

Crete in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Anacamptis papilionacea



Aristolochia cretica



Ricotia cretica



Tulipa saxatilis

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Day 1

Tuesday 12th April

The group arrived in Hania, in the early afternoon, where the minibuses were waiting, and after a few formalities, we set off to explore. Our first stop was at the Allied War Cemetery, at the head of Souda Bay, where the neat rows of graves provided a stark reminder of the island's turbulent history. In nearby grassland were large patches of bright yellow Bermuda Buttercup *Oxalis pes-caprae*, pale blue flowers of Barbary Nut *Moraea sisyrinchium* and dense colonies of Common Tongue-orchid *Serapias lingua*, in a variety of shades of pink. With the snow-covered White Mountains dominating the view to the south, we travelled east towards Rethymnon and then headed south, passing colourful roadside verges, full of Crown Daisy *Glebionis coronaria* Galactites *Galactites tomentosa* and tall spires of Giant Fennel *Ferula communis*. At a coffee stop, the song of Blackcap filled the air, and we had our first views of an obliging Sardinian Warbler and four distant Griffon Vulture. On a nearby bank, we started to familiarise ourselves with the common plants of the phrygana and our first Bee Orchids included Sawfly Orchid *Ophrys tenthredinifera* and the rather variable Cretan Early Spider-orchid *Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *cretensis*. Soon after passing through the narrow chasm of the Kourtaliotiko Gorge, we received a warm welcome at our comfortable family-run hotel, overlooking Plakias Bay. After a little unpacking, we walked down to the harbour for our first evening meal.

Day 2

Wednesday 13th April

After a leisurely breakfast, we left Plakias, around 9.00am, observing two Squacco Heron and a Great Cormorant on the shore, as we drove eastwards. At our first stop, we explored the vicinity of the Turkish Bridge, where common plants included Honeywort *Cerintho major*, Purple Viper's Bugloss *Echium plantagineum* and Branched Broomrape *Phelipanche ramosa*, which was parasitising Bermuda Buttercup, its usual host. Nearer the coast, by a memorial to the Battle of Crete, a pair of Kestrels hovered in the breeze, Common Swift and Alpine Swift flew overhead, and we saw a large flock of Glossy Ibis, flying in from the sea, after their long flight from Africa. On the rocky hillsides Crested Lark were a common sight and we heard the distinct calls of Woodlark. Plants, in the phrygana, included Jeruslaem Sage *Phlomis fruticosa*, Branched Asphodel *Asphodelus ramosus*, Yellow Asphodel *Asphodeline lutea* and low, silver bushes of the endemic Spiny Woundwort *Stachys spinosa*, still yet to flower. Most of the group chose to visit the monastery at Moni Preveli, while the rest continued to explore the neighbouring hillsides. Several good specimens of Pink Butterfly Orchid *Anacamptis papilionacea* were spotted, and keen eyes located a smart male Collared Flycatcher and a Subalpine Warbler. We moved a very short distance to a viewpoint, where a convenient table provided an ideal location for our lunch. While we ate, two Eurasian Hoopoe flew by and we all enjoyed superb views of a Wryneck, perched on a nearby fence.

After lunch, we returned to the Kourtaliotiko Gorge, where all eyes were turned towards the high cliffs. Twenty or so Griffon Vulture soared around crags, along with Red-billed Chough, Crag Martin, and several Red-rumped Swallows. After a short while of patient searching, we were fortunate to spot a pair of Bonelli's Eagle and a Peregrine Falcon. By our feet and on the cliffs, a range of interesting plants included Tree Spurge *Euphorbia dendroides*, Greek Spiny Spurge *Euphorbia acanthothamnus*, Mediterranean Catchfly *Silene sericea*, Burnt Candytuft *Aethionema saxatile* subsp. *creticum* and Cretan Dittany *Origanum dictamnus*. Next, we moved on to Spili, where we had a coffee break by its famous fountains. The tables of the café were decorated with a lovely display of locally picked orchids, but we were eager to see them growing where nature intended and set off into the hills above the village.

On a short walk, we soon found a good number of species, all in pristine condition. They included Bory's Orchid *Anacamptis boryi*, Milky Orchid *Neotinea lactea*, the yellow Sparse-flowered Orchid *Orchis pauciflora*, Bumble Bee Orchid *Ophrys bombyliflora* and Sawfly Orchid. In addition, we found lovely flowers of Cretan Iris *Iris unguicularis* subsp. *cretensis* and, in nearby fields, the bright red Doerfler's Tulip *Tulipa doerfleri*. On a nearby hillock, there were large colonies of pink Rock Tulip *Tulipa saxatilis*, beautiful bushes of *Daphne sericea* and yet more orchids, which included Four-spotted Orchid *Orchis quadripunctata*, Man Orchid *Orchis anthropophora*, Naked Man Orchid *Orchis italica* and Cretan Bee Orchid *Ophrys cretica*. Eventually, after a very busy day, we returned to Plakias for dinner on the waterfront.

Day 3

Thursday 14th April

Driving south-east, beyond Spili, a partly shaded slope produced some fine specimens of Giant Orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum* and Pink Butterfly Orchid, among a host of other plants. We continued through Timbaki to Phaestos, the second largest of Crete's magnificent Minoan Palaces. While the group visited the site, lunch was prepared, overlooking the fertile plain of Mesara and the distant snow-capped peak of Mount Ida, the highest in Crete. Afterwards, near Agia Triada, we found an exciting range of plants growing along the roadside and on abandoned terraces. Bushes of the endemic Shrubby Sainfoin *Ebenus cretica* were in full flower, alongside Greek Sage *Salvia fruticosa*, Golden Cassidony *Helichrysum stoechas* subsp. *barrelieri* and carpets of white Asiatic Buttercup *Ranunculus asiaticus* and Starry Clover *Trifolium stellatum*. Growing among these were Wild Gladiolus *Gladiolus italicus*, Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, Saccate-lipped Orchid *Anacamptis collina* Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid *Serapias vomeracea* subsp. *laxiflora* and Eastern Tongue-orchid *Serapias orientalis*.

Not far beyond Timbaki, we visited the small coastal lagoon at Kokkinos, where we enjoyed some amazing birding. This small body of water and a surrounding wetland are rare features in Crete and provide a magnet for migrating birds. Around the main water body, birds included Black-winged Stilt, Ruff, Common Redshank, 6 Garganey, 15 Little Stint and around 100 Wood Sandpiper, busily feeding in the shallows. Small pools in the marsh were equally productive and, by staying in the vehicles, we had amazingly close views of Little Ringed Plover, three Marsh Sandpiper, and a very well-camouflaged Common Snipe. Best of all were several very obliging Squacco Herons, that we were able to observe for some considerable time. It was great thrill to see such diversity, but the real action was above us, and we were treated to aerial displays from 80 or more Purple Heron and a dozen or so Black-crowned Night Heron, that flew in low over our heads. Rather grudgingly, we eventually had to leave and return to Plakias.

Day 4

Friday 15th April

We followed a scenic road to the west, stopping occasionally for views and roadside flora. Near the coast, in low scrub and olive groves, we found plenty of Crested Lark, along with Blue and Black-headed Yellow Wagtail. Overhead, there was a steady stream of Common Swift and the occasional Alpine Swift and a flock of around 40 Little Egret drifted over the trees. A little further on, we lingered a while at the 14th-century Venetian fortress of Frangocastello, where there were colourful displays spring annuals and the curious flower heads of Cage Thistle *Atractylis cancellata*.

Moving on, we navigated the steep, switchback road to the top of the Imbros Gorge, where we enjoyed the local speciality of pancakes with honey, before setting off on our walk. Over the next four hours we made steady

progress on the rocky path, where every turn revealed a new vista and new plants. The cliffs provide a refuge for many of Crete's endemic plants and highlights included the leathery-leaved, shrubby thistle *Stachelina petiolata*, Cretan Cabbage *Brassica cretica*, yellow Tree Flax *Linum arboreum* and Shrubby Mullein *Verbascum arcturus*. Along the shady bed of the gorge, we found abundant Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage *Saxifraga rotundifolia* subsp. *chrysospleniifolia*, the large-flowered Cretan Buttercup *Ranunculus creticus*, bright blue patches of Fine-leaved Vetch *Vicia tenuifolia*, and the delicate white flowers of Cretan Sowbread *Cyclamen creticum*. There were few orchids in the dry environment, but we were stopped in our tracks by a stunning specimen of Spruner's Orchid *Ophrys sphagodes* subsp. *spruneri*. After several very narrow sections, the gorge widened and we were soon relaxing over snacks at the Taverna Komitades, before returning to Plakias.

Day 5

Saturday 16th April

Before leaving Plakias, we explored the sand dunes and rocky headland at the other end of the bay. On the dunes, among masses of the pretty pink Mediterranean Catchfly and the leaves of the Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum*, we found Sea Spurge *Euphorbia paralias*, Sea Medick *Medicago marina* and the endemic Tassel Hyacinth *Leopoldia spreitzenboferi*. We walked under the dramatic vertical cliffs of the Plakias fault as far as the wartime tunnels, finding a good selection of orchids, among a rich flora. On the cliffs were small patches of Rock Tulip and bright yellow clumps of Cretan Viper's-grass *Scorzonera cretica*, while at their base we located the curious flowers of Cretan Birthwort *Aristolochia cretica*. This is the food plant of the endemic Cretan Festoon, and we noted several, flying in the vicinity.

We left Plakias through the Kotsifou Gorge, where the screes were decorated with yellow Cretan Arum *Arum creticum*, Rock Groundsel *Senecio rupestris* and the pretty crucifer *Ricotia cretica*. After a short walk through the narrow chasm, we continued north to the late-Minoan cemetery near Armeni, where we explored the many amazing rock-cut tombs, while lunch was being prepared. Under a light canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis*, we found a diverse flora which included many Tongue-orchids, fine specimens of Heldreich's Orchid *Ophrys scolopax* subsp. *heldreichii*, large colonies of Naked Man Orchid, and the pendant yellow flowers of a Golden-drops *Onosma graecum*.

Along the north coast, an interesting beach flora included Three-horned Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata*, Cottonweed *Achillea maritima*, Rayless Chamomile *Anthemis rigida* and huge grey domes of Spiny Knapweed *Centaurea spinosa*. After a welcome break for ice-creams in Georgioupolis, we explored its attractive harbour before visiting the nearby wetland, where a strong freshwater spring feeds a reservoir. Balkan Terrapin were hauled out on the banks, and we enjoyed exceptional views of Garganey and Little Grebe, just a short distance away. From here, we made rapid progress to Hania, where we checked in to the comfortable Halepa Hotel, our base for the remainder of the trip. Once refreshed, we went out for a delicious evening meal in a local taverna.

Day 6

Sunday 17th April

After breakfast, we made a visit to Agia Lake, the largest and best of Crete's freshwater wetlands. Small numbers of Common House Martin, Sand Martin, Barn Swallow and Red-rumped Swallow flew low over the water, catching insects. Purple Heron and Little Egret stood motionless, on the far bank and a couple of Western Marsh Harrier flew low over the reeds.

As the weather didn't look too promising in the mountains, we drove out to the Akrotiri peninsula, first visiting Agia Triada Monastery and its grounds before moving further onto the headland for our picnic, among the ancient olive trees. A colourful range of new plants included Yellow Pheasant's-eye *Adonis microcarpa* subsp. *cretica*, Love-in-a-Mist *Nigella damascena*, Mediterranean Woundwort *Stachys cretica*, and a plethora of small legumes and plantains. Common shrubs included the yellow Spiny Broom, *Genista acanthoclada*, French Lavender *Lavandula stoechas*, the white-flowered Sage-leaved Cistus *Cistus salvifolius* and Pink Cistus *Cistus creticus*. Almost hidden, under the latter, were large and impressive patches of its white-flowered parasite, *Cytinus hypocistis* subsp. *clusii*, and in the shade of Carob trees *Ceratonia siliqua*, we found the spectacular deep-purple spathes of Dragon Arum *Dracunculus vulgaris*, giving off a pungent aroma of rotting flesh. Just as we were about to leave, a Woodchat Shrike was spotted, a little way down the road, and it remained long enough to allow us all to enjoy excellent views.

At the end of the road, our final stop was at the Gouverneto Monastery, where its walled gardens provide useful shelter for tired migrant birds, before they continue their journey north. Today we were fortunate to find a handful of Wood Warbler and Spotted Flycatcher, a single Collared Flycatcher and, most surprising of all, a solitary and clearly very tired Turtle Dove. Beyond the Monastery, we made a careful search to find the tiny spiral leaves and white flowers of an endemic onion *Allium circinnatum* subsp. *circinnatum*. We returned to the hotel to update our checklist, before walking down to another taverna, near the harbour, for our evening meal.

Day 7

Monday 18th April

On our final full day, we drove high into the White Mountains to Omalos village, on the edge of an undulating, stony plateau, surrounded by high mountains. We had coffees and lunch in the taverna, before venturing out to explore. The early-breeding Woodlark, that we normally expect, were nowhere to be seen but we did find three Woodchat Shrike, Common Linnet, Goldfinch, Cirl Bunting and Common Stonechat. Griffon Vultures and Alpine Chough circled high above us and were joined for a time by a Golden Eagle, that eventually drifted out of sight, beyond the skyline.

Spring was very late, this year, and the usual profusion of anemones and tulips was still to come. Nevertheless, we managed to find a few flowers of the bright pink Baker's Tulip *Tulipa bakeri* and deep-blue Crown Anemone *Anemone coronaria*. Alongside them were a Yellow Star of Bethlehem *Gagea chrysantha* and two species of Sand Crocus, the white *Romulea bulbocodium* and the smaller, deep purple *Romulea linearisii* subsp. *graeca*. At the end of the road, we had wonderful views into the depths of the Samaria Gorge and found the blue flowers of the familiar Aubretia *Aubrieta deltoidea* and the delicate, white-flowered Cretan Mouse-ear *Cerastium scaposum*. We made a circuit of the plateau, stopping to have a closer look at a grove of Cretan Zelkova *Zelkova abelicea*. Related to the Elm, it is Crete's only endemic tree, with almost its entire population restricted to the Omalos plateau. In the vicinity, there were lots of flowers of Snake's-head Iris *Iris tuberosa*, the last remaining patches of the endemic *Crocus sieberi* and extensive areas of Baker's Tulip, just starting to open their blooms.

We noted three Wood Sandpiper and five Common Sandpiper, beside ephemeral pools, before we left the plateau and returned to Agia Lake. European Reed Warbler, Grey Heron, and Black-crowned Night Heron were new, since our last visit and a thorough search of the reed margins was eventually rewarded with sightings of three Little Crake. It was a good way to end the trip and we returned to Hania for our last evening meal, beside the harbour.

Day 8

Tuesday 19th April

After breakfast and packing, we had some time left to explore the old city and harbour, before a short journey to airport, in time for our homeward flight.

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Species lists

Plants

Latin name	Common name	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS AND FERN ALLIES	
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
Athyriaceae	Lady-fern Family	
<i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady-fern	Shaded cliffs. Imbros Gorge
Cystopteridaceae	Bladder-fern Family	
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder-fern	Mountain rocks. 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
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Hedges
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Wet areas. Agia Lake
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
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Damp earth
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS AND ALLIES	
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
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> subsp. <i>sempervirens</i> †	Italian Cypress	Cultivated
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>macrocarpa</i>	Sea Juniper	Coastal. Plakias
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Frequent. Mountains
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i> subsp. <i>phoenicea</i>	Phoenicean Juniper	Occasional. Lowland
Ephedraceae	Joint-pine Family	
<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	A Joint-pine	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge

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Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Pinu brutia</i>	Turkish Pine	Frequent native tree
<i>Pinus pinea</i> ‡	Stone Pine	Cultivated near coasts
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS	
DICOTYLEDONS		
Acanthaceae	Bear's-breeches Family	
<i>Acanthus mollis</i> ‡	Bear's-breeches	Cultivated
<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Spiny Bear's-breeches	Frequent
Aizoaceae	Dewplant Family	
<i>Carpobrotus edulis var. edulis</i> ‡	Yellow Hottentot-fig	Coastal alien
Amaranthaceae	Goosefoot Family	
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> ‡	Pigweed	Weedy places
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	Maritime sand
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-hen	Waste areas
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Plakias beach
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>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>	Wild 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
<i>Pseudorlaya pumila</i>	Dune Carrot	Sand dunes. Plakias
<i>Scaligeria napiformis</i>	Scaligeria	Frequent. Rocky phrygana
<i>Scandix australis</i>	Southern Shepherd's-needle	Occasional. Rocky places
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle	Common
<i>Smyrniium olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Common
<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i> subsp. <i>perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Locally common
<i>Smyrniium 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

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Apocynaceae		
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Riverbeds. Planted on roadsides
<i>Plumeria rubra</i> ‡	Frangipani	Cultivated
<i>Vinca major</i> ‡	Greater Periwinkle	Garden escape
Araliaceae		
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy Family Ivy	Common
Aristolochiaceae		
<i>Aristolochia cretica</i> •	Birthwort Family Cretan Birthwort	Locally common
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Birthwort	Agia Lake
Asteraceae		
<i>Achillea cretica</i>	Daisy Family Cretan Sneezewort	Avlaki gorge
<i>Achillea ligustica</i>	Southern Yarrow	Frequent
<i>Achillea maritima</i>	Cottonweed	Sand dunes
<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 graeca</i>	A Flat-topped Carlina Thistle	Rocky places
<i>Carlina gummifera</i>	Pine Thistle	Phrygana and fallow fields
<i>Carthamus lanatus</i> subsp. <i>baeticus</i>	Woolly Safflower	Rocky places
<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> •	A Knapweed	Common on rocks
<i>Centaurea redempta</i> •		Imbros Gorge
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow Star-thistle	Occasional
<i>Centaurea spinosa</i>	Spiny Knapweed	North coast beaches
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Rush Skeletonweed	Sandy and waste places
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Roadsides
<i>Cichorium spinosum</i>	Spiny Chicory	Common
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Weedy places
<i>Crepis auriculifolia</i> •	A Hawk's-beard	Cliffs and rocky places
<i>Crepis cretica</i> •	Cretan Hawk's-beard	Rocky places
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i>	Beaked Hawk's-beard	Olive groves and stony places
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	Crupina	Rocky places and roadsides
<i>Cynara comigera</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

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<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i> †	Argentine Fleabane	Frequent on roadsides
<i>Evax pygmaea</i>	Evax	Frequent
<i>Filago pyramidata</i>	Broad-leaved Cudweed	Common
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Common
<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>	Slender Salsify	Plakias headland
<i>Glebionis coronaria</i>	Crown Daisy	Common
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn Marigold	Frequent
<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i>	Scaly Hawkbit	Phrygana and fallow fields
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i> subsp. <i>barrelieri</i>	Golden Cassidony	Rocky places
<i>Helichrysum microphyllum</i>	A Curry Plant	Rocky places in mountains
<i>Helichrysum orientale</i>	Eastern Everlastingflower	Cliffs. Katholikou
<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>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 Common. Roadsides and waste areas
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle	
<i>Onopordum bracteatum</i> subsp. <i>creticum</i> •	Cretan Cotton Thistle	Coastal sand and rocky places
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Golden-star	Common
<i>Phagnalon graecum</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Rocks, cliffs and walls
<i>Picnomon 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
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Waste areas
<i>Staelhelina petiolata</i> •		Cliffs
<i>Tolpis barbata</i>	Tolpis	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify	Common
<i>Tyrimnus leucographus</i>	White-spotted Thistle	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 mimosifolia</i> †	Jacaranda	Cultivated
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	

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<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 azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Roadsides
<i>Anchusa variegata</i>	Variegated Anchusa	Imbros Gorge
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Weedy places
<i>Cerinth 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 italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i>	Pale Bugloss	Common
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Viper's Bugloss	Common
<i>Myosotis incassata</i>	A Forget-me-not	Rocky places
<i>Neatostema apulum</i>	Yellow Gromwell	Rocky phrygana. Coastal
<i>Onosma graecum</i>	A Golden-drops	Armeni Minoan Cemetery
<i>Symphytum creticum</i>	Cretan Comfrey	Shady cliffs
Brassicaceae		
<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 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
<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 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 Malcolmia	Phrygana near sea-level
<i>Malcolmia flexuosa</i> subsp. <i>naxensis</i>	A Malcolmia	Rocks and walls near sea-level
<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		
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> ‡	Prickly Pear	Cultivated and naturalised
Campanulaceae		
Bellflower Family		

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<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>Petromarula pinnata</i> •	Petromarula	Common
Cannabaceae	Hackberry and Hemp Family	
<i>Celtis tournefortii</i>	Oriental Hackberry	Imbros Gorge
Capparaceae	Caper Family	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Frequent on cliffs
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Occasional
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>	Kohlruschia	Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Sagina apetala</i>	Annual Pearlwort	Common
<i>Silene bellidifolia</i>	Daisy-leaved Catchfly	Waste areas
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly	Common
<i>Silene cretica</i>	Cretan Catchfly	Frequent
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly	Common
<i>Silene gigantea</i>	Giant Catchfly	Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Silene integripetala</i> subsp. <i>greuteri</i> •		Rocky places in gorges
<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
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	Common
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Frequent in maquis
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally common
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Mediterranean Rock-rose	Common. Rocky places
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Rock-rose	Common. Rocky places
<i>Helianthemum hymettium</i> •	A Rock-rose	Rocky places in mountains
<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 dorycnium</i>	A Bindweed	Coastal phrygana
<i>Convolvulus elegantissimus</i>	Elegant Bindweed	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>	Small Blue Bindweed	Rocky places
<i>Cuscuta campestris</i> ‡	Field Dodder	Moni Preveli
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Frequent parasite

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<i>Ipomea indica</i> ‡	A Morning Glory	Cultivated
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Rosularia serrata</i>		Cliffs
<i>Petrosedum sediforme</i>	Pale Stonecrop	Rocky places
<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 litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop	Rocky places near the sea
<i>Sedum praesidis</i> •		Rocky phrygana
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop	Rocky places
<i>Umbilicus horizontalis</i>	A Pennywort	Shaded cliffs
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 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 helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Widespread
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Maritime sand
<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>Acacia saligna</i> ‡	Blue-leaved Wattle	Cultivated
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Scrub and waste areas
<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>	Herman's Kidney Vetch	Occasional
<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

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<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>Hippocrepis biflora</i>	A Horseshoe Vetch	Rocky places
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disc Trefoil	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>	Fodder Pea	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Widespread
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Red Vetchling	Olive groves and stony hillsides
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Crimson Pea	Frequent
<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>Lotus tetragonolobus</i>	Asparagus Pea	Widespread Locally common. Sometimes cultivated
<i>Lupinus pilosus</i>	A Hairy Lupin	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>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>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 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>Tripodion tetraphyllum</i>	Bladder Vetch	Common

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<i>Vicia bithynica</i>	Bithynian Vetch	Widespread
<i>Vicia cretica</i>	Cretan Vetch	Rocky places
<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>	Fodder Vetch	Common
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> †	Wisteria	Cultivated
Fagaceae		
<i>Castanea sativa</i> †	Beech Family	
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Sweet Chestnut	Cultivated and occasionally naturalised
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Kermes Oak	Common
<i>Quercus ithaburensis</i> subsp. <i>macrolepis</i>	Holm Oak	Frequent
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Valonia Oak	Common around Armeni
	Downy Oak	Common around Armeni
Frankeniaceae		
<i>Frankenia hirsuta</i>	Sea-heath Family	
	Hairy Sea-heath	Maritime rocks and sand
Gentianaceae		
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> subsp. <i>intermedia</i>	Gentian Family	
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Yellow-wort	Damp places
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	Common Centaury	Rocky places
	Lesser Centaury	Rocky places
Geraniaceae		
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Crane's-bill Family	
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Disturbed areas and coastal sands
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Phrygana and riverbeds
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Mallow-leaved Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	Musk Stork's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Long-stalked Crane's-bill	Rocky places
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Damp ground
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Shady places
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Little Robin	Olive groves and rocky places
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Herb Robert	Shady places
	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	Olive groves and rocky places
Hypericaceae		
<i>Hypericum aegypticum</i>	St John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i> subsp. <i>empetrifolium</i>	Shrubby St John's-wort	Coastal cliffs and phrygana
<i>Hypericum perfoliatum</i>	Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort	Maquis
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perfoliate St John's-wort	Rocky places
<i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>	Perforate St John's-wort	Rocky places
	Wavy-leaved st John's-wort	Common
Juglandaceae		
<i>Juglans regia</i> †	Walnut Family	
	Walnut	Cultivated
Lamiaceae		
<i>Ballota acetabulosa</i>	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Garden Horehound	Riverbeds near sea-level
<i>Ballota pseudodictamnus</i>	Black Horehound	Waste places
	False Dittany	Rocky phrygana

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<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>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 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> •	Small-leaved Dittany	Omalos plateau
<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>	Greek Sage	Common
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Common
<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.Omalos
<i>Stachys cretica</i> subsp. <i>cretica</i>	Mediterranean Woundwort	Common
<i>Stachys ocymastrum</i>	A Woundwort	Waste places
<i>Stachys spinosa</i> •	Spiny Wounwort	Local
<i>Stachys spinulosa</i>	A Woundwort	Local. Moni Preveli
<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
<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	Mediterranean Thyme	Common
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Gorge-beds and damp 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>Althaea hirsuta</i>	Hairy Mallow	Frequent
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> ‡	Hibiscus	Cultivated
<i>Lavatera bryoniifolia</i>	Bryony-leaved Mallow	Common
<i>Malva arborea</i>	Tree Mallow	Coast. Hania
<i>Malva cretica</i>	Cretan Mallow	Waste areas
<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

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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>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡	River Red Gum	Cultivated
<i>Melaleuca viminalis</i> ‡	Weeping Bottlebrush	Cultivated
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	Occasional along watercourses
Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea Family	
<i>Bougainvillea ×buttiana</i> ‡	Bougainvillea	Cultivated
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>sylvestris</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>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	Frequent in meadows
<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>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	Common
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	Occasional. Damp places
<i>Phelipanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	Common on <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
Paeoniaceae	Peony Family	
<i>Paeonia clusii</i> subsp. <i>clusii</i> •	Clusius' Peony	Omalos
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	White Ramping Fumitory	Frequent
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	Weedy places and fields
<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
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Common
Phytolaccaceae	Pokeweed Family	
<i>Phytolacca americana</i> ‡	American Pokeweed	Naturalised
Pittosporaceae	Pittosporum Family	

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<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 Milkwort	Frequent
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
<i>Emex spinosa</i>	Emex	Occasional. Bare ground
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	Willow-leaved Knotgrass	Agia Lake
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	Disturbed ground
<i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i>	Horsetail Knotgrass	Olive groves. Roadsides
<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>Cyclamen creticum</i> •	Cretan Sowbread	Locally common
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>candicum</i> •	A Greek Sowbread	Imbros Gorge
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Common
<i>Lysimachia foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel	Common
<i>Lysimachia linum-stellatum</i>	Asterolinon	Frequent
<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed	Wet rocks. Georgioupolis
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>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

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<i>Ficaria verna</i> subsp. <i>chrysocephala</i>	A Lesser Celandine	Common
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-Mist	Occasional in phrygana
<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>	Autumn Buttercup	Locally common
<i>Ranunculus creticus</i>	Cretan Buttercup	Shady cliffs
<i>Ranunculus lateriflorus</i> •		Seasonal pond. Omalos plateau
<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
Resedaceae		
<i>Reseda alba</i>	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	White Mignonette	Waste areas
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Mignonette	Waste areas
	Weld	Waste areas
Rhamnaceae		
<i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>oleoides</i>	Buckthorn Family	
	A Buckthorn	Frequent in phrygana
Rosaceae		
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Rose Family	
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i> ‡	Hawthorn	Common
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> ‡	Quince	Cultivated
<i>Poterium creticum</i> •	Japanese Loquat	Cultivated
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> subsp. <i>verrucosa</i>	Cretan Salad Burnet	Cliffs. Imbros Gorge
<i>Prunus dulcis</i> ‡	Salad Burnet	Frequent
<i>Prunus persica</i> ‡	Almond	Cultivated
<i>Prunus prostrata</i>	Peach	Cultivated
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> ‡	Rock Cherry	Mountain rocks. Omalos
<i>Pyrus communis</i> ‡	Firethorn	Cultivated
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Domestic Pear	Cultivated
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Almond-leaved Pear	Common
<i>Rosa sempervirens</i>	Dog-rose	Frequent
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	Evergreen Rose	Frequent
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	A Bramble	Common
	Thorny Burnet	Common
Rubiaceae		
<i>Asperula pubescens</i> •	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium aparine</i>		Cliffs. Kotsifou Gorge
<i>Galium fruticosum</i> •	Cleavers	Waste places
<i>Galium incrassatum</i> •	A shrubby Bedstraw	Cliffs
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	A Bedstraw	Phrygana. Akrotiri peninsula
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Wild Madder	Frequent in scrub
<i>Valentia hispida</i>	Field Madder	Common
<i>Valentia muralis</i>	Valantia	Dry rocky places
	Wall Valantia	Dry rocky places
Rutaceae		
<i>Citrus limon</i> ‡	Rue Family	
<i>Citrus sinensis</i> ‡	Lemon	Cultivated
<i>Ruta chalcensis</i> subsp. <i>chalepensis</i>	Orange	Cultivated
	Fringed Rue	Occasional
Salicaceae		
	Willow Family	

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<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
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Common. Mountains
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysosplenifolia</i>	Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage	Locally common
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<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
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>Mandragora autumnalis</i>	Mandrake	Frequent
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡	Shrub Tobacco	Naturalised along roadsides
<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
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<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

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Valerianaceae		
<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
<i>Valerianella echinata</i>	A Corn Salad	Rocky places
Verbenaceae		
<i>Lantana camara</i> ‡	Lantana	Cultivated
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>		Damp grassland. Souda
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Frequent. Waste areas
Veronicaceae		
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> ‡	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Walls
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel's-snout	Occasional
<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
Viburnaceae		
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ‡	Elder	Naturalised around villages
Vitaceae		
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i>	Wild Vine	Occasional
<i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>vinifera</i> ‡	Grape Vine	Cultivated
Zygophyllaceae		
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Waste areas
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae		
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Broad-leaved Wild Leek	Occasional
<i>Allium circinnatum</i> subsp. <i>circinnatum</i> •		Akrotiri peninsula
<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 rubrovittatum</i> •		Stony ground. Akrotiri
<i>Allium trifoliatum</i>	Pink Garlic	Abandoned fields
<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>	Polyanthus Daffodil	Spili hill
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Sand dunes
Araceae		
<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

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Areaceae		
Palm Family		
<i>Phoenix canariensis</i> ‡	Canary Palm	Cultivated
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> ‡	Date Palm	Cultivated
<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>Drimys numidica</i>	Sea Squill	Common
<i>Leopoldia comosa</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Common
<i>Leopoldia spreitzenhoferi</i> •	A Tassel Hyacinth	Frequent
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	Mountain rocks. Omalos
<i>Ornithogalum divergens</i>	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Frequent
<i>Ornithogalum creticum</i> •	A Star-of-Bethlehem	Occasional. Limestone crevices
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	Southern Star-of-Bethlehem	Frequent
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	Shady areas
Asphodelaceae		
Asphodel Family		
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	Common
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Ditches and roadsides
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Branched Asphodel	Common
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>	Sand Galingale	Coastal sands
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>	Common Club-rush	Agia Lake
Dioscoreaceae		
Yam Family		
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Woodland and scrub
Iridaceae		
Iris Family		
<i>Crocus sieberi</i> •	A Crocus	Omalos
<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 sisyrrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	Common
<i>Romulea bulbocodium</i>	A Sand-crocus	Omalos plateau
<i>Romulea linaresii</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	A Sand-crocus	Omalos plateau
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
Liliaceae		
Lily Family		
<i>Gagea chrysantha</i>	A Yellow Star-of-Bethlehem	Omalos plateau
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	Greek Lloydia	Common
<i>Tulipa bakeri</i> •	Baker's Tulip	Omalos plateau

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<i>Tulipa doerfleri</i> •	Doerfler's Tulip	Gious Kambos
<i>Tulipa saxatilis</i>	Rock Tulip	Rocky places
Orchidaceae		
<i>Anacamptis boryi</i>	Bory's Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Anacamptis collina</i>	Saccate-lipped Orchid	Locally common
<i>Anacamptis laxiflora</i> subsp. <i>laxiflora</i>	Lax-flowered Orchid	Damp meadows
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i> subsp. <i>papilionacea</i>	Pink Butterfly Orchid	Occasional
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Locally common
<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	Locally common
<i>Neotinea lactea</i>	Milky Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Neotinea tridentata</i> subsp. <i>tridentata</i>	Toothed Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i>	Bumblebee Orchid	Spili hill and Armeni
<i>Ophrys cretica</i>	Cretan Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys fuciflora</i> subsp. <i>candica</i>	Candia Orchid	Plakias headland
<i>Ophrys fuciflora</i> subsp. <i>fuciflora</i>	Late Spider Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>cinereophila</i>	Dingy Bee Orchid	Local
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>fusca</i>	Dingy Bee Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys fusca</i> subsp. <i>iricolor</i>	Rainbow Orchid	Spili hill
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>galilaea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Frequent
<i>Ophrys lutea</i> subsp. <i>lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i> subsp. <i>heldreichii</i>	Heldreich's Orchid	Common
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>cretensis</i>	Cretan Early Spider Orchid	Local
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>mammosa</i>	An Early Spider Orchid	Local
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i> subsp. <i>spruneri</i>	Spruner's Orchid	Local
<i>Ophrys tenthredinifera</i>	Sawfly Orchid	Locally frequent
<i>Ophrys</i> x <i>sommieri</i>	<i>Ophrys bombyliflora</i> x <i>O. tenthredinifera</i>	Gious Kambos
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Spili hill and Armeni
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid	Common
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Locally common
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Locally common
<i>Serapias cordigera</i>	Heart-lipped Tongue-orchid	Occasional
<i>Serapias lingua</i>	Common Tongue-orchid	Locally common
<i>Serapias orientalis</i>	Eastern Tongue-orchid	Agia Triada
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue-orchid	Occasional
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i> subsp. <i>laxiflora</i>	Lax-flowered Tongue-orchid	Widespread
Poaceae		
<i>Achnatherum miliaceum</i>	Smilo Grass	Olive groves. Waste areas
<i>Arundo donax</i> ‡	Giant Reed	Naturalised and common
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram	Sand dunes
<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>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	Shaded areas
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Drooping Brome	Rocky places
<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
Grass Family		

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<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Hairy Finger-grass	Roadsides
<i>Hordeum leporinum</i>	Wall Barley	Roadsides. Waste places
<i>Hordeum spontaneum</i> ‡	Wild Barley	Occasional
<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>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*Posidonia oceanica***Neptune-grass Family**

Neptune-grass

Marine

Ruppiales*Ruppia maritima***Tasselweed Family**

Beaked Tasselweed

Kokkinos lagoon

Smilacaceae*Smilax aspera***Smilax Family**

Common Smilax

Common

Typhaceae*Typha domingensis***Reedmace Family**

Southern Reedmace

Agia Lake

Zosteraceae*Zostera marina***Eelgrass Family**

Eelgrass

Marine

• = endemic or near endemic to Crete

‡ = cultivated or naturalised

Birds (H = Heard only)

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		H						
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>			6		5			
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓		✓			
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			1					
Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓					2	
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>						1		
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>						3		

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Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			8		✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					5		2	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			4					
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			2					
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>			6					
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			15					
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			1					
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>							5	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			2					
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			3					
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			100	4			3	
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		40						
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			11				1	
Squacco Heron	<i>Aedeola ralloides</i>		2	8	5				
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			2		1		1	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			80+			3		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			1	40	10	2		
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	4	20	10	6	2	1	✓	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>							1	
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>		2		1				
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						2		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2						
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			12					
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		1						
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>						1		
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓						
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>						1	3	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>				✓			3	
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>		10	10	✓	✓		✓	
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>							✓	
Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>					10			
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>				4				
European Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		H						
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Common Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		3						
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H	H	H	H	H	
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>						5		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			1					

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Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				H		1		
European Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>							1	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	H	H	H	✓	H	H	
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		1						
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>				1		5		
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							1	
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>						H		
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		1			1	1		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>						1		
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				3	3		1	
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetta</i>	3		2					
Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					1		✓	
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>			10	1			3	
Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			1	✓			4	
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>				✓				
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓			H	H	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>						8	✓	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓		✓	✓				
Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		✓		✓				
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		H					4	

Other vertebrates

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mammals									
Kuhl's Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus kuhlii</i>					✓			
Reptiles									
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>	✓							
Cretan Wall Lizard •	<i>Podarcis cretensis</i>		✓			✓		✓	
Ocellated Skink	<i>Chalcides ocellatus</i>				✓				
Red-eared Slider ‡	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>							✓	
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Amphibians									
Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>							H	
Cretan Water Frog •	<i>Pelophylax cretensis</i>		T						
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‡ = introduced									
T = tadpole									
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Invertebrates

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		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Butterflies									
	Papilionidae								
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirus</i>			✓					
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	✓	✓	✓					
Cretan Festoon •	<i>Zerynthia cretica</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
	Pieridae								
Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>						✓		
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓					
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>						✓		
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Lycaenidae								
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓		✓				
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>					✓			
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Nymphalidae								
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Southern Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i>		✓	✓					
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Moths									
Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
Dragonflies									
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>						✓		
Other Insects									
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>		✓			✓	✓		
Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>		✓	✓			✓		
Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera adami</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>					✓	✓		
Oriental Hornet	<i>Vespa orientalis</i>						✓		
Dark-edged Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius major</i>						✓		
Molluscs									
Cretan Door Snail	<i>Albinaria inflata</i>					✓		✓	
Garden Snail	<i>Helix aspersa</i>							✓	
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