

Crete

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Euphorbia ancanthothamnus, Greek spiny spurge



Cistus creticus



Orphrys sicula, Small yellow bee orchid



Tulipa doerfleri

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Day 1

Tuesday 12th April

The flight from Gatwick arrived 15 minutes early and, once we had loaded our vehicles, we set off for Plakias, under a clear sky, with a temperature of around 21°C. Oleander *Nerium oleander*, Spanish Broom *Spartium junceum* and the invasive False Acacia *Robinia pseudoacacia* lined the coast road and, once clear of the sprawl of Heraklion, we stopped for a leg stretch and a brief introduction to the flora. Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* was common, with scattered shrubs of the taller Eastern Strawberry Tree *Arbutus andrachne*, distinguished by its pale smooth bark. Cretan Cistus *Cistus incanus* subsp. *creticus*, the Mastic Tree *Pistacia lentiscus*, Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort *Hypericum empetrifolium* and the pungent Savory *Satureja thymbra* were also common and the ubiquitous weed Bermuda Buttercup (nothing to do with Bermuda or Buttercups!) was growing everywhere. Overhead, we saw our first Griffon Vultures. Near to Rethymnon, we turned south, where the roadsides were lined with the attractive purple thistle *Galactites tomentosa* and a profusion of both colour forms of the Crown Daisy *Glebionis coronaria*. Magnificent plants of Giant Fennel *Ferula communis* adorned the hillsides, along with the Jerusalem Sage *Phlomis fruticosa* and Hairy Thorny Broom *Callicotome villosa*.

We stopped for a welcome coffee break, with extensive views over a verdant landscape and the last traces of snow, streaking the summit slopes of Mount Ida. In the Kourtaliootiko Gorge, we counted around 20 Griffon Vultures, high over the crags. A Bonelli's Eagle put in a brief appearance and there were a number of Alpine Swifts and a pair of Blue Rock Thrush. A brief look at the walls of the gorge revealed some interesting plants, which included Shrubby Mullein *Verbascum arcturus*, the tassel hyacinth *Muscari spreitzenhoferi* and the attractive *Ricotia cretica*, all endemic to Crete. We arrived at the Sophia Hotel at 5.30pm and, after settling into our rooms, made the short walk to a nearby taverna for a delicious meal. After a brief talk on the plans for the following day, we retired to bed after a long day.

Day 2

Wednesday 13th April

After breakfasting, we left about 9am, making our first stop at the Turkish Bridge. Storax *Syrax officinalis* was covered in its lovely, white, pendant flowers and nearby were fine plants of yellow Honeywort *Cerinthe major*, some tall specimens of the Bean Broomrape *Orobanche crenata* and the smaller Branched Broomrape *Orobanche ramosa*, parasitizing Bermuda Buttercup *Oxalis pes-caprae*. We stopped at the war memorial, where there were large plants of Yellow Asphodel *Asphodeline lutea*, and then at the Moni Preveli Monastery. Some of us made a visit to Monastery and the museum, while the keen birders walked a little way back along the road. A male Ortolan Bunting was singing from a rock accompanied by the jangling of Corn Buntings, and the wheezing call of a Black-eared Wheatear.

Heading back inland, we spent 15 minutes or so in the Kourtaliootiko Gorge, seeing the Bonelli's Eagle, Griffon Vultures and Red-billed Choughs, overhead, and a Blue Rock Thrush on the cliffs. In the hills above Spili, we found some excellent specimens of Cretan Dutchman's Pipe *Aristolochia cretica*, including a rare white form, and then stopped on the plateau for lunch. We spent the afternoon exploring the rich diversity of orchids and other flowers on the surrounding hills. These ranged from the showy Naked Man Orchid *Orchis italica* and primrose-yellow *Orchis pauciflora* to the smaller *Anacamptis boryi* and the Four-spotted Orchid *Orchis quadripunctata*. There were some particularly fine specimens of the endemic Sitia orchid *Orchis sitiaca* and we spent some time

identifying the many Bee Orchids and photographing the lovely red *Tulipa doerfleri* in the surrounding fields. Finally, we managed to locate a few flowers of *Fritillaria messanensis*, before we had to call a halt to our explorations and return to Plakias.

Day 3

Thursday 14th April

After a short pre-breakfast walk and shopping for our picnic, we set off east towards Phaestos. On our obligatory stop in the gorge, we found a Booted Eagle along with the Bonelli's, and a pair of Red-rumped Swallows. We had a morning coffee stop in delightful Spili, overlooking its famous fountains and then set off south. Roadside stops produced some interesting plants, including Giant Orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*, Common Cretan Ophrys *Ophrys cretica*, Fan-lipped Orchid *Orchis collina* and Heroic Pink Butterfly Orchid *Anacamptis papilionacea* var. *heroica*. Swathes of blue Hairy Lupin *Lupinus micranthus* and the Pale Bugloss *Echium italicum* intermingled with showy white Turban Buttercups *Ranunculus asiaticus*. We passed the unattractive poly-tunnels that surround Timbaki and arrived at Phaestos, around lunchtime. After a short visit to this interesting archaeological site, we ate our lunch overlooking the fertile Mesara Plain, with Mount Ida in the background.

Moving on, there were large showy bushes of the endemic Shrubby Sainfoin *Ebenus cretica* at Agia Triada and Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis* and the endemic Cretan Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid *Serapias cordigera* subsp. *cretica* in a stony meadow. We had a little difficulty locating a small coastal lagoon at Kokkinos, but it proved to be well worth the effort. A good range of waders included Black-winged Stilt, Wood and Common Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, Common Greenshank, Ruff and a small flock of Little Stint. We made a couple more stops for orchids, on the way back and were in Plakias for 6.45pm.

Day 4

Friday 15th April

Driving west through magnificent scenery and sleepy villages, we saw the occasional Corn Bunting on the wires, a few Crested Larks in the fields and a solitary Marsh Harrier. We suspected that, because of the good weather, any migrants were simply carrying on flying north. At Frangocastello, we paused to see the castle and then continued to the top of the Imbros Gorge, where we enjoyed traditional pancakes with cheese and honey to sustain us on our 8-kilometre walk. As we descended the gorge, every turn opened up a new vista and revealed new plants growing on the cliffs and screes. The yellow Tree Flax *Linum arboreum*, the abundant white *Saxifraga chrysosplenifolia*, delicate *Cyclamen creticum* and the leathery-leaved, shrubby thistle *Staebelina petiolata* were just a few of the highlights. In the lower part of the gorge, we found the rare endemic shrubby spurge *Euphorbia sultan-hassei*. There were lots of Crag Martins zooming around the cliffs and, unusually, we heard the distinctive call of Scops Owl. After around four hours, we eventually reached the Taverna Komitades, and enjoyed light snacks and drinks while the second minibus was being retrieved from the top of the gorge. We were late back in Plakias, where we arrived around 7.30pm.

Day 5

Saturday 16th April

The vehicles were packed and loaded by the end of breakfast, ready for our move to Hania but, before leaving Plakias, we had a look at the sand dunes, at the end of the bay, and walked along the cliff, as far as the tunnels that had been built to defend the bay in the Second World War. We noted the endemic tassel hyacinth *Muscari spreitzenboferi*, the rare *Dabne gnidioides* and found the rock-hugging *Campanula tubulosa* and *Tulipa cretica* on the

cliffs. Lots of Common Swifts and around 30 Alpine Swifts were flying, just off the coast. We made a short walk along the road in the nearby Kotsifou Gorge, finding some rather faded Cretan Arum *Arum creticum*, the pink endemic brassica *Ricotia cretica* and the aptly-named *Silene gigantea*. Of particular geological interest were the numerous large fossil Nummulites, in the limestone screes, dating back over 35 million years.

We continued north and stopped at the late-Minoan cemetery near Armeni, where many tombs had been excavated out of the bedrock. A brief foray was made while the picnic was being prepared, after which we explored the site in depth. A canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis* provides light shade for a rich flora, with many Tongue Orchids *Serapias lingua* and *S. bergonii*, Bee Orchids *Ophrys villosa*, *heldreichii* and *bombyliflora*, the sweetly-scented shrub *Oxyris alba* and *Cyclamen creticum*. Our next stop was near Georgioupolis, where a large natural spring comes to the surface and fills a dam, to create an important body of freshwater. Here, just a few waders included Wood Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper and Ruff, with Coot and Little Grebe on the water and many Balkan Terrapins basking on the muddy edges of the reeds. Before leaving Georgioupolis, we couldn't resist the temptation of a relaxing ice-cream and coffee break.

On the final leg of our journey, we made a visit to the Allied War Cemetery at the head of Souda Bay. The immaculately kept graves reminded us of the futility of war and we left, in reflective mood, for our hotel in Hania. Once we had settled in to our comfortable rooms, we walked down into the old Venetian part of the city and enjoyed a delicious meal in one of the many tavernas, near the harbour.

Day 6

Sunday 17th April

After breakfast, we made for Agia Lake. Fed by spring-water, this is the largest freshwater wetland in Crete and one of the best sites for birds on the island. Little Egret, Squacco and Purple Heron were seen along the edge of the fringe of reeds and a couple of European Reed Warblers flitted among the waterside vegetation, on the near bank. There were no Little Crake showing themselves but, as a consolation, we all had superb views of a Baillon's Crake, right in front of us.

We continued to our main destination of the day, the Omalos plateau, high in the White Mountains. After a stop to photograph the view, at Lakki, we followed the new road, now completed, but making a terrible scar on the landscape, that will take a long time to heal. We stopped in Omalos for coffee, before heading onto the plateau for lunch. There were, as usual, many pink *Tulipa bakeri* and lots of colourful Crown Anemones *Anemone coronaria* in the stony fields, but this year they were well past their best. A distant Cuckoo was calling and there were a number of Woodlark, singing from the treetops.

After our picnic, we made for the head of the Samaria Gorge to admire the magnificent views of the surrounding mountains. The familiar *Aubrieta deltoidea* grew on the slopes here and the car park had some fine specimens of the endemic relative of the elm *Zelkova abelicea*, just coming into leaf. We continued around the perimeter of the plateau, passing a seasonal freshwater pool, designated as a nature reserve. On its far bank were seven Wood Sandpipers, with singles of Common Sandpiper and Common Greenshank. Elsewhere on the plateau we saw Common Stonechat, Northern Wheatear, a couple of Black-eared Wheatear and a couple of Woodchat Shrike. We were back in Hania at 5.45pm and after catching up with our checklists, we walked to the harbour for our evening meal.

Day 7

Monday 18th April

We spent the morning exploring the shops, markets and other attractions of Hania. Later, we drove onto the Akrotiri peninsula, visiting the Agia Triada Monastery and its grounds, before moving to the stony headland for our last picnic among the ancient olive trees. Although low in numbers, there was clear evidence of northward bird migration, during the day. There were a few Woodlark and Crested Lark and during lunch we noted Woodchat Shrike, Spotted Flycatcher, Common Redstart and Common Whitethroat. Further on, in the grounds of the Gouverneto Monastery, we added a Collared Flycatcher and, overhead, we observed the movement of Common and Alpine Swift. It was the hottest day of our week with the mercury rising to 30°C and the low phrygana was parched and dry. Nevertheless, we did see two tiny endemic onions, *Allium rubrovittatum* and *Allium circinnatum* subsp. *circinnatum*, the latter with grey, hairy leaves, coiled like watch-springs. On the stony path there were the small iris-like flowers of the One-leaved Barbary Nut *Moraea mediterranea*. We only ventured as far as the Cave of St John, which provided respite from the strong sun, before returning to the minibuses.

To round off a wonderful week in Crete, we drove out to Stavros, at the end of the peninsula for ice creams and coffee. It was here, on the beach that the dance, Zorba the Greek, starring Anthony Quinn, had been filmed. We stopped for some good views of a Booted Eagle and three Bonelli's Eagles, on the way back to Hania. After a final run through our checklists, we returned to our favourite restaurant, near the old harbour, for our last evening meal together.

Day 8

Tuesday 19th April

After breakfast, the two-hour drive east along the coast road was uneventful and we had sufficient time for a visit to the famous archaeological site at Knossos. We were back at the airport in good time for check-in and our flight back to Gatwick.

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Species Lists

Plants (• = endemic or near endemic to Crete, ‡ = cultivated or naturalised)

Plant classification largely follows the familiar 'old' system, likely to be encountered in current floras of the region. Recent taxonomic changes have been incorporated, where relevant. For ease of reference, families genera and species are presented in alphabetic order

Latin name	Common name	Notes
LYCOPODIOPSIDA	CLUBMOSESSES	
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Damp earth
EQUISETOPSIDA	HORSETAILS	
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Hedges
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Wet areas. Agia
PTEROPSIDA	FERNS	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	Rock crevices. Common
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Acute-leaved Spleenwort	Shaded banks. Uncommon
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i> subsp. <i>quadrivalens</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Rock crevices. Uncommon
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Locally common
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris pallida</i>	Pale Buckler-fern	Shaded cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	Shaded cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Pteridaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Damp cliffs
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Damp shaded earth
<i>Cheilanthes acrostica</i>	Scented Cheilanthes	Rock crevices
Woodsiaceae	Lady-fern Family	
<i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady-fern	Shaded cliff. Imbros Gorge
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder-fern	Mountain rocks. Uncommon
PINOPSIDA	CONIFERS	
Araucariaceae	Monkey-puzzle Family	
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> ‡	Norfolk Island Pine	Cultivated. Coastal
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>horizontalis</i>	Cypress	Common. Sea-level to treeline

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<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>sempervirens</i> †	Italian Cypress	Cultivated
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>macrocarpa</i>	Sea Juniper	Coastal
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Frequent. Mountains
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i> subsp. <i>phoenicea</i>	Phoenicean Juniper	Occasional. Lowland
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> subsp. <i>brutia</i>	Calabrian Pine	Frequent native tree
<i>Pinus pinea</i> †	Stone Pine	Cultivated near coasts
GNETOPSIDA	GNETOPHYTES	
Ephedraceae	Joint-pine Family	
<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	A Joint-pine	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
MAGNOLIOPSIDA	FLOWERING PLANTS	
MAGNOLIIDAE	DICOTYLEDONS	
Acanthaceae	Bear's-breech Family	
<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Spiny Bear's-breech	Frequent
Aceraceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Common. Mountains
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> var. <i>rubescens</i> †		Coastal alien
Amaranthaceae	Amaranth Family	
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i>	Pigweed	Weedy places
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Common in maquis
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	Frequent in maquis and gorges
<i>Schinus molle</i> †	Californian Pepper Tree	Cultivated
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Apium nodiflorum</i>	Fool's Watercress	Occasional. Wet places
<i>Bupleurum semicompositum</i>	Grey Hare's Ear	Rocky places near sea-level
<i>Bunium ferulaceum</i>	Balkan Pignut	Abandoned fields
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock	Hedges and roadsides
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Maritime rocks
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Frequent
<i>Daucus guttatus</i>	A Wild Carrot	Coastal sand. Plakias
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	Common
<i>Eryngium creticum</i>	Cretan Eryngo	Frequent
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Sand dunes
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Common
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>piperatum</i>	Fennel	Common
<i>Lagoecia cuminoides</i>	Fluffy Thimbleweed	Rocky phrygana
<i>Lecokia cretica</i>	Lecokia	Damp roadsides
<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water Dropwort	Moist woodland and fields
<i>Orlaya daucooides</i>	An Orlaya	Frequent

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<i>Pseudorhiza pumila</i>	Dune Carrot	Sand dunes. Plakias
<i>Scandix australis</i>	Southern Shepherd's-needle	Occasional. Rocky places
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Smyrniolus olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Common
<i>Smyrniolus perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Locally common
<i>Smyrniolus perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>rotundifolium</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Locally common
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	Thapsia	Rocky places. Fields
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Mediterranean Hartwort	Common
<i>Torilis leptophylla</i>	A Bur-parsley	Frequent
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	Knotted Bur-parsley	Common
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Riverbeds. Planted on roadsides
<i>Plumeria rubra</i> †	Frangipani	Cultivated
<i>Vinca major</i> †	Greater Periwinkle	Garden escape
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Common
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
<i>Aristolochia cretica</i> •	Cretan Birthwort	Locally common
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Birthwort	Agia Lake
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Achillea cretica</i>	Cretan Sneezewort	Avlaki gorge
<i>Achillea ligustica</i>	Southern Yarrow	Frequent
<i>Aetheorhiza bulbosa</i>	Tuberous Hawk's-beard	Widespread
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile	Frequent. Fallow fields
<i>Anthemis chia</i>	Greek Chamomile	Common
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	Common
<i>Artemisia arborescens</i>	Shrubby Wormwood	Roadsides near Souda
<i>Atractylis cancellata</i>	Cage Thistle	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Annual Daisy	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Common
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Common
<i>Bellium minutum</i>		Plakias headland
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Common
<i>Carduus argentatus</i>		Locally common below cliffs
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Plymouth Thistle	Rocky places. Waste ground
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i> subsp. <i>curetum</i> •	A Flat-topped Carlina Thistle	Rocky places
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	A Flat-topped Carlina Thistle	Rocky places
<i>Carlina gummifera</i>	Pine Thistle	Phrygana and fallow fields
<i>Centaurea argentea</i> subsp. <i>macrothysana</i> •	A Knapweed	Imbros Gorge
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Red Star-thistle	Occasional
<i>Centaurea idaea</i> •		Rock crevices in phrygana
<i>Centaurea poculatoris</i> •		Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
<i>Centaurea raphanina</i> subsp. <i>raphanina</i> •		Common on rocks
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	Occasional
<i>Centaurea spinosa</i>	Spiny Knapweed	North coast beaches
<i>Centaurea spruneri</i> subsp. <i>minoia</i> •		Fallow fields
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Rush Skeletonweed	Sandy and waste places
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Roadsides
<i>Cichorium spinosum</i>	Spiny Chicory	Common

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<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Weedy places
<i>Conyza bonariensis</i> †	Argentine Fleabane	Frequent on roadsides
<i>Crepis auriculifolia</i> •	A Hawk's-beard	Cliffs and rocky places
<i>Crepis cretica</i> •	Cretan Hawk's-beard	Rocky places
<i>Crepis rubra</i>	Pink Hawk's-beard	Uncommon
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i>	Beaked Hawk's-beard	Olive groves and stony places
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	Rocky places and roadsides
<i>Cynara cornigera</i>	A Wild Artichoke	Rocky places
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> †	Globe Artichoke	Cultivated
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Common
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Common
<i>Echinops spinosissimus</i>	Spiniest Globe Thistle	Common
<i>Eupatorium adenophorum</i> †	A shrubby Hemp-agrimony	Roadsides below Lakki
<i>Evax pygmaea</i>	Evax	Frequent
<i>Filago pyramidata</i>	Broad-leaved Cudweed	Common
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Common
<i>Geropogon glaber</i>	Slender Salsify	Plakias headland
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i> var. <i>coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Common
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i> var. <i>discolor</i>	Crown Daisy	Common
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Frequent
<i>Hedypnois cretica</i>	Hedypnois	Phrygana and fallow fields
<i>Helichrysum conglobatum</i>	Golden Cassidony	Rocky places
<i>Helichrysum microphyllum</i>	A Curry Plant	Rocky places in mountains
<i>Helminthotheca echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Hypochaeris achyrophorus</i>	Mediterranean Cat's-ear	Rocky places
<i>Hypochaeris cretensis</i>	Southern Cat's-ear	Widespread
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth Cat's-ear	Rocky places
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Common Cat's-ear	Rocky places
<i>Inula candida</i> subsp. <i>candida</i> •		Katholikou Gorge
<i>Lactuca acanthifolia</i>	Acanthus-leaved Lettuce	Katholikou Gorge. Aegean area endemic
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	Waste areas
<i>Lamyropsis cynaroides</i>		Rocky places
<i>Leontodon tuberosus</i>	Tuberous Hawkbit	Phrygana
<i>Matricaria recutita</i>	Scented Mayweed	Roadsides near sea-level
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	Common. Roadsides and waste areas
<i>Onopordum bracteatum</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i> •	Cretan Scotch Thistle	Coastal sand and rocky places
<i>Onopordum tauricum</i>		Roadsides and rocky places
<i>Otanthus maritimus</i>	Cottonweed	Sand dunes
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Golden-star	Common
<i>Phagnalon graecum</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Rocks, cliffs and walls
<i>Pichomon acarna</i>	Yellow-spine Thistle	Stony ground and roadsides
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Cliffs and rocky banks
<i>Pulicaria odora</i>	A Fleabane	Maquis and woodland
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	Star Hawkbit	Common
<i>Reichardia picroides</i>	A Reichardia	Rocky places and coastal sand
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant	Waste areas
<i>Scorzonera cretica</i> •	Cretan Viper's-grass	Cliffs
<i>Senecio rupestris</i>	Rock Groundsel	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Common
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Common. Waste areas
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	Waste areas
<i>Sonchus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>microcephalus</i>	Tuberous Hawk's-beard	Widespread

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<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Waste areas
<i>Staehelina fruticosa</i>		Cliffs
<i>Staehelina petiolata</i> •		Cliffs
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> ‡	Feverfew	Occasional. Roadsides
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Common
<i>Tyrimnus leucographus</i>	Tyrimnus	Disturbed ground
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	Prickly Goldenfleece	Disturbed ground
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ‡	Spiny Cocklebur	Alien weed
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> ‡	Cocklebur	Alien weed
<i>Xeranthemum inapertum</i>	Xeranthemum	Stony phrygana
Berberidaceae	Barberry Family	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry	Mountains
Bignoniaceae	Jacaranda Family	
<i>Jacaranda ovalifolia</i> ‡	Jacaranda	Cultivated
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Alkanna sieberi</i>	An Alkanet	Occasional. Weedy places and phrygana
<i>Alkanna tinctoria</i>	Dyer's Alkanet	Dry rocky places
<i>Anchusa hybrida</i>	Wavy-leaved Anchusa	Roadsides
<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>	Eastern Alkanet	Dry places near sea-level
<i>Anchusa italica</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Roadsides
<i>Anchusa variegata</i>	Variiegated Anchusa	Imbros Gorge
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Weedy places
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	Turkish Bridge
<i>Cynoglossum columnae</i>	A Hound's-tongue	Occasional
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue	Common
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	Common near coast
<i>Echium arenarium</i>	Sand Bugloss	Sand dunes
<i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i>	Pale Bugloss	Common
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Common
<i>Lithospermum incrassatum</i>	A Gromwell	Mountain rocks
<i>Myosotis incrassata</i>	A Forget-me-not	Rocky places
<i>Neatostema apulum</i>	Yellow Gromwell	Rocky phrygana. Coastal
<i>Onosma erectum</i>	A Golden-drops	Mountain rocks
<i>Onosma graecum</i>	A Golden-drops	Armeni Minoan Cemetery
<i>Symphytum creticum</i>	Cretan Comfrey	Shady cliffs
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Dry rocky places
<i>Alyssum simplex</i>	An Alison	Dry rocky places
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Common
<i>Arabis alpina</i>	Alpine Rock-cress	Mountain rocks
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress	Frequent
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Aubretia	Omalos
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	Yellow Alyssum	Cliffs
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Buckler Mustard	Common
<i>Brassica cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Cretan Cabbage	Imbros Gorge
<i>Brassica nigra</i> ‡	Black Mustard	Roadsides
<i>Bunias erucago</i>	Bunias	Weedy places

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<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Plakias beach
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	Common
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	Common
<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i> †	Wallflower	Garden escape
<i>Coronopus didymus</i>	Lesser Swine-cress	Garden weed
<i>Erophila verna</i>	Common Whitlow-grass	Common
<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Garden Rocket	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Erucaria hispanica</i>	Spanish Mustard	Fallow fields
<i>Erysimum candicum</i> subsp. <i>candicum</i> •	A Treacle Mustard	Imbros Gorge
<i>Erysimum raulinii</i> •	A Treacle Mustard	Imbros Gorge
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Hoary Mustard	Fallow fields and roadsides
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	Armeni
<i>Lunaria annua</i> subsp. <i>pachyrhiza</i>	Honesty	Occasional
<i>Malcolmia chia</i>	A Malcomia	Phrygana near sea-level
<i>Malcolmia flexuosa</i> subsp. <i>naxensis</i>	A Malcomia	Rocks and walls near sea-level
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	Kourtaliotiko Gorge
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock	Coasts
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	Water-cress	Wet ditches and streams
<i>Ricotia cretica</i> •	Ricotia	Gorges and screes
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	Roadsides
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Weedy places
Cactaceae	Cactus Family	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> ‡	Prickly Pear	Cultivated and naturalised
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula cretica</i> •		Imbros Gorge
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Annual Bellflower	Frequent
<i>Campanula tubulosa</i> •		Plakias headland
<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	Large Venus's-looking-glass	Rocky places
<i>Legousia pentagonia</i>	Eastern Venus's-looking-glass	Rocky places
<i>Petromarula pinnata</i> •	Petromarula	Common
Capparaceae	Caper Family	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Frequent on cliffs
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Occasional
<i>Sambucus ebulus</i>	Dwarf Elder	Occasional
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ‡	Elder	Naturalised around villages
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Cerastium comatum</i>	Levantine Mouse-ear	Occasional
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Omalos
<i>Cerastium scaposum</i> •	Cretan Mouse-ear	Locally common
<i>Moenchia graeca</i>	An Upright Chickweed	Frequent
<i>Paronychia macrosepala</i>	A Paronychia	Frequent
<i>Petrorhagia dianthoides</i> •	A Tunic Flower	Imbros Gorge
<i>Petrorhagia velutina</i>	Kohlrauschia	Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Sagina apetala</i>	Annual Pearlwort	Common
<i>Silene behen</i>	Hairless Catchfly	Coastal sand. Rocky places
<i>Silene bellidifolia</i>	Daisy-leaved Catchfly	Waste areas
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly	Common

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<i>Silene cretica</i>	Cretan Catchfly	Frequent
<i>Silene dichotoma</i>	Forked Catchfly	Gious Kambos and Melambes
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Common
<i>Silene gigantea</i>		Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Silene integripetala</i> subsp. <i>greuteri</i> •		Rocky places in gorges
<i>Silene sedoides</i>	Hairy Catchfly	Coastal sand
<i>Silene sieberi</i> •		Rocky places
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Frequent
<i>Spergula arvensis</i>	Corn Spurrey	Fallow fields
<i>Spergularia bocconeii</i>	A Sea Spurrey	Maritime sand
<i>Stellaria cupaniana</i>	A Chickweed	Weedy places
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Common. Weedy places
Chenopodiaceae	Goosefoot Family	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	Maritime sand
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-hen	Waste areas
<i>Chenopodium murale</i>	Nettle-leaved Goosefoot	Waste areas
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Plakias beach
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	Coastal rocks
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	Common
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Frequent in maquis
<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Cistus	Local in maquis
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally common
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Fumana	Common. Rocky places
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Fumana	Common. Rocky places
<i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i>	Willow-leaved Rock-rose	Phrygana
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose	Open rocky phrygana
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Common
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Frequent. Waste places
<i>Convolvulus elegantissimus</i>	Elegant Bindweed	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Convolvulus oleifolius</i>	Olive-leaved Bindweed	Dry rocky places
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Frequent parasite
<i>Ipomea indica</i> ‡	A Morning Glory	Cultivated
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Rosularia serrata</i>		Cliffs
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Rocks and walls
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Sedum amplexicaule</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolium</i>		Rocky places
<i>Sedum creticum</i> var. <i>monocarpicum</i> •		Cliffs
<i>Sedum laconicum</i>		Rocky mountain slopes
<i>Sedum litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop	Rocky places near the sea
<i>Sedum praesidis</i> •		Rocky phrygana
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Sedum sediforme</i>	Mediterranean Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	A Pennywort	Shaded cliffs
<i>Umbilicus parviflorus</i>	Yellow Pennywort	Shaded cliffs

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Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	White Bryony	Frequent
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
Cytinaceae	Cytinus Family	
<i>Cytinus hypocistis</i> subsp. <i>clusii</i>	Cytinus	Parasitic on <i>Cistus creticus</i>
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	A Scabious	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Lomelosia brachiata</i>	Tremastelma	Rocky places
<i>Pterocephalus plumosus</i>	Annual Pterocephalus	Rocky places
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry Tree	Local in maquis
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Common in maquis
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Common in maquis
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>	Autumn Heather	Locally common. Autumn-flowering
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i>	Greek Spiny Spurge	Common
<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>	Small Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> subsp. <i>characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Maritime cliffs
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia falcata</i> subsp. <i>falcata</i>	Sickle Spurge	Abandoned fields
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Maritime sand
<i>Euphorbia peplis</i>	Purple Spurge	Sandy beaches
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge	Bare ground
<i>Euphorbia sultan-hassei</i> •	A Tree Spurge	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Common
<i>Ricinus communis</i> ‡	Castor-oil-plant	Frequent naturalised weed
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Scrub and waste areas
<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>	Herman's Kidney Vetch	Occasional
<i>Anthyllis tetraphylla</i>	Bladder Vetch	Common
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>rubriflora</i>	A Kidney Vetch	Common
<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i>	A Milk-vetch	Common above Omalos
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Common
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Common
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Common
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> ‡	Judus Tree	Frequently cultivated
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion Vetch	Common
<i>Ebenus cretica</i> •	Shrubby Sainfoin	Cliffs and hillsides
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>	Spiny Broom	Common
<i>Hedysarum spinosissimum</i>	Spiny Sainfoin	Stony and sandy places near the sea
<i>Hippocrepis biflora</i>	A Horseshoe Vetch	Rocky places
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disc Trefoil	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>	Annual Vetchling	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Flat-podded Vetchling	Olive groves and stony hillsides
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Crimson Pea	Frequent

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<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	Winged Vetchling	Armeni
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	Red Vetchling	Frequent
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>	Round Pea	Frequent
<i>Lotus conimbricensis</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Fallow fields
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Damp places
<i>Lotus cytisoides</i>	Grey Bird's-foot Trefoil	Sands and rocks near the sea
<i>Lotus edulis</i>	Edible Lotus	Widespread
<i>Lotus ornithopodioides</i>	Clustered Bird's-foot Trefoil	Widespread
<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil	Damp places
<i>Lotus peregrinus</i>	A Bird's-foot Trefoil	Occasional near the sea
<i>Lupinus albus</i> †	White Lupin	Occasional
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin	Stony ground
<i>Lupinus micranthus</i>	A Hairy Lupin	Fallow fields
<i>Lupinus pilosus</i>	A Hairy Lupin	Locally common. Sometimes cultivated
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Occasional
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Medicago disciformis</i>	Disc Medick	Stony ground near the sea
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Common
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Sand dunes
<i>Medicago murex</i>	A Bur Medick	Rocky places
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Disc Medick	Rocky or sandy places
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Toothed Medick	Widespread
<i>Medicago sativa</i> †	Lucerne	Occasional
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	A Medick	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Widespread
<i>Onobrychis aequidentata</i>	A Sainfoin	Rocky places
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cock's-comb Sainfoin	Rocky places near the sea
<i>Ononis reclinata</i>	Small Restharrow	Widespread
<i>Ononis spinosa</i> subsp. <i>diacantha</i>	Spiny Restharrow	Rocky places
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	Compressed Bird's-foot	Rocky places
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> †	False Acacia	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpion Vetch	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Securigera cretica</i>	Cretan Crown Vetch	Weedy places
<i>Securigera globosa</i> •	A Crown Vetch	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
<i>Securigera securidaca</i>	Hatchet Vetch	Widespread
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Roadsides and maquis
<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>	Asparagus Pea	Widespread
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Clover	Widespread
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's-foot Clover	Weedy places
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Rocky and sandy places
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	Strawberry Clover	Bare ground
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	Annual White Clover	Moist habitats
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Widespread
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover	Coastal sands
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Burrowing Clover	Olive groves and fallow fields
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	Fields and rocky places
<i>Trifolium uniflorum</i>	One-flowered Clover	Widespread
<i>Trigonella balansae</i>	A Fenugreek	Mostly coastal in north
<i>Trigonella graeca</i>	A Trigonella	Disturbed ground
<i>Vicia bithynica</i>	Bithynian Vetch	Widespread
<i>Vicia cretica</i>	Cretan Vetch	Rocky places

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<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	Common
<i>Vicia lathyroides</i>	Spring Vetch	Phrygana
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	Common
<i>Vicia pubescens</i>	A Vetch	Occasional
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>sativa</i> ‡	Common Vetch	Escape from cultivation
<i>Vicia tenuifolia</i>	Fine-leaved Vetch	Common
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	A Fodder Vetch	Common
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> ‡	Wisteria	Cultivated
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i> ‡	Sweet Chestnut	Cultivated and occasionally naturalised
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	Common
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Frequent
<i>Quercus ithaburensis</i> subsp. <i>macrolepis</i>	Valonia Oak	Common around Armeni
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	Common around Armeni
Frankeniaceae	Sea-heath Family	
<i>Frankenia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Sea-heath	Maritime rocks and sand
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	Frequent
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	Weedy places and fields
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> subsp. <i>intermedia</i>	Yellow-wort	Damp places
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Rocky places
<i>Centaurium maritimum</i>	Sea Centaury	Coastal
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Disturbed areas and coastal sands
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Phrygana and riverbeds
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Musk Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Rocky places
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Damp ground
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Shady places
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Shady places
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
Hypericaceae	St John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i> subsp. <i>empetrifolium</i>	Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort	Maquis
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perfoliate St John's-wort	Rocky places
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's-wort	Rocky places
<i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>		Common
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	
<i>Juglans regia</i> ‡	Walnut	Cultivated
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ballota acetabulosa</i>	Garden Horehound	Riverbeds near sea-level

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<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound	Waste places
<i>Ballota pseudodictamnus</i>	False Dittany	Rocky phrygana
<i>Clinopodium alpinum</i> subsp. <i>alpinum</i>	Alpine Basil Thyme	Rocky places in mountains
<i>Clinopodium creticum</i> •	Cretan Calamint	Imbros Gorge
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil	Maquis and phrygana
<i>Coridothymus capitatus</i>	Shrubby Thyme	Common
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	Common
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender	Local in maquis
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White Horehound	Waste places
<i>Melittis melissophyllum</i> subsp. <i>albida</i>	Bastard Balm	Gorge bed. Imbros
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Wet places
<i>Mentha longifolia</i>	Horse Mint	Wet places
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	Pennyroyal	Damp places
<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Spear Mint	Damp places
<i>Micromeria juliana</i>	Micromeria	Rocky places
<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>		Rocky places
<i>Nepeta melissifolia</i>	A Cat-mint	Rare. Agia Triada
<i>Origanum dictamnus</i> •	Cretan Dittany	Cliffs
<i>Origanum microphyllum</i> •		Omalos plateau
<i>Origanum onites</i>	White Marjoram	Occasional
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> subsp. <i>hirtum</i>	Marjoram	Frequent in maquis
<i>Phlomis cretica</i>	Cretan Jerusalem Sage	Locally common
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	Common
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	Common
<i>Prunella lacinata</i>	Cut-leaved Self-heal	Occasional. Fallow fields
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	Occasional. Damp places
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Three-lobed Sage	Common
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Common
<i>Salvia viridis</i>	Red-topped Sage	Occasional. Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Satureja thymbra</i>	Satureia	Maquis and phrygana
<i>Scutellaria sieberi</i> •	A Skullcap	Cliffs and rocky banks
<i>Sideritis curvidens</i>		Rocky places
<i>Sideritis syriaca</i> subsp. <i>syriaca</i> •	Mountain Tea	Mountains
<i>Stachys cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	Common
<i>Stachys ocymastrum</i>	A Woundwort	Waste places
<i>Stachys spinosa</i> •	Spiny Woundwort	Local
<i>Stachys spinulosa</i>	A Woundwort	Local
<i>Teucrium alpestre</i> •	A Germander	Cliffs and rocks
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	Felty Germander	Rocky places
<i>Teucrium cuneifolium</i> •		Rare. Imbros Gorge
<i>Teucrium divaricatum</i>		Rocky places
<i>Teucrium microphyllum</i>	Small-leaved Germander	Rocky places
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum arboreum</i>	Shrubby Flax	Cliffs in gorges
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Biennial Flax	Frequent
<i>Linum pubescens</i>	Hairy Flax	Rocky places
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Alcea biennis</i>	Wild Hollyhock	Occasional
<i>Althaea hirsuta</i>	Hairy Mallow	Frequent
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> †	Hibiscus	Cultivated
<i>Lavatera arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	Coast. Hania

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<i>Lavatera bryonifolia</i>	Bryony-leaved Mallow	Common
<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Cretan Hollyhock	Waste areas
<i>Malva cretica</i>	Cretan Mallow	Rocky places
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Least Mallow	Rocky places near the sea
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Common
Meliaceae	Mahogany Family	
<i>Melia azedarach</i> †	Persian Lilac	Cultivated
Mimosaceae	Acacia Family	
<i>Acacia cyanophylla</i> †	Blue-leaved Wattle	Cultivated
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i> †	Golden Wattle	Cultivated
<i>Acacia retinoides</i> †	Swamp Wattle	Cultivated
Moraceae	Mulberry Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Frequent
<i>Ficus elastica</i> †	Rubber Plant	Cultivated
<i>Morus alba</i> †	White Mulberry	Cultivated
Myoporaceae	Myoporum Family	
<i>Myoporum laetum</i> †	Ngaio	Cultivated
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family	
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i> †	Bottlebrush	Cultivated
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> †	River Red Gum	Cultivated
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Occasional along watercourses
Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea Family	
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> †	Bougainvillea	Cultivated
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Olea europaea</i> subsp. <i>oleaster</i>	Wild Olive	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Mock Privet	Occasional in maquis
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Greater Willowherb	Wet ditches
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche alba</i>	Thyme Broomrape	Occasional
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	Bean Broomrape	Parasitic on <i>Vicia faba</i>
<i>Orobanche lavandulacea</i>	Lavender Broomrape	Parasitic on <i>Bituminaria</i>
<i>Orobanche pubescens</i>	Downy Broomrape	Parasitic on Umbellifers
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	Common on <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> †	Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned Poppy	Coast
<i>Hypecoum procumbens</i>	Sickle-fruited Hypecoum	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Papaver argemone</i> subsp. <i>nigrotinctum</i>	Prickly Poppy	Cropped land
<i>Papaver dubium</i> subsp. <i>dubium</i>	Long-headed Poppy	Uncommon
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Rough Poppy	Uncommon

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<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Common
Phytolaccaceae	Pokeweed Family	
<i>Phytolacca americana</i> †	American Pokeweed	Naturalised
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum Family	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> †	A Pittosporum	Cultivated
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Glandular Plantain	Common
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	Hairy Plantain	Common
<i>Plantago cretica</i>	A Plantain	Rocky places near coast
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	Hare's-foot Plantain	Frequent
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Olive groves. Damp places
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Damp places
<i>Plantago weldenii</i>	A Buck's-horn Plantain	Coastal
Platanaceae	Plane Family	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	River valleys
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Limonium graecum</i>	A Sea-lavender	Cliffs. Plakias
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Winged Sea-lavender	Coastal sands
Polygalaceae	Milk-wort Family	
<i>Polygala monspeliaca</i>	Mediterranean Milkwort	Occasional
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> †	Myrtle-leaved Milkwort	Cultivated
<i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Eastern Milk-wort	Frequent
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
<i>Emex spinosa</i>	Emex	Occasional. Bare ground
<i>Persicaria salicifolia</i>	Willow-leaved Knotgrass	Agia Lake
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	Disturbed ground
<i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i>	Horsetail Knotgrass	Olive groves. Roadsides
<i>Polygonum maritimum</i>	Sea Knotgrass	Coastal sands
<i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Bull's-head Dock	Common
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	Wet places
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Occasional
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Fiddle Dock	Damp places
<i>Rumex tuberosus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i>	Tuberous Dock	Rocky places
Portulacaceae	Purslane Family	
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Purslane	Disturbed ground
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> var. <i>arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Common
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> subsp. <i>foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel	Common
<i>Anagallis foemina</i>	A Pimpernel	Common
<i>Asterolinon linum-stellatum</i>	Asterolinon	Frequent
<i>Cyclamen creticum</i> •	Cretan Sowbread	Locally common
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>candicum</i> •	A Greek Sowbread	Widespread
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose	Damp woodland
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed	Wet rocks. Georgioupolis

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Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
<i>Punica granatum</i> †	Pomegranate	Cultivated
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Adonis microcarpa</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i> •	Yellow Pheasant's-eye	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Adonis microcarpa</i> subsp. <i>microcarpa</i>	Yellow Pheasant's-eye	Red-flowered
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	Gious Kambos. Omalos
<i>Anemone hortensis</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Anemone	Widespread
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower	Occasional. Maquis and roadsides
<i>Delphinium staphisagria</i>	Lice Bane	Imbros Gorge
<i>Ficaria verna</i> subsp. <i>chrysocephala</i>	A Lesser Celandine	Common
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-Mist	Plakias headland
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup	Fields
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	Locally common
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> subsp. <i>aleae</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Moist shady places
<i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>		Locally common. Autumn-flowering
<i>Ranunculus chius</i>		Widespread
<i>Ranunculus cupreus</i> •		Rocky places
<i>Ranunculus cytheraeus</i>		Locally common. Autumn-flowering
<i>Ranunculus creticus</i> •	Cretan Buttercup	Shady cliffs
<i>Ranunculus gracilis</i>		Frequent
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	Rough-fruited Buttercup	Moist places
<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>	Jersey Buttercup	Locally common
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i> subsp. <i>fucoides</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot	Seasonal pond. Omalos plateau
<i>Ranunculus sprunerianus</i>		Open areas. Mountains
<i>Ranunculus subhomophyllus</i>		Above Omalos plateau
<i>Ranunculus trichophyllus</i>	Thread-leaved Water-crowfoot	Aquatic
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	Waste areas
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Mignonette	Waste areas
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Weld	Waste areas
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
<i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>oleoides</i>	A Buckthorn	Frequent in phrygana
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Amelanchier ovalis</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i> •	Cretan Juneberry	Local in mountains
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Common
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i> †	Quince	Cultivated
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> †	Japanese Loquat	Cultivated
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> subsp. <i>verrucosa</i>	Salad Burnet	Frequent
<i>Prunus dulcis</i> †	Almond	Cultivated
<i>Prunus persica</i> †	Peach	Cultivated
<i>Prunus prostrata</i>	Rock Cherry	Mountain rocks. Omalos
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> †	Firethorn	Cultivated
<i>Pyrus communis</i> †	Domestic Pear	Cultivated
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	Common
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog-rose	Frequent
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Rose	Frequent
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	A Bramble	Common
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Common

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Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Asperula pubescens</i> •		Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Asperula rigida</i> •		Mountain rocks
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Waste places
<i>Galium fruticosum</i> •	A shrubby Bedstraw	Cliffs
<i>Galium incrassatum</i> •	A Bedstraw	Phrygana. Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Frequent in scrub
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Common
<i>Valentia hispida</i>	Valantia	Dry rocky places
<i>Valentia muralis</i>	Wall Valantia	Dry rocky places
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
<i>Citrus limon</i> ‡	Lemon	Cultivated
<i>Citrus sinensis</i> ‡	Orange	Cultivated
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i> subsp. <i>chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Occasional
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i> ‡	White Poplar	Common
<i>Salix alba</i> ‡	White Willow	By rivers
Santalaceae	Bastard-toadflax Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Locally common
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysospleniifolia</i>	Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage	Locally common
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	Frequent in meadows
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Walls
<i>Kickxia elatine</i> subsp. <i>sieberi</i>	Sharp-leaved Fluellen	Agia Lake
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel's-snout	Occasional
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	Common
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	Occasional. Damp places
<i>Scrophularia auriculata</i>	Water Figwort	Wet ditches
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Shining Figwort	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Common. Imbros Gorge
<i>Verbascum arcturus</i> •	Shrubby Mullein	Common on cliffs
<i>Verbascum macrurum</i>	A Mullein	Common
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullien	Common
<i>Verbascum spinosum</i> •	Spiny Mullein	Common
<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	Water Speedwell	Streams
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell	Widespread
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Cymbalaria-leaved Speedwell	Widespread
<i>Veronica persica</i> ‡	Common Field Speedwell	Naturalised near the sea
Simaroubaceae	Tree-of-heaven Family	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡	Tree-of-heaven	Naturalised
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane	Weedy places and walls. Hania
<i>Lycium barbarum</i> ‡	Duke of Argyll's Teaplant	Naturalised near the coast

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<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i>	Mandrake	Frequent
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡	Shrub Tobacco	Naturalised along roadsides
<i>Solandra maxima</i> ‡	Golden Chalice Vine	Cultivated. Komitades
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Weedy places
<i>Solanum villosum</i>	Hairy Nightshade	Damp places
Styracaceae	Storax Family	
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Mediterranean Storax	Frequent
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tamarisk	Coastal
<i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i> ‡	A Tamarisk	Planted. Plakias beach
Thymelaeaceae	Mezereon Family	
<i>Daphne gnidioides</i>	A Daphne	Plakias headland
<i>Daphne sericea</i>	A Daphne	Common in mountains
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	Hairy Thymelaea	Rocky places near the sea
<i>Thymelaea tartonraria</i>	A Thymelaea	Rocky places near the sea
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<i>Celtis tournefortii</i>	Oriental Hackberry	Imbros Gorge
<i>Ulmus minor</i> ‡	Small-leaved Elm	Occasional. Planted
<i>Zelkova abelicea</i> •	Cretan Zelkova	Omalos plateau
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria cretica</i>	Cretan Pellitory	Rocks and walls
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-Wall	Rocks and walls
<i>Urtica membranacea</i>	Membranous Nettle	Weedy places
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	Weedy places
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Small Nettle	Weedy places
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
<i>Centranthus calcitrapa</i>	Annual Valerian	Rocky places
<i>Centranthus ruber</i> ‡	Red Valerian	Walls
<i>Fedia cornucopiae</i>	Fedia	Rocky places
<i>Valeriana asarifolia</i> •	Cretan Valerian	Cliffs and rocky places
<i>Valerianella coronata</i>	A Corn Salad	Rocky places
Verbenaceae	Vervain Family	
<i>Lantana camara</i> ‡	Lantana	Cultivated
<i>Lippia nodiflora</i>		Damp grassland. Souda
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Frequent. Waste areas
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Gorge-beds and damp places
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i>	Wild Vine	Occasional
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>vinifera</i>	Grape Vine	Cultivated
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Waste areas

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LILIIDAE	MONOCOTYLEDONS	
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	Occasional Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Allium circinnatum</i> subsp. <i>circinnatum</i> •		
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	Occasional
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	Black Garlic	Meadows
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rosy Garlic	Occasional
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	Hairy Garlic	Occasional
<i>Allium trifoliatum</i>		Cultivated fields
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Sand dunes
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	Common. Damp places
<i>Arum concinatum</i>	An Arum	Common. Olive groves
<i>Arum creticum</i>	Cretan Arum	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Arum idaeum</i> •	Cretan Mountain Arum	Omalos plateau
<i>Dracunculus vulgaris</i>	Dragon Arum	Common
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i> ‡	Arum Lily	Cultivated
Arecaceae	Palm Family	
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i> ‡	Canary Palm	Cultivated
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> ‡	Date Palm	Cultivated
<i>Phoenix theophrasti</i>	Cretan Palm	South coast
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i> ‡	Californian Fan-palm	Cultivated
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Agave americana</i> ‡	Centuryplant	Cultivated and naturalised
<i>Asparagus aphyllus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>	Leafless Asparagus	Common
<i>Drimia maritima</i>	Sea Squill	Common
<i>Leopoldia comosa</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Common
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	Mountain rocks. Omalos
<i>Muscari spreitzenhoferi</i> •	A Tassel Hyacinth	Frequent
<i>Ornithogalum arabicum</i> ‡	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Cultivated. Hania
<i>Ornithogalum creticum</i> •	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Occasional. Limestone crevices
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	Southern Star-of-Bethlehem	Frequent
<i>Ornithogalum sibthorpii</i>	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Mountain turf
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Shady areas
Colchicaceae	Meadow Saffron Family	
<i>Colchicum macrophyllum</i>	Large-leaved Meadow Saffron	Abandoned fields
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	Sea Club-rush	Coastal marshes
<i>Carex otrubae</i>	False Fox Sedge	Ditches and springs
<i>Cladium mariscus</i>	Great Fen Sedge	Agia Lake
<i>Cyperus capitatus</i>	A Galingale	Coastal sands
<i>Cyperus longus</i>	Galingale	Wet places
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>	Common Club-rush	Agia Lake
<i>Scirpoides holoschoenus</i>	Round-headed Club-rush	Damp places
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Woodland and scrub

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Iridaceae		
Iris Family		
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	Frequent
<i>Iris albicans</i> †	White Iris	Planted
<i>Iris germanica</i> †	German Iris	Planted
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	Agia Lake
<i>Iris tuberosa</i>	Snake's-head Iris	Gious Kambos and Omalos
<i>Iris unguicularis</i> subsp. <i>cretensis</i> •	Cretan Iris	Locally common
<i>Moraea mediterranea</i>	One-leaved Barbary Nut	Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Common
Juncaceae		
Rush Family		
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Maritime sands
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	Jointed Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toad Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Wet places
<i>Juncus heldreichianus</i>	Heldreich's Rush	Coastal marshes. Maritime sands
Liliaceae		
Lily Family		
<i>Fritillaria messanensis</i>	A Fritillary	Gious Kambos
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	Greek Lloydia	Common
<i>Gagea peduncularis</i>	A Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem	Omalos plateau
<i>Tulipa bakeri</i> •	Baker's Tulip	Omalos plateau
<i>Tulipa cretica</i> •	Cretan Tulip	Cliffs. Plakias
<i>Tulipa doerfleri</i> •	Doerfler's Tulip	Gious Kambos
<i>Tulipa saxatilis</i>	Rock Tulip	Gious Kambos
Orchidaceae		
Orchid Family		
<i>Anacamptis boryi</i>	Bory's Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Anacamptis collina</i>	Fan-lipped Orchid	Locally common
<i>Anacamptis fragrans</i>	Fragrant Bug Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Anacamptis laxiflora</i>	Jersey Orchid	Damp meadows
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i> subsp. <i>heroica</i>	Heroic Pink Butterfly Orchid	Occasional
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Locally common
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Locally common
<i>Limodorum arbortivum</i>	Violet Limodore	Shade
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Neotinea tridentata</i>	Toothed Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	Plakias
<i>Ophrys ariadnae</i>	Ariadne's Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Orchid	Spili hill and Armeni
<i>Ophrys creberrima</i>	Creberrima Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys cretica</i>	Common Cretan Bee Orchid	Occasional
<i>Ophrys doerfleri</i>	Doerfler's Orchid	Melambes
<i>Ophrys episcopalis</i>	Large-flowered Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys gortynia</i>	Gortys Orchid	Local
<i>Ophrys heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys iricolor</i>	Rainbow Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys leochroma</i>	Lion Mane Orchid	Locally frequent
<i>Ophrys phryganae</i>	Phrygana Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys sicula</i>	Small Yellow Bee Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys villosa</i>	Hairy Orchid	Frequent
<i>Orchis anatolica</i>	Anatolian Orchid	Near Spili
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Spili hill and Armeni

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<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	Common
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Locally common
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Common
<i>Orchis sitiaca</i> •	Sitia Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Serapias bergonii</i>	Bergoni's Tongue Orchid	Common
<i>Serapias cordigera</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i> •	Cretan Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid	Agia Triada
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Tongue-orchid	Common
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Aegilops biuncialis</i>	A Goat-grass	Frequent
<i>Aegilops geniculata</i>	Ovate Goat-grass	Occasional
<i>Arundo donax</i> †	Giant Reed	Naturalised and common
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram	Sand dunes
<i>Andropogon distachyos</i>	Two-spiked Beard-grass	Rocky places. Roadsides
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	Damp places. Fields
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Slender Oat	Disturbed ground
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Wild-oat	Fallow land
<i>Brachypodium retusum</i>	Mediterranean False-brome	Widespread
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	Disturbed ground
<i>Briza minor</i>	Lesser Quaking-grass	Moist ground
<i>Catapodium maritimum</i>	Sea Fern-grass	Maritime
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	Bare stony ground
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda Grass	Disturbed ground
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	Rough Dog's-tail	Rocky places. Fields
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Hairy Finger-grass	Roadsides
<i>Hordeum leporinum</i>	Wall Barley	Roadsides. Waste places
<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>	Thatching Grass	Widespread
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail Grass	Common
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's-tail	Frequent
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	Widespread
<i>Lolium temulentum</i>	Darnel	Fields and waste places
<i>Melica ciliata</i>	Hairy Melick	Imbros Gorge
<i>Parapholis incurva</i>	Curved Hard-grass	Maritime sands
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Marshes and riverbanks
<i>Piptantherum miliaceum</i>	Rice-grass	Olive groves. Waste areas
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Waste places
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Annual Beard-grass	Wet places
<i>Rostraria cristata</i>	Crested Hair-grass	Widespread
<i>Sesleria doerfleri</i> •	Doerfler's Moor-grass	Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Stipa capensis</i>	Mediterranean Needle-grass	Rocky places and fields
<i>Vulpia ciliata</i>	Bearded Fescue	Bare stony ground and fields
Posidoniaceae	Neptune-grass Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Marine
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax	Common
Typhaceae	Reedmace Family	
<i>Typha domingensis</i>	Southern Reedmace	Agia Lake

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Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	Common
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	Common
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Ditches and roadsides
Zosteraceae	Eelgrass Family	
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Eelgrass	Marine

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

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			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
1	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		1							
2	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					6	12			
3	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				1	1				
4	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>						1			
5	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	2		1			1			
6	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						1			
7	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	20	10	10	6	2	4			
8	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>			1			2	1		
9	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	1	1	1		1		3		
10	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				1					
11	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	2	2	10	4	6	6	2		
12	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	4		
13	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>						1			
14	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					6	7			
15	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					12	30			
16	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			6						
17	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			6						
18	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			12						
19	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			4		4	7			
20	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			1		1	1			
21	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			1						
22	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			2						
23	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			2			1			
24	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>			8		1				
25	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	6	1	30	4	6	30	10	10	
26	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
28	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>						H			
29	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>				H					
30	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	6				100	100	40	10	
31	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>						20			
32	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	10	6	6		30	4	30		
33	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				1					
34	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			H				H		
35	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					H	H			
36	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	H	10	6	10	10	1	6		
37	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	H	6				10	4		
38	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			4	6	3	2			
39	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	20	20	20	10	10	10	20	10	
40	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			2						

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			12	13	14	15	16	17			
41	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>				1				10	
42	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1		2					1	
43	Blue-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		3	1				2		
44	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>					1				
45	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>							H		
46	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1						3	
47	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		2	1				6		
48	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		3	H	3			2	4	
49	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetta</i>		1		1					
50	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		20	10	10	6	6	6		
51	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	H								
52	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	2	2	5	4	6	4	4	2	
53	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	2	1	H	H	2				
54	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	H	H	H	H	H			
55	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>								1	
56	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	2	3	H	4	2	2	4		
57	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H		H	H	H		
58	European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>							2		
59	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				1	H				
60	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>					1				
61	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				H			2		
62	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				3	H				
63	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>								2	
64	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		1							
65	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>								1	
66	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2	2	6	4	4	2	3		
67	European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	2	2	1	4	4	2	4		
68	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>					1	2	5		
69	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				1		1			
70	Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓	✓	6	1	10				
71	Red -billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	✓	6	4		2				
72	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	✓		✓						
73	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	4	4	6	4	6	2	2		
75	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		3					2	1	
78	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	3	6	6	6	6	6	6		
79	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	1	1							
80	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		2			H	1	H		
81	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		1							
82	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>					H	1			
83	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		6	6	6	H	2			

Mammals (D = dead, C = captive)

1	Cretan Spiny Mouse	<i>Acomys minous</i>		D							
2	Beech Marten	<i>Martes foina bunites</i>	D	D		D	D	D	D		
3	Cretan Badger	<i>Meles meles arkalus</i>	D		D						
4	Cretan Wild Goat or Kri Kri ‡	<i>Capra aegagrus creticus</i>							C		

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Reptiles

1	Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
2	Cretan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis cretensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Ocellated Skink	<i>Chalcides ocellatus</i>			✓					
4	Balkan Whip Snake	<i>Hierophis gemonensis</i>			✓	✓			✓	
5	Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>					✓	✓		

Amphibians

1	American Bullfrog ‡	<i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>					✓	✓		
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Butterflies

1	Pigmy Skipper	<i>Gegenes pumilio</i>			✓					
2	Cretan Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cretica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirus</i>		✓				✓		
4	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓						
7	Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>		✓		✓				
8	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>					✓	✓		
9	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
10	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓		✓		✓		
11	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
12	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Brown Argus	<i>Arica agrestis</i>						✓		
14	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>			✓			✓		
15	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓						✓	
16	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
17	Two-tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>							✓	
18	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Moths (E=evidence)

1	Humming-bird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>	✓							
2	Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

Dragonflies

1	Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>						✓		
2	Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>		✓	✓					
3	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>						✓		
4	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>							✓	
5	Southern Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>		✓						

Other Insects

1	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>			✓	✓			✓	
3	Italian Shield Bug	<i>Graphosoma lineatum</i>			✓					
4	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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5	Eastern Hornet	<i>Vespa orientalis</i>		✓		✓				
6	Paper Wasp	<i>Polistes gallicus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓		
7	Beefly	<i>Bombylius major</i>					✓	✓		
8	Red Palm Weevil ‡	<i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>			✓					

Molluscs

1	Cretan Door Snail	<i>Albinaria inflata</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
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Fungi

1	Latticed Stinkhorn	<i>Clathrus ruber</i>				✓				
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