

Greece – Lake Kerkini in Autumn

Naturetrek Tour Report

29th October – 2nd November 2020



Crocus pulchellus



Nestos Gorge



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Day 1

Thursday 29th October

Due to our rescheduled late afternoon flight we only had time on our arrival into Thessaloniki Airport to catch our shuttle bus to our nearby airport hotel. Once our rooms had been allocated time remained to down a few beers while we chatted about the re-organised upcoming itinerary and get to know each other a little.

Day 2

Friday 30th October

Our minibus was collected first thing allowing a prompt departure after breakfast to firstly head west around the city and the Thermaikos Gulf and a first call at the saline lagoon at Kalochori. On the dirt approach road we soon spotted several Great Egrets and a range of waders. Once disembarked we were soon building up a fine list of bird species. The largest numbers were made up of Greater Flamingos along with numerous roosting Yellow-legged Gulls. Pygmy and Great Cormorants were perched on all available structures within the gulf. Excitement rose with a low and rapid pass of a Merlin carrying what looked like a Meadow Pipit in its talons and luckily for us it chose to settle on the saltmarsh nearby and proceed to pluck its prey allowing a prolonged view. Small numbers of waders were present comprising Little Stint, Dunlin, Redshank and a lone flyover Little Ringed Plover. A distant flying Dalmatian Pelican slowly made it's way towards us eventually giving a fantastic flypast at close quarters and introduction to this iconic species for the area.

We moved on to the Gallikos Marsh lagoons where we encountered a fantastic resting flock of Dalmatian Pelicans around which a range of dabbling duck, Eurasian Spoonbills, herons, egrets and Pygmy Cormorants were also picked out. Several Western Marsh Harriers and Common Buzzards were sighted hunting over the surrounding flat marshes and farmland. A further move found us crossing the River Gallikos and following the coastline towards the Axios Delta. A mix of waders were encountered but the highlight was a juvenile Slender-billed Gull among the numerous Black-headed Gulls. A few shallow pans were checked where we found more Flamingos. We took a U-turn to retrace our route to then head inland alongside the reed-fringed River Gallikos during which we encountered numerous Corn Buntings, more harriers and a couple of Common Kingfishers.

We then headed back to Kalochori where we picked up a light lunch from the town for a roadside snack. Once fed we then had a long transfer east to our new itinerary destination of Toxotes where we were to be staying for the remainder of the trip. The journey passed uneventfully apart from a little trouble with the motorway exchanges on the outskirts of Thessaloniki, which fortunately did not prove too disastrous, only adding a little time and distance covered. After checking into our rooms at our attractive rustic farmhouse we had a little time for a short walk around the local area. Things started well with a couple of Syrian Woodpeckers right alongside our accommodation followed by a range of common local birds, numerous migrant Song Thrushes and a range of flowers and insects. Back at the lodgings we had time to freshen up before driving to a local restaurant for dinner and to meet our local Greek guide who would lead us around the next day.

Day 3

Saturday 31st October

Our explorations today were all inland, focussing primarily on the Nestos Gorge. We set out initially up the winding mountain road that led to the summit viewing area. As the road gradually rose, our views out towards the Thracian Sea with the mountainous island of Thasos in the distance and the flat farmland region of the Nestos delta laid out beneath us grew ever better.

We took our first stop on the ascent with a visit to an abandoned village where we took a pleasant walk. Among the groups of familiar House Sparrows a few Tree Sparrows were picked out by their different calls and confirmed by spotting a few. The semi-derelict houses had several Black Redstarts perched on gutters, whilst the patchy low scrub held several Chiffchaff, numerous European Robins and a few Cirl Buntings that were still giving vent to some song. Among the holes of a high terrace wall a Little Owl glared at us before flying off into a more private cavity concealed with vegetation. As the path left the village quiet and peace descended and we amused ourselves with examining and enjoying some of the many grasshoppers and wildflowers still in bloom. At one bend in the path we came on a wonderful colony of *Crocus pulchellus* mixed with *Cyclamen hederifolium* whilst we listened out for the hoped-for Rock Bunting with no success. Above us quartering the scrubby maquis-covered slopes raptors such as Kestrel, Sparrowhawk and Common Buzzard were sighted, eclipsed by a rather unexpected female Hen Harrier that was actively hunting, making a number of rapid twists and drops onto the ground.

We retraced our steps to continue the drive to the viewing area that looked down into the stunning winding gorge through which the River Nestos flowed. Hoped for raptors such as vultures and eagles failed to appear and we settled for several vocal Northern Ravens and passage Eurasian Sparrowhawks zipping past. Birdlife was remarkably quiet but compensated by the carpets of *Crocus pulchellus* interspersed with Autumn Squill, *Prospero autumnalis* that lay all around.

We next made our way back down the mountain to approach the gorge from below. Passing a large quarry en-route a flip comment of ‘this looks a good spot for Rock Nuthatch’ was instantly confirmed with a sighting of a distant speck of a bird from the moving vehicle requiring a rapid stop! With the scope out we were able to enjoy rather distant views of two birds as they moved among the cliff cavities and crevices. Our stop was further rewarded with a Blue Rock Thrush in its typical habitat. Moving on we reached the start of the trail where we ate our lunch followed by a coffee from the café whilst we listened to the young local children enjoying their rides on the zip wire across the river. Refreshed, we began the walk along the well built and laid out trail that led alongside the river beneath tall limestone cliffs. Crevices in this specialised habitat held an array of rare and localised plants, most of which had long finished flowering. The main interest were the numerous rosettes of the pre-glacial Balkan endemic relict *Haberlea rhodopensis*, not in flower unfortunately. What was flowering was the localised Balkan endemic *Sempervivum heuffelii*. Birds were again rather few and far between but we did pick out a small group of Crag Martins swirling around the cliff-face above us, Goldcrest, Firecrest and Syrian Woodpecker. A final highlight (for some!) was the sighting of a dynamic Mediterranean Skipper by the path despite its rather non-descript colouration.

Having returned to the vehicle we still had time to take a short walk to another local quarry where a couple of the party had a brief view of another Blue Rock Thrush. Our final stop was at the dam wall of the River Nestos where we picked out a few Grey Wagtails on concrete breakwaters and, once again rather unexpectedly, a pair of

White-throated Dippers within the concrete walls of a sluice channel. We were able to enjoy some excellent prolonged views of these two birds from close range before heading back to the guesthouse.

Day 4

Sunday 1st November

We headed to the coast to explore the western Nestos Delta lagoons. On our approach through the flat agricultural fields we picked up a large raptor heading our way requiring a stop at a very conveniently located layby! This proved to be a Spotted Eagle that slowly approached us before picking up some rising air almost overhead allowing us some fantastic views of all diagnostic features in clear bright sunny weather! A great start to our morning.

Once at the coast we firstly made a visit to the Eratino and Vassova Lagoons. Most of our time was spent walking alongside the larger Eratino Lagoon that held a much greater number and variety of birds. Excitement was soon raised by a large brownish falcon swooping past over the lagoon, which after a little discussion of any relevant features picked up during its rapid transit was ID'd as a Peregrine Falcon (not the hoped-for Lanner or Saker!!). Other raptors seen while here included numerous Western Marsh Harriers, Kestrel, Common Buzzard and, the stars of the show, firstly a juvenile and then an adult pair of White-tailed Eagles. The adults flew together to the lagoon where they settled on the marsh where their pale heads and bright yellow bills stood out in the sun. On the lagoon itself were a diverse mix of dabbling duck, egrets, herons, numerous Greater Flamingos and a small number of Dalmatian Pelicans.

Our next stop was at the adjacent Agiasma Lagoon reached after a short drive inland and back to the coast. A similar range of birds were seen that included a large party of feeding Mediterranean Shags offshore.

We drove on to the village of Keramoti where we stopped at the (closed) Visitor Centre and walked the short loop trail through a small remnant of the once extensive, and ecologically important, riparian forest. Half way round we stopped at the pleasant newly-built seating pagoda overlooking creeks and marshland. Here we enjoyed lunch whilst picking out a second distant Spotted Eagle, that seemed to be heading our way before veering off and away. Continuing our circuit, we picked out our hoped-for woodpeckers with a single Middle Spotted making an exit and a pair of Syrian calling and feeding in some dead White Poplar trees.

Our afternoon was then spent on the eastern side of the river where we experienced some rather frustrating access and signage conditions in a vain hope to visit the larger areas of riparian forest lying alongside the main river channel. More by accident than design we found ourselves driving a dirt road that was becoming increasingly overgrown and direction unknown that took us through a fantastic block of mature woodland that positively screamed 'here be woodpeckers'! We disembarked and took a slow, quiet walk along the track eagerly listening out for any peeps! Things seemed disappointingly quiet initially but began to liven up, with hearing and then picking out a pair of Middle Spotted Woodpeckers followed in quick succession by its Syrian, Great Spotted and Lesser Spotted relatives.

A final drive and short walk was taken in the large, fenced and now deserted enclosure of the defunct radio-station 'Voice of America'. Despite much attractive habitat we failed to find much of note beyond the local rarity Common Pheasant. We failed in our efforts (alongside some other similarly disappointed Greek visitors) in being able to reach the ancient forest alongside the river.

Day 5

Monday 2nd November

With our newly rearranged itinerary our late arrival on Day 1 was compensated by a late departure on this our final day, thus allowing for a full day of birding and exploration. This we spent by travelling further east to visit Porto Lagos and the Thracian Lagoons.

After a straightforward journey we were soon on the lookout for the inconspicuous dirt road leading to the Lafrouda Lagoon. This held, rather distantly, numerous Greater Flamingo and a few dabbling ducks. A short exploration of the Greyish Oak, *Quercus robur subsp. pedunculiflora*, woodland by the track found more crocus and a few withering examples of *Colchicum turcicum* alongside a small glade full of tall nodding Southern Daisies, *Bellis sylvestre*.

We next headed into Lagos for an initial quick call at the visitor centre for any recent sighting news. From here it was a short drive to the southern end of the large Lake Vistonida and Monastery Lake. We took a couple of stops to scan the area walking only a short distance from the vehicle. Fresh highlights included a large number of wintering Black-necked Grebes on the lake alongside impressive numbers of Great Cormorants constantly flying over in large skeins. A Black-throated Diver on the Monastery Lake was a good find and gave good close views initially before slowly drifting away as it dived for food. Despite these treats the undoubted major highlight were the large numbers of White-headed Ducks spread out in several flocks on the lake. We had been tipped off by the staff at the VC that there was a single bird present that didn't bode well to find on this large expanse of water, but either these much larger numbers had arrived overnight or they didn't get out much to check!

Our next stop was one of the Thracian Lagoons, Lake Ptelea. This held a huge number of Greater Flamingos that covered the lake. We drove along the track at the southern end separating the lagoon from the sea where we stopped for lunch and a general wander around the shingle shoreline and scrub. We succeeded in finding a few interesting plants and dragonflies sheltering behind a line of Pines.

With time getting on we opted to skip any further coastal lagoons and head for the freshwater Lake Ismarida. The route through rolling agricultural country produced a very unexpected female Red-footed Falcon feeding from the tarmac road and perching on a couple of low shrubs. We were able to creep the vehicle within metres of the bird as it kept an eye out for insect food from its favourite perch. A real stunner! The lake proved somewhat of a disappointment as it is thickly edged with tall reeds making viewing the open water all but impossible. We took a walk along a rough track from the road finding numerous Stonechat but no waters edge. A nearby hill held a hide and wide view over the surrounding area including the lake. The track up was very rough but we made it for a final scan and relax, all the while hoping for one of the local breeding White-tailed Eagles to turn up on the scene. Views of the lake were distant and disappointing, with dabbling duck and Little Grebes all that could be picked out.

Thoughts were now turning to our homeward flight and the long drive ahead of us back to Thessaloniki. We headed back to the guesthouse to freshen up, get changed and load our luggage before hitting the motorway for our three hour transfer. Things went without a hitch as we drove west towards the setting sun, arriving back at the airport in good time before our flight.

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Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; + = approximate count; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	October/November 2020				
			29	30	31	1	2
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	✓
2	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		✓			
3	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>		6		12	✓
4	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>				7	5
5	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>		8		✓	✓
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓		✓	✓
7	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		30			✓
8	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		12		✓	✓
9	White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>					100+
10	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					✓
11	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				2	✓
12	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				1	
13	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>					1
14	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		6		20	✓
15	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		2		1	6
16	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					100+
17	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>		500+		1000+	3000+
18	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		4			
19	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		20		✓	✓
20	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓	✓
21	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓		✓	✓
22	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		50		20	200+

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23	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>		100+		100+	✓
24	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓		✓	2000+
25	Mediterranean Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii</i>				20	12
26	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>				3	
27	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		12		25+	25+
28	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			1		1
29	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		3	10	10	✓
30	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		12	1	8	10+
31	Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>				2	
32	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓		✓	6
33	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>					1
34	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1	
35	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>		1			
36	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>					H
37	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		1	H		
38	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		1		✓	600+
39	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		20			
40	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1			
41	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				30	
42	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		1LO			
43	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		1			1
44	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					2
45	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		10		✓	✓
46	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		6			1
47	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		2			
48	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		6			
49	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		5			
50	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓		✓	✓
51	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>		1			
52	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓		✓	✓
53	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>		10		6	10
54	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		2			
55	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>				60+	
57	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>				2	
58	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		H	2	H	
60	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		3	H	5	2
61	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>				3	
62	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>				1	
63	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				2	
64	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		2	H	2	
65	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓		✓
66	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>				2	
69	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓			✓
70	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			8		
71	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	
72	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			1	1	

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	Common name	Scientific name	29	30	31	1	2
73	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			12		
74	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		8			✓
75	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		2		12	
76	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			1		
77	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			8		
78	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		1		1	
79	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			2		
80	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			✓		
81	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		1	H		
82	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H			1
83	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		1	✓	✓	✓
84	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				1	
85	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>			1		
86	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			1	1	
87	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			1	1	1
88	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>			2		
89	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	3000+
90	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			2		
93	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		1	10	2	
95	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					1
96	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>				12	15
97	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	2		
99	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			4		
100	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓	✓	✓
103	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			4		
105	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>			H		
106	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓		✓	✓
107	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>				8	✓

Butterflies and Moths

Pieridae			
1	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓
2	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	✓
3	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓
4	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>	✓
Lycaenidae			
5	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	✓
6	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	✓
7	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓
8	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓
Nymphalidae			
9	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓
10	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓
Satyridae			

11	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	✓
12	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	✓
	Hesperiidae		
13	Mediterranean Skipper	<i>Gegenes nostrodamus</i>	✓
	MOTHS:		
1	Feathered Brindle	<i>Aporophyla australis</i>	✓
2	Double-spot Brocade	<i>Meganephria bimaculosa</i>	✓
3		<i>Coenoteaphria ablutaria</i>	✓
4	Hoary Footman	<i>Eilema caniola</i>	✓
5	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>	✓
6		<i>Lemonia balcanica</i>	✓
7	Mallow	<i>Larentia clavaria</i>	✓
8	Centre-barred Sallow	<i>Atethmia centrargo</i>	✓
9	Mullein Wave	<i>Scopula marginepunctata</i>	✓
10	White-speck	<i>Mythimma unipuncta</i>	✓
11	Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>	✓

Dragonflies

1	Eastern Willow Spreadwing	<i>Chalcolestes parvidens</i>	✓
2	Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>	✓
3	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	✓
4	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	✓
5	Southern Darter	<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>	✓
6	Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	✓

Miscellaneous Insects

1	Lesser Field Cricket	<i>Melanogryllus desertus</i>	✓
2	Common Cone-headed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>	✓
3	Eurasian Pincer Grasshopper	<i>Calliptamus barbarus</i>	✓
4	Moroccan Cross-backed Grasshopper	<i>Dociostaurus maroccanus</i>	✓
5	Balkan Field Grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus bornhalmii</i>	✓
6	Common Digging Grasshopper	<i>Acrotylus insubricus</i>	✓
7	Red Band-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda germanica</i>	✓
8	Common Maquis Grasshopper	<i>Pezotettix giornae</i>	✓
9	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>	✓
10	Conehead Mantis	<i>Empusa pennata</i>	✓

Mammals

1	European Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida teniotis</i>	✓
2	Schreiber's Bat	<i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i>	✓
3	Noctule	<i>Nyctalis noctula</i>	✓
4	Soprano Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>	✓

5	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	✓
6	Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	✓
7	Feral Horse	<i>Equus ferus</i>	✓

Amphibians and Reptiles

1	Greek Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax kurtmuelleri</i>	✓
2	Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>	✓
3	Kotschy's Gecko	<i>Cyrtopodion kotschy</i>	✓
4	Balkan Whip Snake	<i>Coluber gemonensis</i>	✓

Notable Plants

	Juniper Family	Cupressaceae	
1	Stinking Juniper	<i>Juniperus foetidissima</i>	✓
2	Prickly Juniper	<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	✓
	Joint Pine Family	Ephedraceae	
3		<i>Ephedra distachya</i>	✓
4	Joint Pine	<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	✓
	Amaranth Family	Amaranthaceae	
5		<i>Salsola squarrosa</i>	✓
	Carrot Family	Apiaceae	
6	Blue Eryngo	<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	✓
7	Sea Holly	<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	✓
	Dogbane Family	Apocynaceae	
8	Strangewort	<i>Cynanchum acutum</i>	✓
9	Silk Vine	<i>Periploca graeca</i>	✓
	Daisy Family	Asteraceae	
10	Cottonweed	<i>Achillea maritima</i>	✓
11	Southern Daisy	<i>Bellis sylvestre</i>	✓
12	Chicory	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	✓
13		<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	✓
14	Stink Aster	<i>Ditrichia viscosa</i>	✓
15	Pliant Lettuce	<i>Lactuca viminea</i>	✓
16		<i>Pentanema aschersonianum</i>	✓
17	Spiny Cocklebur	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	✓
	Forget-Me-Not Family	Boraginaceae	
18	Alkanet	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	✓
19	Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	✓
	Bellflower Family	Campanulaceae	
20		<i>Campanula rumeliana</i>	✓
21		<i>Jasione heldreichii</i>	✓
	Hemp Family	Cannabaceae	
22	Nettle Tree	<i>Celtis australis</i>	✓

	Juniper Family	Cupressaceae	
	Pink Family	Caryophyllaceae	
23		<i>Dianthus gracilis</i>	✓
24		<i>Dianthus tenuiflorus</i>	✓
25		<i>Petrorhagia illyrica</i>	✓
26		<i>Petrorhagia thessala</i>	✓
	Stonecrop Family	Crassulaceae	
27		<i>Sempervivum heuffelii</i>	✓
	Heather Family	Ericaceae	
28		<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	✓
29		<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>	✓
	Beech Family	Fagaceae	
30	Kermes Oak	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	✓
31	Hungarian Oak	<i>Quercus frainetto</i>	✓
32	Greyish Oak	<i>Quercus robur pedunculiflora</i>	✓
	African Violet Family	Gesneriaceae	
33		<i>Haberlea rhodopensis</i>	✓
	Deadnettle Family	Lamiaceae	
34	Winter Savory	<i>Satureja montana</i>	✓
	Plantain Family	Plantaginaceae	
35	Dalmatian Toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>	✓
	Plane Tree Family	Platanaceae	
36	Oriental Plane	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	✓
	Thrift Family	Plumbaginaceae	
37	European Plumbago	<i>Plumbago europaea</i>	✓
	Primrose Family	Primulaceae	
38	Ivy-leaved Sowbread	<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	✓
	Buttercup Family	Ranunculaceae	
39	Larkspur sp?	<i>Delphinium sp.?</i>	✓
	Buckthorn Family	Rhamnaceae	
40	Christ's Thorn	<i>Paliuris spina-christi</i>	✓
	Nightshade Family	Solanaceae	
41		<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	✓
	Daffodil Family	Amaryllidaceae	
42	Winter Daffodil	<i>Sternbergia lutea</i>	✓
	Asparagus Family	Asparagaceae	
		<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	✓
43	Autumn Squill	<i>Prospero autumnalis</i>	✓
44	Butcher's Broom	<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	✓

	Juniper Family	<i>Cupressaceae</i>	
	Colchicum Family	<i>Colchicaceae</i>	
45		<i>Colchicum turcicum</i>	✓
	Iris family	<i>Iridaceae</i>	
46		<i>Crocus pulchellus</i>	✓