# The Island of Cyprus

## Naturetrek Tour Report

26 March - 2 April 2016



Great Spotted Cuckoo by Neil Bygrave



Poppies and Crown Daisies by Heather Osborne



Crested Lark by Neil Bygrave



Paphos Blue by Neil Bygrave

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## Day 1

## Saturday 26th March

#### London to Paphos

All of the group had to make a very early start, mostly between 4 a.m. and 4.30 am to get to Gatwick for our 7.05 a.m. flight, but everyone was in good time for what turned out to be a comfortable four hour plus journey to Paphos, which was only 15 minutes late taking off. We arrived more or less on time at 1.15pm and the customs and immigration formalities were brief. We were soon greeted by our new driver and Yiannis, our local guide and botanist. Our first new common birds were Hooded Crow and House Sparrow.

We headed directly to our comfortable hotel, only a 20-minute drive and, after quickly settling in, we drove off again at about 3.10pm to visit the Tombs of the Kings. On arrival at the tombs we found that, with the extremely strong wind and rain, the place seemed birdless on the more exposed, seaward grassland, with none of the usual wheatears, pipits or larks present, apart from the ubiquitous resident Crested Larks, while a couple of Kestrel were also seen. After moving inland however, we eventually found a sheltered hollow where we started to find a few birds, mainly common species such as Linnet and Greenfinch. In due course though, we found Sardinian Warbler, Northern Wheatear, Spanish Sparrow and a Wryneck and Chiffchaff with, on the more open areas, several Northern Wheatear, while a Zitting Cisticola displayed briefly for us. Moving on the group gathered near the exit gate, where we found our first Goldfinch and Common Redstart, while another Zitting Cisticola displayed beautifully for all the group.

The Tombs of the Kings was also our first introduction to some of the Mediterranean plants. There were fields of *Glebionis coronarium* mixed with *Papaver rhoeas*, and a bright show of *Convolvulus althaeoides* growing all over, along with *Cyclamen persicum* on the rocky outcrops, while *Echium angustifolium* was common on the verges and the blue *Moraea (Gynandriris) sisyrinchium* was prominent on some of the bare patches of earth. Moving on to the wind-blasted shore, we saw *Centaurea aegialophila*, *Medicago marina*, *Thymus capitatus*, *Anthemis tomentosa*, *Paronychia argentea* and *Senecio glaucus* subsp. *cyprius*, amongst a variety of species.

Later we walked to a local restaurant for an excellent dinner.

## Day 2

## Sunday 27th March

Asprokremmnos, Mandria Beach and Paphos Castle

After the early start yesterday and the clocks changing overnight, we made a slightly later start for Asprokremmnos Dam at around 8.30am, only stopping to order our lunches at a wayside restaurant.

On arrival we immediately located several new birds; although our only Ruppell's Warbler of the trip quickly disappeared, our main target here Cyprus Warbler proved to be more obliging than usual for, on playing a tape, a bird sat out in the open in full view, while the group viewed it through the scope. A male Subalpine Warbler also came out into the open for us. Several Sardinian Warblers were also much in evidence.

Following the track to the Dam we found several other new birds, with Chukar Partridge, Blue Rock Thrush and Lesser Kestrel. Marsh Harrier, Common Buzzard, Peregrine, Cyprus Pied Wheatears, Lesser Whitethroat and Ciffchaff were also seen, a flock of 26 Collared Praticole flew over the dam and a ring-tailed Hen Harrier was photographed by the bus. Numerous Paphos Blue butterflies were also present, as well as several Clouded Yellow. The flora here is always impressive and amongst the species seen were *Scabiosa prolifera*, *Allium neapolitanum* and *Fagonia cretica*. On leaving the former pools area, we drove up on to the Dam in the hope of finding the Pratincoles, but only located a flock of 17 Black-winged Stilts and four Mallard.

After a pleasant early lunch, we drove to the coast to visit Mandria Beach, which was the quietest here for birds we had ever experienced, although we did see a few new species including several Isabelline Wheatears, while a Hoopoe was also new. Surprisingly, along the bare sea cliffs we found some Little Egrets and a flock of 27 Glossy Ibis flew by. Plants here included familiar species such as Sea Holly and Yellow-horned Poppy, as well as more unusual species, such as Limonium sinuatum, Medicago marina, Centaurea aegialophila and the Stock Matthiola tricuspidata.

Our final visit of the day was mainly a cultural one to Paphos Castle to see the magnificent mosaics. Here we spent a couple of hours or more visiting the two main buildings with their superb floor mosaics, those in the House of Dionysus, being particularly impressive, but before we even left the bus a flock of 10 Purple Heron flew over.

Most of us eventually met up at the viewpoint near the old lighthouse, which has now been closed off for repairs. Birds though were quite scarce, with little migration taking place, but various members of the group did see Black-eared Wheatear, Tree Pipit, Tawny Pipit and Whinchat. After the group rejoined we headed down to the theatre before slowly making our way back finding some Cretzschmar's Bunting, Woodchat Shrike and Redthroated Pipit as well as Wryneck and Zitting Cisticola, while a flock of 26 Purple Heron flew by. Plants found here included *Aristolochia parvifolia, Convolvulus althaeoides* and *Centaurea aegiolopila*.

After leaving the castle the group wandered around the harbour for drinks and ice cream before heading back to our hotel. Several close Yellow-legged Gulls were seen here.

Later we walked into town to visit a local restaurant for another good evening meal.

## Day 3

## Monday 28th March

#### Limassol Area

Leaving just after 8am, we drove the one and a quarter hours to Limassol, stopping at the usual excellent patisserie, where the group purchased a wide variety of goodies for lunch. On reaching Zakaki pool, which had deteriorated considerably since last year due to further reed encroachment, making it considerably less suitable for waders. Here we visited the new hide, finding a few good birds, the best of which were Ferruginous Duck and Garganey, along with Little Grebe, Coot, Moorhen, Marsh Harrier, Mallard and Reed Warbler. There was also a rather sickly looking Greater Flamingo, and a few of the group saw a Little Crake.

We then walked on and around the old football stadium, which is not so good now because much of the scrub has been removed, but we did find a few Northern Wheatears, our first Grey Heron and another Woodchat

Shrike. On reaching the first two of the lagoons we found a few Kentish Plover a Lesser Black-backed Gull and a Little Ringed Plover. Plants found around the stadium area at Zakaki included *Ifloga spicata*, *Helianthemum stipulatum*, *Cistus creticus* and *Alkanna tinctoria*. While the very localised butterfly Eastern Baton Blue was also found.

We then drove along Lady's Mile stopping to view any waders we saw; these included a number of Little Stint, Dunlin, Ruff and a fine Greater Sand Plover almost in summer plumage, while a winter-plumage Sanderling was a species we don't normally see here.

Stopping for drinks and to use the facilities at our now regular, but typically touristy beachside restaurant, we relaxed for a short while on the beach overlooking the sea.

After crossing the salt pan, we visited the Archbishop's Farm Pool, either side of which we visited the orchid areas near the entrance gate and the pull in just along the road, finding *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, *Anacamptis fragrans* and *Ophys apifera*, which was poor this year. Common Pochard was new and we saw Ferruginous Duck and Common Sandpiper again. We then lunched here, near the new interpretive centre. Birds of interest seen at the pool, where we lunched, were lots of Shoveler and Little Grebe, as well as four more Ferruginous Duck and a fine male Garganey.

On the way to Phassouri reedbeds, we saw a number of distant Flamingos on the last of the saline lagoons. Our visit to Phassouri was disappointing, as there was no water and nearly all of the reedbed had been burnt off, with part of it still smouldering and for the first time ever we found nothing of interest. We then drove out onto the old gravel pool area near the sea, where we found a Woodchat Shrike. Driving on to Kensington Cliffs we searched through the *Juniperus phoenicia* area finding *Gladiolus triphyllus*. There was no sign of the Vultures here, but four Alpine Swifts flew by.

Our next stop was along the roadside for Eastern Marsh Helleborine (*Epipactis veratrifolia*), which was far less in evidence than usual due to excessive roadside cutting.

Due to having spent so little time at Phassouri reedbeds, we made an extra brief stop at the small Paphos Sewage works to look for waders, finding our first Spur-winged Plover and Common Snipe.

## Day 4

## **Tuesday 29th March**

#### Paphos, Cape Drepanon to Polis

We left slightly earlier than our planned 8.30am start for Cape Drepanon (Agios Georgios), although we made several stops for ATMs and food for lunch. Arriving at Cape Drepanon around 9.30am, we found it to be extremely quiet migrant bird-wise, finding only more common species, with Crested Lark and Sardinian Warbler much in evidence, while Yeronisas Island held the usual breeding colony Yellow-legged Gull. Finally we did start to find a few birds, including Black-eared Wheatear, while in the scrub below the cliffs we found a pale *acredula* ('Northern') Willow Warbler, Subalpine Warbler and Whitethroat. This is also a good site for plants and amongst the many species found were *Aizoon hispanicum*, *Nigella fumarifolia*, and *Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum*.

After coffee at the local restaurant, we visited the archaeological site Agios Georgios Pegeia, an early Christian Basilica. Here, as well as enjoying the mosaics, we saw Lesser Whitethroat, Whitethroat, Blackcap and more Sardinian Warblers; several Swallowtail butterflies were also seen.

Driving on for only a few miles we lunched at a picnic site in Pegeia Forest, where later we went for a walk, here we found several orchids including *Ophrys levantina* and *Serapias aphrodite*, while several Paphos Blue and Cleopatra butterflies were also found. Birds were few, but included common species such as Sardinian Warbler, Great Tit, Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch and a number of Chaffinch. Reptiles included both Snake- eyed Lizard and Snake-eyed Skink, as well as the tiny, rare Kotschy's Gecko.

We then drove to Stroumbi (Polemi) to visit our usual site for *Tulipa arenensis*, which we found to be less prolific, but more widespread than usual, growing on some of the cultivated areas, while amongst other species was *Geranium tuberosum*. Birds were few but included a couple of Tree Pipits and a Song Thrush, while Black Francolin was heard. After a stop for drinks and ice-cream, we headed directly to Polis arriving just before 5pm; this allowed time for a look around the excellent gardens, where our first Red-rumped Swallow and a fine male Collared Flycatcher were found, while later a Scops Owl was heard.

## Day 5

## Wednesday 30th March

#### Akamas Peninsula

Several of us went for an early morning walk at 6.30am, for the hoped-for Black Francolin but were unsuccessful, and we did not even hear them. The population at this site has drastically declined, probably due to them being taken off the protected list. We did find a flock of Corn Bunting, our first, as well as Red-rumped Swallow, Spanish Sparrow and another displaying Zitting Cisticola. In the garden the fine male Collared Flycatcher was seen again, as well as a Semi-collared Flycatcher.

After breakfast, we headed off to visit the Pool of Aphrodite and to walk the coastal footpath along the north side of the Akama Peninsula. Yiannis and the botanists spent some time in the botanical garden observing species such as *Bosea cypria*, *Cistus monspeliensis*, *Cistus parviflorus* and *Asphodelus fistulosus*. Birds were not plentiful, but we soon found a couple of Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, while Aphrodite's Pool held a nice eel. The very pleasant walk along the cliff footpath produced several more new birds, such as Nightingale, Masked Shrike and Spectacled Warbler, while Cyprus Pied Wheatear was new for some of the group and the Rock Doves here appeared as pure-looking as anywhere on the Island, while several Chukur Partridge were also seen. Overhead two Booted Eagles flew passed and a Long-legged Buzzard was also seen. Plant species along the coastal path included *Ranunculus asiaticus* and *Cyclamen persicum*. Yannis also gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the local geology at a point where several geological forms were viewable. Butterflies seen included our first Orange Tip and Red Admiral as well as Cleopatra and Paphos Blue

After returning to the bus, we made a short detour to visit a small valley, where we saw several orchids, mainly past their best, but these included *Serapias bergonii*, *Serapias levantina* and *Ophrys flavomarginata*. We also had brief views of an Eastern Festoon butterfly. We then stopped in Neochorio village at a local tavern for an excellent lunch.

Later we drove right up into the hills to an enclosure, where a recently discovered rare plant, *Tulipa akamasica*, was seen, as well as another Long-legged Buzzard. We then stopped above the picnic site and walked down the track, finding a host of new plants although many of the usual orchids had already flowered, but we did see *Ophrys sicula*, *Ophrys israelitica* and *Serapias levantina*, as well as *Alyssum akamascicum*, *Gladiolus triphyllus* and *Legousia speculum-veneris*. Birds were scarce at first due to the heat but as it cooled, we started to see a few species, including

our first Serin and Spotted Flycatcher. We also stopped by the chapel, where we managed to find a Freshwater Crab, which is now listed as a Red Data species.

### Day 6

## **Thursday 31st March**

#### Polis to Plates

A few of us ventured out early morning for a wander around the gardens, finding Song Thrush as well as Nightingale, Willow Warbler and the superb male Collared Flycatcher.

After breakfast and loading the luggage, we all went into the garden to visit the new pond to search for Tree Frogs, finding several sitting on branches, which the group spent a while photographing. We also found the Collared Flycatcher again for those of the group who missed it earlier. Eventually we departed for what is mainly a travelling day at around 8.30am, but soon stopped in Polis at a local patisserie to purchase lunch.

Driving on into the hills we then stopped at Peristerona, where we visited the fine viewpoint, parking near the Monument to an 18-year-old boy hung by the British, which overlooks a beautiful gorge. Here the botanists found much of interest with new species such as *Helianthemum obtusiflora*, and *Ajuga chamaepitys*. Bird-wise, we called in a fine male Great Spotted Cuckoo, which provided excellent views and was eventually joined by a female; several Chukar Partridge and Sardinian Warbler were also much in evidence. Moving on the short distance into the village to visit the church, which is a museum and holds many of Cyprus's rare religious icons, Yiannis gave a very interesting talk on the Cypriot Orthodox religion and the significance of many of the fine artefacts to be found here. We soon stopped again just beyond the village to view an extremely close pair of Long-legged Buzzard a species, which appears to be on the increase. Our next regular stop on the way was mainly a botanical one where we walked up a slope from the main road to see *Tuberaria guttata*, *Cistus monspeliensis*, *Dactylorhiza romana* and the delightful *Orchis anatolica* subsp. *troodi*.

On reaching Stavros we visited the enclosure, where the endangered Cyprus subspecies of Mouflon is being reared as part of a release programme, but we managed only reasonable views of the animals, although some of us still managed to take some quite good photographs. Interesting plants were also seen on the walk around to the Park Headquarters, including *Turritis laxa*, *Viola alba*, *Vicia cassia*, *Cyclamen cyprium* and *Scilla (Chionodoxa) lochiae*. We lunched at the café where we were able to get hot drinks. Birds seen around the lunch area included Jay, Blackbird, Chaffinch and several of the quite different looking Cyprus race of Coal Tit.

We later stopped to walk a footpath which is a steep climb; here, we saw our first Short-toed Treecreeper, at the lowest altitude I had seen this species in Cyprus, while we also got even better views of the local race of Coal Tit, which as an even more extensive back bib than shown in the books. Plants here included *Teesdalia coronopifolia*, *Orchis anatolica* subsp. *troodi* and *Dactyloriza romana*. Later we stopped at Kykkos at the large restaurant for drinks and to take advantage of the facilities. This is popular tourist spot as the monastery here is the burial place of Archbishop Makarios. We made one further stop on our onward journey to successfully search for *Scilla* (*Chionodoxa*) *lochiae*, sometimes called Loch's Glory-of- the- Snow, a bulbous perennial which flowers early in the spring and is normally well over by the time we arrive. After flowering it is difficult to find, as it goes into dormancy until the next spring.

Later at Platres, after settling in, we saw our first Pallid Swift and Blackbird, while after dinner, a few of us went to look for Scops Owl, but it was extremely cold and we heard no birds at all.

Day 7 Friday 1st April

#### Troodos Area Mount Olympus and Omados

A few birds were seen around the village before breakfast including Cyprus Pied Wheatear and Pallid Swift, while a Cuckoo was also heard.

Later we headed directly up to the upper reaches of Mount Olympus, where some snow still lay; this took us up through *Pinus nigra* and *Juniperus foetidissima* forest. On arrival at the top of the road we walked back down for a while, getting several good views of a number of species especially Coal Tit. We also saw several Jay and Great Tit as well as Cyprus Pied Wheatear, Chaffinch and an obliging Masked Shrike.

Driving down to our usual spot near the highest of the cafes, we went for a walk into the forest to look for the endemic Crocus *Crocus cyprius*, of which a few were still present in spite of the lack of snow, we also found *Ranunculus cadmicus* subsp. *cyprius* and *Corydalis rutifolia*. We also soon found some Short-toed Tree-creepers, while lots of Jays, Coal Tits and Chaffinches were also seen, but it was generally very quiet for birds.

Driving down, we stopped near the interpretive centre and arboretum area, where we were unable to visit the interesting park museum, as it was closed due to the Bank Holiday. Here we saw some Pallid Swift were seen. Our next stop further down at the viewpoint was mainly for plants, and here was the endemic Oak *Quercus alnifolia* along with *Alyssum cypricum* and *Alyssum troodi*. Yiannis also gave an interesting insight to the local geology. Later we headed off to buy lunch in the attractive small town of Omodos, famous for its lefkaritika, a kind of embroidery; here the ladies often sit on their doorsteps producing tablecloths, quilts and smaller items, such as doilies. Time was also provided for the group to do their own thing for a while, with some visiting the monastery and church, which amongst its many artefacts has the skull of St Philip set in a silver box, as well as what is believed to be part of the original shroud. Some also visited the huge town olive press, which is still in working order.

Returning we followed our now usual narrow lane to look for flora, making several stops and short walks to find a number of orchid species including *Himantoglossum* (Barlia) robertiana, Ophrys israelitica and Orchis sezikiana, but birds were very scarce and we found nothing different. Travelling the short distance Kouka, we visited our usual orchid site, where we lunched and saw Orchis simia, Astragalus cyprius and Onobrychis venosa. The birders made a short walk down the road, getting good views of a few species.

Later, we drove down to Monagri and then on to the convent at Amasgou for our final stop of the day; the little valley here is often good for birds of prey, but it was late in the day, although a perched Peregrine was found, which we were able to scope and get good views, while amongst the plants Ranunculus asiaticus was the most interesting.

## Day 8

## Saturday 2nd April

#### Plates to London

Little was seen around Platres village before departure at around 8.30 am, but as we travelled out of the village both Cyprus Wheatear and Pallid Swift were observed.

We then drove straight to Limassol, where we stopped at the now famous patisserie to purchase a variety of healthy and not so healthy options for lunch.

On reaching Zakaki pool, we again visited the hide, seeing less here than on our previous visit, but we did see our first Sedge Warbler. A female Garganey, several Ferruginous Duck and Reed Warblers were also present, a couple of the group glimpsed a Little Crake again, and a Water Rail was calling.

Driving along the sandy track known as Lady's Mile, which is right by the lagoons, we found that the water levels had dropped to some extent, providing slightly more exposed areas of mud. We saw several Little Stint and Dunlin, some Redshank, as well as the usual Kentish Plovers. Three close Juvenile Flamingos were also seen. Due to the very limited time available we were unable to visit the Archbishop's Farm and sadly Pissouri Reedbeds were still not worth a visit.

Time eventually beat us, so we set out on the drive to Paphos Airport, which was at least a good hour away. On our arrival we found the check-in formalities were relatively easy and, after dropping our luggage and obtaining boarding passes, we walked out of the airport to enjoy our previously purchased lunches. After a bit of a delay, we were pleased to get airborne for what turned out to be a fairly comfortable flight.

Reaching our destination in good time, we said our farewells around the luggage carousel, before everyone dashed off to connect with their various transport to numerous destinations, so ending a very pleasant holiday.

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## **Species Lists**

Birds (C=about; += more than; H = heard only)

			March-April							
	Common Name	Scientific Name	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
1	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis			15					
2	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		5	27					2
3	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea			1					
4	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea		36	4					
5	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus		27						
6	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus ruber			30c					:
7	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		3		12				
8	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		4	10					;
9	Northern Shoveler	Anas platyrhynchos			14					
10	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	30+							
11	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca			2					
12	Garganey	Anas querquedula			2					
13	Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca			9					
14	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus		1						
15	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		1	1					
16	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		2	1		1			Т
17	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufina					2	2	1	Т
18	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	2	3	8	2	1	2	2	
19	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni		1					1	Т
20	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus		1					1	Т
21	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus					2			H
22	Black Francolin	Francolinus francolinus			h	h				T
23	Chukar Partridge	Alectoris chukar		3	3		5	7	5	
24	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus								
25	Little Crake	Porzana parva			2					
26	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus			18					
27	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra			20c					
28	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus		17	2					H
29	Collared Pratincole	Glareola pratincola		26						$\vdash$
30	Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula			2					$\vdash$
31	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius			1					H
32	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus			8					
33	Greater Sand Plover	Charadrius ieschenaultii			1					
34	Spur-winged Plover	Hoplopterus spinosus			8					
35	Sanderling	Calidris alba			1					
36	Little Stint	Calidris minuta			20c					$\vdash$
37	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax			7					⊢
38	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus			3					
39	Green Sandpiper	Tringa totarius  Tringa ochropus			1					-
39 40					1					$\vdash$
_	Wood Sandpiper Common Snipe	Tringa glareola  Gallinago gallinago			1					$\vdash$
41	•									-
42	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	4	10	1	F0	20:			H
43	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	1	12	10	50	30+			
44	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	1		1	40				<u> </u>
45	Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	8	4	9	12	8	5	3	1

		Scientific Name	March-April								
	Common Name		26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
47	Rock Dove	Columba livia					10				
48	Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto		5	12	30c	5			6	
49	Great Spotted Cuckoo	Clamator glandarius						2			
50	Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus			1				h		
51	Scops Owl	Otus scops				h	3h	h	1		
52	Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus							5	2	
53	Common Swift	Apus apus	3	8	10	7				3	
54	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba			4						
55	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		2				1			
56	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	1	1							
57	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis				1					
58	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	6	10	6	14				1	
59	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	_		_				1		
60	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia			2						
61	Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo daurica			_	2	6		1		
62	Barn Swallow	Hirundo dadrica	20+	30c	20c	30c	20c	20c	10	6	
	Common House Martin	Delichon urbica	20+	2	3	20+	15	10	10	6	
63 64					3	-	15	10		0	
	Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis		4		20c					
65	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis		1		2					
66	Red-throated Pipit	Anthus cervinus		3							
67	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris		2							
68	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	4	2	2	2				2	
69	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes						h	1		
70	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula						h			
71	Common Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos					1	1			
72	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	1	1		2	1				
73	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra		1							
74	European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola			1						
75	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		4	6		1				
76	Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina		5							
77	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica		1		1	2				
78	Cyprus Pied Wheatear	Oenanthe cypriaca			1		6	7	6	1	
79	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius		1							
80	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula				1			1		
81	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos				1	1	1			
82	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	2	5	1	1	1			1	
83	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	h	h	h	h	h	1		h	
84	Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus								1	
85	Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus			3					2	
86	Spectacled Warbler	Sylvia conspicillata				1					
87	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca		1			2	1	1		
88	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis	1			2					
89	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	-	1		2	6	4	2		
90	Rüppell's Warbler	Sylvia rueppellii		1		_	-	-	_		
91	Subalpine Warbler	Sylvia cantillans		1							
92	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	4	8	3	20c	10	6	6		
93	Cyprus Warbler	Sylvia melanothorax		3		200	10		0		
93	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	•		٦			3				
		Phylloscopus trochilus				4		1			
95	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus				1	1	1			
96 97	Common Chiffchaff Spotted Flycatcher	Phylloscopus collybita  Muscicapa striata		4		2	1				

98	Common Name					March-April						
99		Scientific Name	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
	Collared Flycatcher	Ficedula albicollis				1	1	1				
100	Semi-collared Flycatcher	Ficedula semitorquata					1					
100	Great Tit	Parus major	6	8	7	12	8	5	4	2		
101	Coal Tit	Periparus ater						10	15			
102	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla						1	3			
103	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator		1	3							
104	Masked Shrike	Lanius nubicus					1		2			
105	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius						2	7			
106	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	2	7	8	20c	12	12	4	2		
107	Western Jackdaw	Corvus monedula		20+	20c	100+	3	12	20+	6		
108	Hooded Crow	Corvus corone cornix	12	20+	30c	30c	6	5	6	14		
109	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	30+	50+	30+	40c	30c	10	50c	20+		
110	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis	1				1					
111	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	h			10	2	8	2	1		
112	European Serin	Serinus serinus	1				3		2			
113	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	3	10		7	10	4	4			
114	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	2	10	4	8	6	<del>_</del>		2		
115	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina	6	2	-	3	4	2				
116		Emberiza calandra	0			3	8					
	Corn Bunting			6		1	3		1			
117	Cretzschmar's Bunting	Emberiza caesia		6		<u> </u>	3		1			
Rep	tiles & Amphibians											
1	Kotchy's Gecko	Cytodactylus kotchi fitzingeri				1						
2	Hardun or Starred Agama	Agama stellio cypriaca	2	6		5	8					
3	Spiny-footed Lizard	Acanthodactylus erythurus		4		2						
4	Troodos Rock Lizard	Lacerta laevis troodica		3		6	6		1			
5	Snake-eyed Lizard	Ophisops elegans schlueteri					6	6				
6	Snake-eyed Skink	Ablepharus kitaibelii				1	6					
7	European Tree Frog	Hyla arborea				h	4	7				
8	Marsh Frog	Rana ridibunda		h	h		h					
Butt	erflies											
1	Mallow Skipper	Carcharodus alceae		1			1					
2	Swallowtail	Papilio machon				6	2					
3	Eastern Festoon	Zerynthia cerisyi					1					
4	Large White	Pieris brassicae		1		2	3	1				
5	Small White	Artogenia rapae		10	5	5		2	1			
6	Orange Tip	Anthrocharis cardamines					3	5				
7	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea	1	15	30+	10	6	4		1		
8	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra	<u> </u>			2	1	1		<u>'</u>		
9	Red Admiral	Venessa atalanta				_		<u>·</u> 1				
10	Painted Lady	Cythia cardui		8	1	4	2	•		_		
11	Cyprus Meadow Brown	Maniola cypricola			<u>'</u>	-	1			_		
12	Small Copper	Lycaena rubi		1			<u>'</u>					
13	Paphos Blue	Glaucopsyche paphos		12	4	5	20c		1	+		
14	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus	2	14	_		200	1	'			
		Pseudophilioles vicrama			1			'		<del>                                     </del>		
15	Eastern Baton Blue	r seudophilioles vicialità			<u>'</u>					-		
Othe	er Invertebrates											
1	Lesser Emperor	Anax parthenope			1	20c	20c					

			March-April									
	Common Name	Scientific Name	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
2	Scarlet Darter	Crocothemis erythraea				1						
3	African Locust	Dociostaurus maroccnus				1						
4	7-spotted Ladybird	Coccinella 7-punctata		3					2			
5	Blue Carpenter Bee	sp.					1					
6	Greater Bee Fly	Bombylius major						1				
7	Cockchafer Beetle	sp.			1							
8	Jewel Beetle	Julodis ehrenbergii				1						
Fish	and Crabs											
1	Freshwater Crab	Potamon potamios					1					
2	European Eel	Anquilla anquilla					1					

Plants (\* indicates that a species is endemic)

Nomenclature contained within this list follows the taxonomic amendments, based on DNA analysis, made by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Missouri Botanic Garden, and following The Plant List, an internationally accepted list of vascular plant families, published and maintained by these two institutions.

Orchid nomenclature follows the locally accepted classification, as understood by local botanists on the Island.

Scientific Name

#### **Common Name**

**PTERIDOPHYTES** 

**FERNS & ALLIES** 

Leptosporangiate Ferns

**True Ferns** 

**Pteridaceae** Adiantum capillus-veneris Anogramma leptophylla Ribbon-fern Family Maidenhair Fern Jersey Fern

**GYMNOSPERMS** 

**CONIFERS** 

CupressaceaeJuniper FamilyCupressus sempervirensItalian CypressJuniperus foetidissimaStinking JuniperJuniperus phoeniciaPhoenician Juniper

**Ephedraceae**Ephedra fominea (E. fragilis subsp. campylopoda)

Joint Pine Family

a Joint Pine

PinaceaePine FamilyCedrus brevifolia\*Cyprus CedarPinus brutiaTurkish or Brutia PinePinus nigra subsp. nigraAustrian or Black PinePinus pineaUmbrella or Stone Pine

**ANGIOSPERMS** 

**Eu-dicots** 

FLOWERING PLANTS
True Dicotyledons

**Aizoaceae**Aizoon hispanicum
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum

Ice Plant Family
Spanish Iceplant
Slender-leaf Iceplant

#### Scientific Name

#### **Common Name**

#### Amaranthaceae

Bosea cypria Salicornia sp.

Suaeda vera

#### Anacardiaceae

Pistacia lentiscus Pistacia terebinthus

#### **Apiaceae**

Eryngium maritimum Ferula communis Foeniculum vulgare Lagoecia cuminoides Smyrnium olusatrum Zosima absinthiifolia

### Apocynaceae

Nerium oleander

#### Berberidaceae

Berberis cretica

#### Betulaceae

Alnus orientalis

#### Boraginaceae

Alkanna tinctoria Anchusa aegyptiaca Anchusa azurea

Anchusa undulata subsp. hybrida

Buglossoides arvensis Echium angustifolium

Lithodora hispidula (L.h. subsp. versicolor)

Onosma fruticosa\*

#### Brassicaceae

Alyssum akamasicum\* Alyssum cypricum Alyssum troodi\* Arabis purpurea\* Arabis verna Biscutella didyma Cakile maritima

Capsella bursa-pastoris Cardamine graeca Eruca hispanica Matthiola tricuspidata

Sinapis alba

Sisymbrium officinale Noccaea (Thlaspi) cypria\*

Turritis laxa

#### Goosefoot Family

Glasswort sp.
Shrubby Seablite

#### **Sumach Family**

Mastic Tree Turpentine Tree

#### **Carrot Family**

Sea Holly Giant Fennel Fennel Lagoecia Alexanders

#### **Periwinkle Family**

Oleander

#### **Barberry Family**

Cretan Barberry

#### **Birch Family**

Eastern Alder

#### **Borage Family**

Dyer's Alkanet Eastern Anchusa Large Blue Alkanet

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Corn Gromwell

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#### **Cabbage Family**

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Spring Rock-cress Biscutella

Sea Rocket Shepherd's-purse

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Spanish Mustard Three-horned Stock White Mustard

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Cyprus Pennycress

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#### Scientific Name

#### **Common Name**

Campanulaceae

Legousia speculum -veneris

Campanula erinus

**Bellflower Family**Venus's Looking-glass

Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle Family

Centranthus calcitrapa subsp. orbiculatus\*

Pterocephalus multiflorus

Lomelosia (Scabiosa) prolifera Carmel Daisy

Valeriana italica

Caryophyllaceae Pink Family

Minuartia montana Paronychia argentea Petrorhagia dubia (velutina) -

Cistaceae Rock-rose Family

Cistus creticus -

Cistus ladanifer Gum Cistus

Cistus monspeliensis Narrow-leaved Cistus

Cistus parviflorus

Cistus salvifolius Sage-leaved Cistus
Fumana arabica Arabian Fumana
Fumana thymifolia Thyme-leaved Fumana

Helianthemum obtusifolium\*? Helianthemum salicifolium -

Helianthemum salicifolium Helianthemum stipulatum -

Tuberaria guttata Spotted Rock-rose

Compositae (Asteraceae) Daisy Family

Anthemis plutonia\* Anthemis rigida Anthemis tomentosa Anthemis tricolor\* Atractylis cancellata -

Calendula arvensis Field Marigold

Centaurea (veneris) cyprensis\* Centaurea aegialophila Centaurea hyalolepis -

Cichorium endivia Endive
Crupina crupinastrum Crupina

Filago (Evax) eriosphaera

Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) coronarium Crown Daisy Glebionis (Chrysanthemum) segetum Corn Marigold

Helichrysum conglobatum -Helichrysum italicum -

Ifloga spicata

Notobasis syriaca Syrian Thistle

Onopordum cyprium\* Pallenis spinosa Phagnalon rupestre subsp. graecum Ptilostemon chamaepeuce subsp. cypria\* Senecio glaucus subsp. cyprius\* -

Sonchus oleraceus Common Sow-thistle

#### Scientific Name

Taraxacum aphrogenes\*

Tragopogon (Geropogon) hybridus

Tragopogon sinuatus

Convolvulaceae

Convolvulus althaeoides

Convolvulus oleifolius

Crassulaceae

Sedum cespitosum

Sedum eriocarpum subsp. porphyreum

Telmissa microcarpa

Ericaceae

Arbutus andrachne

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia helioscopia

Mercurialis annua

Ricinus communis

Fagaceae

Quercus alnifolia\*

Quercus coccifera (Q.c. subsp. calliprinos)

Quercus infectoria subsp. veneris

Geraniaceae

Erodium cicutarium

Erodium crassifolium

Erodium gruinum Erodium malacoides Geranium molle

Geranium purpureum

Geranium tuberosum

Lamiaceae

Ajuga chamaepitys Lamium amplexicaule

Micromeria nervosa

Phlomis cypria subsp. occidentalis\*

Phlomis cypria subsp. occidentalis\*

Prasium majus Salvia dominica

Salvia fruticosa

Salvia verbenaca

Salvia willeana\*

Stachys cretica

Teucrium kotschyanum

Teucrium micropodioides\*

Thymus capitatus

Thymus integer\*

#### **Common Name**

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Pasture Goat's-beard

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**Bindweed Family** 

Mallow-leaved Bindweed

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**Stonecrop Family** 

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**Heather Family** 

Eastern Strawberry-tree

Spurge family

Sun Spurge

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Castor-oil Plant

**Beech Family** 

Golden Oak

Kermes Oak

Royal Oak

**Geranium Family** 

Common Stork's-bill

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Long-beaked Stork's-bill Narrow-leaved Stork's-bill Doves-Foot Crane's-bill

Little Robin

Tuberous Crane's-bill

**Dead-nettle Family** 

Ground-pine

Henbit Deadnettle

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Jerusalem Sage

Prasium

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Wild Clary

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Mediterranean Woundwort

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#### Scientific Name

#### **Common Name**

Legouminosae (Fabaceae) Pea Family

Acacia cyanophylla Blue-leaved Wattle
Anagyris foetida Bean Trefoil

Astragalus cyprius\* Astagalus hamosus Astragalus lusitanicus subsp. orientalis Calycotome villosa -

Ceratonia siliqua Carob
Cercis siliquastrum Judas Tree

Genista (sphacelata) fasselata var. crudelis\*

Genista (sphacelata) fasselata var. fasselata Thorny Broom

Hedysarum spinosissimum Hippocrepis multisiliquosa -

Lathyrus aphaca Annual Pea

Lathyrus cicera-Lathyrus gorgonei-Lathyrus ochrus-Lathyrus odoratus-

Lotus tetragonolobus (Tetragonolobus purpureus) Asparagus Pea Medicago marina Sea Medick

Medicago minima Melilotus messanensis -

Onobrychis venosa\* Cypriot Sainfoin Scorpiurus muricatus Scorpiurus

Trifolium angustifolium Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover

Trifolium argutum -

Trifolium campestreHop TrefoilTrifolium clypeatumShield Clover

Trifolium physodes -

Trifolium resupinatumReversed CloverTrifolium stellatumStarry CloverTrifolium tomentosumWoolly Trefoil

Vicia cassia Vicia hybrida Vicia lunata Vicia peregrina -

Vicia sativa agg. Common Vetch
Vicia villosa Fodder Vetch

LinaceaeFlax FamilyLinum biennePale Flax

Linum strictum Upright Yellow Flax

Lythraceae Purple-loosestrife Family

Lythrum junceum

MalvaceaeMallow FamilyMalva multiflora (Lavatera cretica)Lesser Tree-mallowMalva parvifloraLeast Mallow

Moraceae Mulberry Family

Ficus carica Fig

Ficus elastica Rubber Tree

Scientific Name

Morus alba

Myrtaceae

Myrtus communis

Nyctaginaceae

Bougainvillea glabra

Oleaceae

Olea europaea

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche ramosa Parentucellia latifolia

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis pes-caprae

Papaveraceae

Corydalis rutifolia

Glaucium corniculatum

Glaucium flavum Papaver hybridum

Papaver rhoeas

Plantaginaceae

Misopates orontium

Plantago cretica

Platanaceae

Platanus orientalis

Plumbaginaceae

Limonium sinuatum

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis subsp. foemina

Cyclamen cyprium\*

Cyclamen persicum

**Punicaceae** 

Punica granatum

Ranunculaceae

Adonis annua

Nigella fumariifolia

Ranunculus asiaticus

Ranunculus cadmicus subsp. cyprius\*

Ranunculus paludosus

Ranunculus peltatus

Resedaceae Reseda lutea

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**Common Name** 

White Mulberry

Myrtle Family

Myrtle

**Bougainvillea Family** 

Bougainvillea

**Olive Family** 

Olive

**Broomrape Family** 

**Branched Broomrape** 

Southern Bartsia

**Wood Sorrel Family** 

Bermuda Buttercup

**Poppy Family** 

Yellow Horned-poppy

Rough Poppy

Common Poppy

**Plantain Family** 

Weasel Snout

**Branched Plantain** 

**Plane Family** 

Oriental Plane

**Thrift Family** 

Winged Sea-lavender

**Primrose Family** 

Blue Pimpernel

Cyprus Sowbread

Persian Sowbread

**Pomegranate Family** 

Pomegranate

**Buttercup Family** 

Pheasant Eye

Turban Buttercup

Jersey Buttercup

Pond Water-crowfoot

Mignonette Family

Wild Mignonette

Scientific Name

**Common Name** 

Reseda orientalis

Rhamnaceae Buckthorn Family

Rhamnus lycioides subsp. oleoides

RosaceaeRose FamilyCrataegus azarolusAzaroleEriobotrya japonicaLoquat

Prunus dulcisAlmondRubus sanctusBrambleSarcopoterium spinosumSpiny BurnetSorbus aria subsp. creticaWhitebeam

Rubiaceae Bedstraw Family

Asperula cypria\* Rubia tenuifolia -

RutaceaeRue familyCitrus limonLemonRuta chalepensisFringed Rue

Salicaceae Willow Family

Populus afghanica (P. nigra var. afghanica)

Styracaceae Storax Family

Styrax officinalis Storax

Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family

Tamarix tetragyna -

Violaceae Violet Family

Viola alba
Viola sieheana -

ZygophyllaceaeCaltrop FamilyFagonia creticaFagonia

Fagonia cretica

Zygophyllum album

Monocots Monocotyledons

AmaryllidaceaeOnion FamilyAllium neapolitanumNaples Garlic

Allium trifoliatum

Asparagaceae Asparagus Family

Asparagus stipularis Bellevalia nivalis Bellevalia trifoliata -

Drimia (Urginea) maritima Sea Squill
Leopoldia (Muscari) comosum Tassel Hyacinth

Ornithogalum pedicellare\*

Ornithogalum umbellatum (angustifolium) Common Star-of-Bethlehem

Scilla (Chionodoxa) lochiae

#### Scientific Name

#### **Common Name**

Iris Family

**Barbary Nut** 

**Orchid Family** 

Iridaceae

Crocus cyprius\*

Field Gladiolus Gladiolus italicus

Gladiolus triphyllus\*

Moraea (Gynandriris) sisyrinchium

**Lily Family** Liliaceae

Gagea graeca Gagea peduncularis Gagea villosa Tulipa agenensis

Tulipa akamasica

Orchidaceae

Anacamptis fragrans **Bug Orchid** Anacamptis pyramidalis Pyramidal Orchid Dactylorhiza romana Roman Orchid

Epipactis veratrifolia Eastern Marsh Helleborine

Himantoglossum (Barlia) robertiana Giant Orchid

Dense-flowered Orchid Neotinea maculata

Ophrys apifera var. apifera Bee Orchid

Ophrys israelitica Ophrys levantina

a Yellow Bee Orchid Ophrys sicula

Orchis anatolica subsp. troodi\* **Troodos Orchid** Orchis italica Naked Man Orchid

Orchis sezikiana

Monkey Orchid Orchis simia Serapias aphrodite A Tongue Orchid Serapias bergonii A Tongue Orchid

Serapias levantina A Tongue Orchid

Poaceae **Grass Family** Briza maxima Large Quaking-grass

Hyparrhenia hirta

Smilacaceae **Smilax Family** 

Smilax aspera Smilax

Xanthorrhoeaceae **Asphodel Family** Asphodelus aestivus Common Asphodel Asphodelus fistulosus Hollow-leaved Asphodel