before driving back to Gythio.

Day 7

Tuesday 6th November

Our Byzantine theme continued with a visit to Mystras, perched on the steep flanks of the Taygetos, overlooking Sparta. Our visit was nowhere near long enough, for as well as the plethora of archaeology, there was a great deal of natural history within the site. Western Rock Nuthatches were very vocal and Peloponnese Wall Lizards ran up and down the walls. A shrubby Golden Drops, *Onosma frutescens*, a small Toadflax, *Cymbalaria microcalyx* and the impressive *Campanula versicolor* grew on the walls of the castle, while on shady ledges were lots of flowering plants of *Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon*. Large Wall Brown was added to our butterfly list.

After an aborted attempt to locate more snowdrops, we had lunch by the impressive fountains in Parori, followed by a short walk up its gorge to a little chapel set in a cave. A rich flora included Friar's Cowl, *Arisarum vulgare*, flowering on damp ledges, Virgin's Bower, *Clematis cirrhosa*, festooning the shrubs and the leafy rosettes of Madonna Lily, *Lilium candidum*. We strolled back for drinks in the village before our return journey to Gythio. Some of the more secretive wildlife tends to go un-noticed except for evidence from road kill and we stopped to examine a dead Balkan Whip Snake and a Beech Marten. There was much excitement from unusual cloud formations, resembling large doughnuts, which turned progressively redder in the fading light.

Day 8

Wednesday 7th November

We left at 8 am for the long drive to the airport. A stop was made on the high plateau between Sparta and Tripoli and a final look at numerous *Crocus biflorus melantherus* and *Crocus hadriaticus*. We were soon on the new motorway beyond Tripoli, passing Ancient Corinth, on its hilltop site, and arrived at the airport two hours before our homeward flight.

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Species List

Plants

PTERIDOPHYTA

Selaginellaceae

Selaginella denticulata

Adiantaceae

Adiantum capillus-veneris

Aspidiaceae

Dryopteris felix-mas

Aspleniaceae

Asplenium onopteris

Asplenium ruta-muraria

Asplenium trichomanes

Asplenium ceterach

Athyriaceae

Athyrium felix-femina

Cystopteris fragilis

Gymnogrammaceae

Anogramma leptophylla

Hypolepidaceae

Pteridium aquilinum

Polypodiaceae

Polypodium cambricum subsp. *australe*

Sinopteridaceae

Cheilanthes acrosticha

Cosentinia vellea

GYMNOSPERMAE

Ephedraceae

Ephedra foeminea

Araucariaceae

Araucaria heterophylla

Cupressaceae

Cupressus sempervirens forma *sempervirens*

Juniperus communis subsp. *alpina*

FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

Lesser Clubmoss Family

Mediterranean Selaginella Damp shaded places

Maidenhair Fern Family

Maidenhair Fern Damp shaded cliffs

Male Fern

Occasional in shade

Spleenwort Family

Acute-leaves Spleenwort

Taygetos

Wall Rue

Walls

Maidenhair Spleenwort

Shaded cliffs

Rusty-back Fern

Frequent on rocks

Lady Fern Family

Lady Fern

Damp shade

Brittle Bladder Fern

Occasional

Jersey Fern

Damp earth

Bracken Family

Bracken

Common

Polypody Family

Southern Polypody

Occasional on rocks and trees

Scented Cheilanthes

Occasional. Rock crevices

Scaly Cheilanthes

Coastal cliffs

CONIFERS

Joint Pine Family

Cliffs

Monkey Puzzle Family

Norfolk Island Pine

Planted

Juniper Family

Funeral Cypress

Widely planted

Common Juniper

Chelmos

Juniperus oxycedrus subsp. *oxycedrus*
Juniperus phoenicea

Prickly Juniper
 Phoenician Juniper

Mountains
 Lowland scrub

Pinaceae

Abies cephalonica
Pinus halepensis subsp.
brutia
Pinus nigra subsp. *pallasiana*
Pinus pinea

Pine Family

Grecian Fir
 Calabrian Pine
 Black Pine
 Umbrella pine

Mountains
 Common
 Taygetos
 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

Anacardiaceae

Cotinus coggygria
Pistacia lentiscus
Pistacia terebinthus

Pistacio Family

Smoke Tree
 Mastic Tree
 Turpentine Tree

Maquis North of Sparta
 Common
 Common

Apiaceae

Bupleurum fruticosum
Cribthum maritimum
Daucus carota
Eryngium maritimum
Ferrula communis
Foeniculum vulgare
Scandix pecten-veneris
Smyrniium olusatrum
Smyrniium perfoliatum

Shrubby Hare's Ear
 Rock Samphire
 Wild Carrot
 Sea Holly
 Giant Fennel
 Fennel
 Shepherd's Needle
 Alexanders
 Perfoliate Alexanders

Near Gythio
 Rocky coast
 Widespread
 Sandy coast
 Frequent
 Common
 Occasional
 Frequent
 Gythio Island

Apocyanaceae

Nerium oleander

Periwinkle Family

Oleander

Widely planted and native along watercourses

Vinca herbacea

Herbaceous Periwinkle

South of Tripoli

Araliaceae

Hedera helix

Ivy Family

Ivy

Gorges

Aristolochiaceae

Aristolochia sempervirens

Birthwort Family

A Birthwort

Frequent

Asclepiadaceae

Periploca graeca

Milkweed Family

Silk Vine

Near Gythio

Asteraceae

Aster tripolium
Bellis perennis
Bellis sylvestris
Calendula arvensis
Carlina graeca (*C. corymbosa*)
Carthamnus lanatus
Cichorium intybus
Cirsium candelabrum
Conyza canadensis
Crepis rubra
Dittrichia graveolens
Dittrichia viscosa
Filago pygmaea
Galactites tomentosa
Helichrysum italicum
Otanthus maritimus
Pallenis spinosa
Phagnalon graecum
Picnomon acarna
Ptilostemon chamaepeuce
Scolymus hispanicus
Silybum marianum
Xanthium spinosum

Berberidaceae

Berberis cretica

Boraginaceae

Buglossoides purpureocaerulea
Echium angustifolium
Echium italicum subsp. *biebersteinii*
Heliotropium europaeum
Onosma heterophylla
Onosma frutescens

Brassicaceae

Aethionema saxatile
Aubrieta deloidea
Aurinia saxatilis
Berteroa incana
Cakile maritima
Draba lasiocarpa
Fibigia clypeata
Lunaria annua

Buxaceae

Buxus sempervirens

Daisy Family

Sea Aster Salt marsh
Daisy Frequent
Southern Daisy Frequent
Field Marigold Occasional
Abundant in garrigue
Taygetos
Waste places
Taygetos
Common. Alien
Grassy places
Waste places
Abundant on lowlands and roadside s.
Dry stony places
Parori gorge
Frequent
Sand dunes
Frequent
Walls and rocks
Common
Cliffs.
Roadsides
Waste places
Occasional weed

Barberry Family

Cretan Barberry Chelmos

Borage Family

Purple Gromwell Taygetos
Narrow-leaved Bugloss Coast. Red flowers
Pale Bugloss Common. White flowers
Heliotrope Waste ground. Frequent
A Golden Drops Meadow. Chelmos
Shrubby Golden Drops Walls and rocks

Cress Family

Burnt Candytuft Chelmos
An Aubrieta Taygetos
Yellow Alyssum Mystras
Taygetos
Sea Rocket Sandy coast
Taygetos
Fibigia Taygetos
Honesty Mystras

Box Family

Box Frequent

Cactaceae <i>Opuntia ficus-barbarica</i>	Cactus family Prickly Pear	Widespread alien
Campanulaceae <i>Campanula andrewsii</i> <i>Campanula versicolor</i>	Bellflower Family	Cliffs Cliffs
Capparaceae <i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper Family Caper	Cliffs. Widespread
Caprifoliaceae <i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Honeysuckle Family Etruscan Honeysuckle	Occasional
Caryophyllaceae <i>Drypis spinosa</i> <i>Cerastium candidissimum</i> <i>Silene congesta</i> <i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Pink Family Drypis Mystra, Parori. Bladder Campion	Mountains Mountains Waste places
Chenopodiaceae <i>Arthrocnemum perenne</i> <i>Salsola kali</i>	Goosefoot Family Perennial Glasswort Prickly Saltwort	Coastal salt-marsh Sandy Beach
Cistaceae <i>Cistus creticus</i> <i>Cistus salvifolius</i> <i>Fumana arabica</i> <i>Helianthemum hymettium</i>	Rock-rose Family A pink Cistus Sage-leaved Cistus Arabian Fumana A Rockrose	Common in maquis Locally common Frequent Chelmos
Convolvulaceae <i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> <i>Convolvulus oleifolius</i>	Bindweed Family Mallow-leaved Bindweed Rocky habitats	Frequent
Corylaceae <i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Hornbeam Family Hop Hornbeam	Taygetos
Crassulaceae <i>Sedum amplexicaule</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolium</i> <i>Sedum cepaea</i> <i>Sedum dasyphyllum</i> <i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Stoncrop Family Thick-leaved Stonecrop Pennywort	Frequent. Rocks. Shaded rocks Frequent Parori gorge
Cuscutaceae <i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Dodder Family Common Dodder	Frequent
Cucurbitaceae <i>Bryonia cretica</i> <i>Echallium elaterium</i>	Cucumber Family White Bryony Squirting Cucumber	Frequent Waste places

Dipsacaceae

Knautia integrifolia
Pterocephalus perennis
Scabiosa brachiata

Ericaceae

Arbutus unedo
Erica arborea
Erica manipuliflora

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia acanthothamnos
Euphorbia characias
Euphorbia dendroides
Euphorbia paralias
Euphorbia pepelis
Euphorbia rigida

Mercurialis annua
Ricinus communis

Fabaceae

Acacia saligna
Anagyris foetida
Anthyllis bermanniae
Astragalus angustifolius
Astragalus sirinicus
Astragalus thracicus
Calycotome villosa
Ceratonia siliqua
Cercis siliquastrum
Genista acanthoclada
Medicago marina
Melilotus albus
Bituminaria bituminosa
Robinia pseudoacacia
Spartium junceum

Fagaceae

Castanea sativa
Quercus coccifera subsp.
calliprinos
Quercus ilex
Quercus ithaburensis subsp. *macrolepis*
Quercus pubescens

Hypericaceae

Hypericum empetrifolium
Hypericum triquetrifolium

Teasel Family

A Scabious

Tremastelma

Heath Family

Strawberry Tree
Tree Heather

Spurge Family

Greek Spiny Spurge
Large Mediterranean Spurge
Tree Spurge
Sea Spurge
Purple Spurge
Narrow-leaved Glaucous
Spurge
Annual Mercury
Castor Oil Plant

Pea Family

Bean Trefoil

Hairy Thorny Broom
Carob
Judas Tree

Sea Medick
White Melilot
Pitch Trefoil
False Acacia
Spanish Broom

Beech Family

Sweet Chestnut
Kermes Oak

Holm Oak
Valonia Oak
White Oak

St John's-Wort Family

Waste Places
Chelmos, Taygetos
Taygetos

In flower and fruit
Common in maquis
Locally common in maquis. In flower

Locally common
Locally common
Coastal hillsides
Coast
Sandy Beach
Widespread

Frequent weed
Occasional weed

Widely planted
Occasional
Local in phrygana
Mountains
Chelmos
Chelmos, Taygetos
Often dominant.
Frequent tree, in fruit
Frequent. Gorges
Common
Coastal sand dunes
Roadsides
Frequent
Widely planted
Common. Roadsides

Taygetos
Common.

Frequent
Locally common
Frequent

Frequent
Rocky places

Juglandaceae*Juglans regia***Walnut Family**

Walnut

Planted

Lamiaceae*Ballota acetabulosa**Calamintha nepeta**Clinopodium vulgare**Lamium amplexicale**Lavandula stoechas**Marrubium vulgare**Micromeria juliana**Micromeria graeca**Nepeta* sp.*Phlomis fruticosa**Phlomis samia**Salvia fruticosa**Salvia verbenacea**Satureja thymbra**Satureja montana**Scutellaria rupestris**Sideritis clandestina**Stachys candica**Teucrium polium**Thymus rechingeri**Coridothymus capitatus***Mint Family**

Garden Horehound

Lesser Calamint

Wild Basil

Henbit Dead-Nettle

French Lavender

White Horehound

A Catmint

Jerusalem Sage

Three-leaved Sage

Wild Clary

A Savory

Savory

A Skullcap

A Woundwort

Feltly Germander

A Thyme

A shrubby Thyme

Rocky places

Common

Shady places

Common

Occasional

Waste ground

Dry rocky places

Dry rocky places

Chelmos

Common

Coniferous forest. Chelmos

Frequent

Occasional

Rocky places

Rocky places

Parori gorge

Chelmos. Endemic

Parori Gorge. Endemic

Common

Chelmos

Common, in flower

Loranthaceae*Viscum album* subsp. *abietis***Mistletoe Family**

Mistletoe

Chelmos On *Abies*.**Malvaceae***Hibiscus rosa-sinensis**Lavatera bryonifolia**Malva sylvestris***Mallow Family**

Hibiscus

Gardens

Occasional

Common Mallow

Common

Meliaceae*Melia azedarach***Mahogany Family**

Indian Bead Tree

Planted. Roadsides

Moraceae*Ficus carica**Maclura pomifera**Morus alba***Mulberry Family**

Fig

Horse Apple

White Mulberry

Frequent

Cultivated. Mystras

Commonly planted

Morinaceae*Morina persica***Morina Family**

A Morina

Chelmos

Myrtaceae*Callistemon citrinus**Myrtus communis***Myrtle Family**

Bottlebrush

Common Myrtle

Planted

Parori gorge

Nyctaginaceae <i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	Bougainvillea Family Bougainvillea	Widely planted
Oleaceae <i>Olea europaea</i> <i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> <i>Fraxinus ornus</i> <i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Ash Family Olive Narrow-leaved Ash Manna ash Mock Privet	Occasional, wild Northern Peloponnese Widespread Frequent in maquis
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Wood Sorrel Family Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
Papaveraceae <i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Poppy Family Yellow Horned-poppy	Coast
Phytolaccaceae <i>Phytolacca americana</i>	Pokeweed Family American Pokeweed	Occasional. Waste places. Alien
Plantaginaceae <i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Plantain Family Stag's-horn Plantain	Beach
Pittosporaceae <i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Pittosporum Family	Commonly planted
Platanaceae <i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Plane Tree Family Oriental Plane	Common in damp valleys
Plumbaginaceae <i>Armeria canescens</i> <i>Plumbago europaea</i> <i>Limonium vulgare</i>	Thrift Family A Thrift European Plumbago A Sea Lavender	Chelmos, Taygetos Taygetos Coast
Polygalaceae <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> <i>Polygala nicaeensis</i> <i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Milkwort Family Eastern Milkwort	Cultivated Mountains Occasional
Polygonaceae <i>Polygonum maritimum</i> <i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Dock Family Sea Knotgrass Bull's Head Dock	Coast Rocky places near coast
Primulaceae <i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>graecum</i> <i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>crassifolium</i> <i>Cyclamen repandum</i> subsp. <i>peloponnesiacum</i> <i>peloponnesiacum</i> <i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose Family Greek Sowbread var. <i>peloponnesiacum</i> Primrose	Common Common Taygetos Taygetos

Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate	Planted
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	East of Gythio
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower	Frequent
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	Fragrant Clematis	Occasional
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard	Common
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
<i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	A Buckthorn	Rocky places
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Crategus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Frequent
<i>Crataegus pycnoloba</i>		Chelmos. Endemic
<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 Manthyrea
<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
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Taygetos
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
<i>Citrus limon</i>	Lemon	
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Orange	
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	Occasional. Planted
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Hemi-parasite. Red berries
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp.		Shaded rocks.
<i>Saxifraga chrysosplenifolia</i>		
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Cymbalaria microcalyx</i>	A Toadflax	Walls. Mystras
<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>	Rusty Foxglove	Taygetos
<i>Odontites linkii</i>		Parori gorge
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>		Frequent
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Shining Figwort	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Occasional
<i>Verbascum macrurum</i>	A Mullein	Common
<i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i>	Hoary Mullein	Occasional

<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullein	Common
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	White Speedwell	Waste places
<i>Veronica persica</i>	Common Field Speedwell	Common
Simaroubaceae	Tree of Heaven Family	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	Occasional. Alien
Solanaceae	Potato Family	
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Thornapple	Waste ground. Alien
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane	Mystras
<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	Henbane	Waste places
<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i>	Mandrake	Frequent
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Shrubby Tobacco	Waste ground. Alien
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Waste ground. Black fruit
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>		Coast
Thymelaceae	Daphne Family	
<i>Daphne oleoides</i>	Olive-leaved Daphne	Chelmos
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	Rocky places near the sea	
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Southern Nettle Tree	Taygetos, Mystras
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall	Walls. Common
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	Monemvasia, Kalefa castle
<i>Valeriana dioscoridis</i>	A Valerian	Parori
Verbenaceae	Verbena Family	
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Taygetos
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Frequent. River beds
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola graeca</i>	Chelmos	
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Vine	Occasional
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Occasional

MONOCOTYLEDONS**Agavaceae***Agave americana***Agave Family**

Century Plant

Planted

Alliaceae*Allium ameloprasum**Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon**Allium subbirsutum***Onion Family**

Wild Leek

Monemvasia

Frequent

Frequent

Amaryllidaceae*Galanthus reginae-olgae**Narcissus serotinus**Narcissus tazetta**Pancratium maritimum**Sternbergia sicula***Daffodil Family**

Queen Olga's Snowdrop

Taygetos

Occasional

Polyanthus Narcissus

Local

Sea Daffodil

Coastal dunes.

Locally common

Araceae*Arisarum vulgare**Arum italicum**Biarum tenuifolium***Arum Family**

Friar's Cowl

Common

A Lords and Ladies

Taygetos and Parori

Locally common

Asparagaceae*Asparagus acutifolius**Asparagus albus***Asparagus Family**

Frequent

Frequent

Asphodelaceae*Asphodeline lutea**Asphodelus ramosus***Asphodel Family**

Yellow Asphodel

Occasional

Common Asphodel

Common

Colchicaceae*Colchicum boissieri**Colchicum cupanii**Colchicum parlatoris**Colchicum psaridis***Colchicum Family**

Chelmos and Taygetos

Monemvasia

Near Gythio

Mani

Cyperaceae*Cyperus capitatus**Scirpus holoschoenus***Sedge Family**

Sand dunes

Round-headed Clubrush

Sand dunes

<i>Dioscoridaceae</i>	Yam Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Occasional
<i>Graminae</i>	Grass Family	
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	Common. Introduced
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram Grass	Sand dunes
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>		Waste places
<i>Dezmazenia rigida</i>	Fern-grass	Frequent
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail	Occasional
<i>Lamarkia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's-tail	Common
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Common. Wet areas
<i>Stipa pennata</i>	Needle-grass	Common
<i>Hyacinthaceae</i>	Hyacinth Family	
<i>Charybdis maritima</i>	(Urginea) Sea Squill	Locally common
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Occasional
<i>Muscari commutatum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	Mystras
<i>Ornithogalum sp.</i>	A Star of Bethlehem	Mystras
<i>Scilla autumnalis</i>	Autumn Squill	Common
<i>Scilla bifolia</i>	Alpine Squill	Chelmos
<i>Iridaceae</i>	Iris Family	
<i>Crocus biflorus subsp. melantherus</i>		Locally Common
<i>Crocus boryi</i>		Widespread
<i>Crocus cancellatus subsp. mazziaricus</i>		Mountains
<i>Crocus goulimyi subsp. goulimyi</i>		Locally common. Endemic
<i>Crocus goulimyi subsp. leucanthus</i>		South of Monemvasia
<i>Crocus hadriaticus</i>		Locally common
<i>Crocus laevigatus</i>		Foutia
<i>Crocus niveus</i>		Local. Endemic
<i>Hermodactylus tuberosus</i>	Widow Iris	Taygetos
<i>Iris unguicularis</i>	Algerian Iris	Occasional
<i>Liliaceae</i>	Lily Family	
<i>Lilium candidum</i>	Madonna Lily	Parori Gorge
<i>Orchidaceae</i>	Orchid Family	
<i>Dactyrorhiza sp.</i>	A Marsh Orchid	Taygetos
<i>Himatoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Mani
<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	Chelmos
<i>Ophrys lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Chelmos

<i>Ophrys</i> sp.	Parori	
<i>Posidoniaceae</i>	Posidonia Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune Grass	Washed-up remains on beaches
<i>Ruscaceae</i>	Butcher's Broom Family	
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	Frequent. Gorges
<i>Smilacaceae</i>	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax	Common
<i>Zosteraceae</i>	Eel Grass Family	
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Eel Grass	Washed-up remains on beaches

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Mammals

Red Fox – <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Beech Marten (road-kill) – <i>Martes foina</i>
Hedgehog (road-kill) – <i>Erinacea europaeus</i>	Mole – <i>Talpa europea</i>

Birds

Common Buzzard – <i>Buteo buteo</i>	Sparrowhawk – <i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Kestrel – <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Peregrine Falcon – <i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Yellow-legged Gull – <i>Larus cachinans</i>	Feral Pigeon – <i>Columba livia</i>
Collared Dove – <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Little Owl – <i>Athene noctua</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>
Yellow Wagtail – <i>Motacilla flava</i>	Grey Wagtail – <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
Wren – <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Robin – <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
Black Redstart – <i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>	Stonechat – <i>Saxicola torquata</i>
Blackbird – <i>Turdus merula</i>	Mistle Thrush – <i>Turus viscivorus</i>
Blue Rock Thrush – <i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Sardinian Warbler – <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>
Firecrest – <i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	Great Tit – <i>Parus major</i>
Coal Tit – <i>Parus ater</i>	Blue Tit – <i>Parus caeruleus</i>
Sombre Tit – <i>Parus lugubris</i>	Western Rock Nuthatch – <i>Sitta neumayer</i>
Jay – <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Magpie – <i>Pica pica</i>
Hooded Crow – <i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	Raven – <i>Corvus corax</i>
Starling – <i>Sternus vulgaris</i>	House Sparrow – <i>Passer domesticus</i>
Chaffinch – <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Linnet – <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>
Goldfinch – <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Serin – <i>Serinus serinus</i>
Cirl Bunting – <i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	

Reptiles

Marginated Tortoise – <i>Testudo marginata</i>	Greek Algyroides – <i>Algyroides moreoticus</i>
Balkan Green Lizard – <i>Lacerta trilineata</i>	Balkan Wall lizard – <i>Podarcis taurica</i>
Greek Rock Lizard – <i>Lacerta graeca</i>	Peloponnese Wall Lizard – <i>Podarcis peloponnesiaca</i>
Limbless Skink – <i>Ophiomorus punctatissimus</i>	Peloponnese Slow Worm – <i>Anguis cephalonica</i>
Balkan Whip Snake – <i>Coluber gemonensis</i>	

Amphibians

Fire Salamander – *Salamandra salamandra*

Common Tree Frog – *Hyla arborea*

Butterflies

Swallowtail – *Papilio machaon*
 Small White – *Artogeia rapae*
 Eastern Bath White – *Pontia edusa*
 Brimstone – *Gonepteryx rhamni*
 Small Copper – *Lycaena dispar*
 Brown Argus – *Aricia agestis*
 Plain Tiger – *Danaus chrysippus*
 Painted Lady – *Vanessa cardui*
 Small Heath – *Coenonympha pamphilus*
 Wall Brown – *Lasiommata megera*
 Mallow Skipper – *Carcharodus alceae*
 Mediterranean Skipper – *Gegenes pumilio*

Large White – *Pieris brassicae*
 Green Veined White – *Pieris napi*
 Clouded Yellow – *Colias crocea*
 Cleopatra – *Gonepteryx cleopatra*
 Lang's Short-tailed Blue – *Leptotes pirithous*
 Common Blue – *Polyommatus icarus*
 Red Admiral – *Vanessa atalanta*
 Southern Grayling – *Hipparchia aristaenus*
 Speckled Wood – *Pararge aegeria*
 Large Wall Brown – *Lasiommata maera*
 Large Skipper – *Ochlodes sylvanus*

Moths

Hummingbird Hawk Moth – *Macroglossum stellatarum*

Dragonflies

Ruddy Darter – *Sympetrum sanguineum*
 Blue-tailed Damselfly – *Ischnura elegans*
 Southern Migrant Hawker – *Aeshna affinis*

Red-veined Darter – *Sympetrum fonscolombii*
 Migrant Spreadwing – *Lestes barbarus*

Other Insects

Praying Mantis – *Mantis religiosa*
 Blue-winged Grasshopper – *Oedipoda caerulescens*
 Migratory Locust – *Locusta migratoria*
 Green Tiger Beetle – *Cicindela campestris*
 Violet Carpenter Bee – *Xylocopa violacea*
 Hairy Shield Bug – *Dolychoris baccarum*
 Ladybird – *Henosepilachna argus*
 Marmalade Fly – *Episyrphus balteatus*
Eristalis
Chrysotoxum

Cone Head Mantis – nymph and adult – *Empusa fasciata*
 Red-winged Grasshopper – *Oedipoda germanica*
 Nosed Grasshopper – *Acrida hungarica*
 Cockroach – *Blatta orientalis*
 Southern Green Shield Bug – *Nezera viridula*
 A Fire Bug – *Spilostethus pandurus*
 Hoverflies:-
 and species of the genera:-
Sphaerophoria
Syritta

Marine Fauna

Shore Crab – *Carcinus aestuarii*
 Black Sea Urchin – *Arbacia lixula*
 Sand Smelt – *Atherina boyeri*

Hermit Crab – *Pagurus* sp.
 Pipefish – *Syngnathus acus*
 Sea Bass – *Dicentrarchus labrax*