Autumn Plants of the Peloponnese

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Crocus goulimyi







Galanthus reginae-olgae

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Day 1

Wednesday 24th October

We made rapid progress along the motorway and stopped at Corinth to view the canal, which effectively makes the Peloponnese an island. Here we found our first flowers, the extremely common Autumn Squill *Prospero autumnale*, the striped, hooded spathes of Friar's Cowl *Arisarum vulgare*, and a number of *Crocus mazgiaricus*. A few butterflies included Long-tailed Blue, Lang's Short-tailed Blue, Eastern Bath White, Mallow Skipper and a Pigmy Skipper. We continued along the newly-completed coast road, before turning inland and climbing steeply into the mountains. We arrived in Kalavrita around 6pm and after settling in to our hotel, we enjoyed a delicious meal of home-cooked food at a nearby taverna.

Day 2

Thursday 25th October

We awoke to a sunny day with cloud over the mountains. Above Kalavrita, we explored an area of Kermes Oak scrub and open pasture, where we found more white *Crocus mazziaricus* and *Crocus melantherus*. *Crocus melantherus*, as its name suggests can be distinguished from other autumn-flowering species by its black anthers and purple feathering on the outer tepals. *Cyclamen hederifolium* was common under the shade of the trees. We drove upwards, through a forest of Graecian Fir *Abies cephalonica*, to the car park below the ski resort. The cloud was clearing, so we made a short walk up to a ridge, overlooking the Styx Valley, where we had good views of the northern slopes of Chelmos. The mountain has a rich flora and we found prostrate mats of *Globularia stygia* and *Thymus rechingeri*, two local endemics, low shrubs of Olive-leaved Daphne *Daphne oleoides* and bushes of the Hawthorn *Crataegus pycnoloba*. There were a few scattered *Crocus mazziaricus* and a single flower of the narrow-tepalled *Sternbergia colchiciflora*.

As we descended from the plateau to find a sheltered spot for lunch, we had great views of a passing Pallid Harrier. After our picnic we stopped by a population of *Sternbergia lutea* and located a few purple flowers of *Colchicum boissieri*. (NB. *Sternbergia lutea* is now regarded as a single, variable, taxon. Narrow-leaved forms were previously separated as *S. sicula* and forms from eastern Crete as *S. greuteriana*.) We retraced our route back through Kalavrita, finding an even more impressive display of *Sternbergia*, by the roadside, among which were the purple spathes of *Biarum tenuifolium* and showy, pink flowers of the Hollyhock *Alcea pallida*. We continued along scenic mountain roads and over a pass to the remote village of Plataniotissa. Here we saw its famous ancient Oriental Plane tree, the hollow bole of which contains a strange little chapel. We received a warm welcome in an adjacent taverna, where home-made walnut cake was served with our coffee.

Day 3

Friday 26th October

Most of us had experienced an earthquake, in the early hours. It had been measured at 6.8 on the Richter scale and was just off the coast of Zakynthos, where it had caused structural damage to buildings and the harbour. It was a crystal-clear morning, with a sharp frost – we headed south through a landscape of mountains and wooded valleys making stops to take in the vibrant autumn colours of Oriental Planes and Poplars. We enjoyed the wonderfully-patterned leaves of *Cyclamen bederifolium*, and old cultivation terraces provided another arresting display of *Sternbergia lutea*. We had lunch, by the roadside, north of Tripoli, where there were many *Crocus badriaticus*, with distinctive three-lobed orange or red stigmas.

Crossing the high wild plateau, to the south, we found our first *Cyclamen graecum*, here growing alongside *Cyclamen hederifolium*, but readily distinguished by the shape and texture of its leaves. Yet another Crocus was plentiful here, our third white species. This was *Crocus boryi*, its white anthers distinguishing it from *C. hadriaticus* and *C. melantherus*, both of which were growing in the vicinity. We descended to the plain of Sparta, with the long outline of the Taygetos Mountains, filling the skyline to the west. We arrived at our waterfront hotel in Gythio just before 6pm, finishing off our day with dinner in a taverna overlooking the harbour.

Day 4

Saturday 27th October

West of Gythio, we had a successful search of some old olive groves for flowering spikes of Autumn Lady's Tresses *Spiranthes spiralis*. Growing alongside them was *Cyclamen graecum* and more *Crocus boryi*. Further on, in contrast to the open olive groves, we stopped under a dense canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis*. It has the largest of all acorn cups, which look like miniature bird's nests, and were used, in the past, for tanning leather. Under the trees, were myriads of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*, scenting the air with their sweet perfume. The subspecies is a tetraploid, with thicker fleshier leaves, than the nominate diploid.

Crossing over the northern end of the Mani peninsula, we found populations of the large and spectacular *Crocus niveus* and the lilac-blue *Crocus goulimyi*, both restricted to the southern Peloponnese. Two small pink Colchicums were the widespread *Colchicum cupanii* and the endemic *Colchicum zahnii* (formerly *C. psaridis*).

We arrived at the Vychlada Cave, paid the entrance fee, and enjoyed our lunch near the beach, before our tour. The cave is one of the world's most richly-decorated and we had an unforgettable experience in its maze of passages. Back in daylight, we saw interesting plants, along the cliffs, including Tree Medick, *Medicago arborea* and the shrubby *Dianthus fruticosus* subsp. *occidentalis*. After coffee, we returned through Areopolis, with stops to see spectacular displays of *Sternbergia lutea* and *Crocus niveus*. Near the coast, we found a few of the sweetly-scented little Daffodil *Narcissus obsoletus* and some lovely plants of the localised endemic *Colchicum parlatoris*. We had just time to drive down to the beach, where numbers of White Wagtails were feeding, before heading back to Gythio for dinner.

Day 5

Sunday 28th October

With cloud remaining stubbornly over the mountains, we drove eastwards, along the coast. On a rocky hillside were flowering plants of *Narcissus tazetta* and on coastal sand dunes we found Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum*, Purple Spurge *Euphorbia peplis* and Sea Knotgrass *Polygonum maritimum*. Continuing across the broad delta of the Evrotas River, we traversed some wild and beautiful hill-country, in the southern part of the Parnon range, where highlights included the pink-barked Eastern Strawberry Tree *Arbutus andrachne* and the vibrant autumn foliage of Smoke Bush *Cotinus coggygria*. *Crocus niveus* grew plentifully, in the rocky terrain, but it was the massed displays of *Crocus goulimyi*, in the village of Lambokambos, that stole the show. Growing with them was another locally common white Crocus, namely *Crocus laevigatus*, also with white anthers.

After lunch, we continued south, down the peninsula, stopping for a coffee break, overlooking the rock of Monemvasia. Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* and Autumn Heather *Erica manipulilfora* were prominent in the hills, as we travelled to see the last of our eight Crocus taxa. *Crocus goulimyi* subsp. *leucanthus* grows in profusion in a few southern localities. Its botanical status has been the subject of much debate, but it is undeniably distinctive, being

almost white or of the palest lavender, albeit with a few specimens approaching the colour of variants found further north. Growing nearby, *Crocus laevigatus* was again common and on old cultivation terraces there were arresting displays of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*. Finally, we headed out to Monemvasia, and spent the remaining hour of daylight exploring the maze of streets, within the walls of the attractive Byzantine town. We had our evening meal in one of its many tavernas, before driving back to Gythio

Day 6

Monday 29th October

We set off at around 8.30am and after a short visit to the Gythio's well-preserved Roman Theatre, we drove north and followed a winding road up into the Taygetos Mountains. Forests of Greek Fir, *Abies cephalonica* and Turkish Black Pine, *Pinus nigra* subsp. *nigra* var. *caramanica* dominate the middle slopes and in damp gullies under Oriental Plane, the Snowdrop *Galanthus reginae-olgae* is locally plentiful, along with *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *hederifolium*.

We had lunch at Krioneri, followed by a walk along a rough mountain road, which offered excellent views of the plain of Sparta, far below us. We continued in the minibus, as far as Anavriti, where we found a welcoming cafe and sampled their mountain tea, which is an infusion of *Sideritis clandestina*, endemic to the Taygetos Mountains. Our descent was down an amazing series of hairpin bends back to the sea of Olives, on the plain, and we were back in Gythio for 5.30pm.

Day 7

Tuesday 30th October

The day started with a visit to Gythio Island, where we were treated to an astonishing display of the leaves of *Cyclamen graecum*, larger and more advanced than normal due to the partial shade of the Pine trees, under which they were growing.

We headed north to the beautiful Byzantine town of Mystras, perched high on a hill, above Sparta, and spent the morning wandering among its ruins. There were good displays of *Sternbergia lutea*, at the top of the site, and on the cliffs were the autumn-flowering onion *Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon* and lovely plants of *Campanula versicolor*, with large, two-toned blue flowers. We then made the short drive to the neighbouring village of Parori, for lunch beside the impressive fountains in the village square, where curtains of Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum capillus-veneris* festooned the damp walls. Afterwards we walked up the adjacent Parori Gorge, as far as a chapel, built inside a large cave in the cliff. The fresh green rosettes of leaves of Madonna Lily *Lilium candidum* were common, as were both *Cyclamen hederifolium* and *C. graecum*. After drinks in the village, we returned Gythio. by 5.50pm.

Day 8

Wednesday 31st October

We left around 8am for the long drive to the airport. We made good progress and had time for a leg stretch and a coffee break, before arriving at the airport for check-in.

Species Lists

Plants (• = endemic or near endemic to Peloponnese and neighbouring islands including Crete; m‡ = naturalised or cultivated

Latin name	Common name	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS AND FERN ALLIES	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
Asplenium adiantum-nigrum	Black Spleenwort	Occasional. Shaded cliffs
Asplenium ceterach	Rusty-back Fern	Common
Aspleniun onopteris	Acute-leaved Spleenwort	Frequent. Shaded cliffs
Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Occasional. Shaded cliffs
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	Common
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male Fern	Shady places
Dryopteris pallida	Pale Buckler-fern	Shaded rocks
Polystichum aculeatum	Hard Shield-fern	Shady places.Taygetos
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	Occasional
Equisetum ramosissimum	Branched Horsetail	Hedges and scrub
Equisetum telmateia	Giant Horsetail	Ditches
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
Polypodium cambricum	Southern Polypody	Shaded rocks
Polypodium vulgare	Common Polypody	Taygetos
Pteridaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family	
Adiantum capillus-veneris	Maidenhair Fern	Damp shaded cliffs
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmosss Family	
Selaginella denticulata	Mediterranean Selaginella	Damp earth and rocks
Woodsiaceae	Lady Fern Family	
Athyrium felix-femina	Lady Fern	Taygetos
Cystopteris fragilis	Brittle Bladder Fern	Shaded rocks
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS	
Araucariaceae	Monkey Puzzle Family	
Araucaria heterophylla‡	Norfolk Island Pine	Cultivated
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
Cupressus sempervirens forma.	5 10	
sempervirens‡ Juniperus communis subsp. alpina	Funeral Cypress	Cultivated
	Common Juniper	Chelmos
Juniperus oxycedrus subsp. oxycedrus	Prickly Juniper	Mountains
Juniperus phoenicea subsp. phoenicea	Phoenicean Juniper	Lowland scrub

Apocynaceae

Nerium oleander

Plumeria rubra‡

Araliaceae

Common name Latin name **Notes Ephedraceae Joint Pine Family** Ephedra foeminea A Joint Pine Common **Pinaceae Pine Family** Abies cephalonica Greek Fir Mountains Pinus halepensis subsp. brutia Calabrian Pine Common Pinus halepensis subsp. halepensis‡ Aleppo Pine Frequently planted Pinus nigra subsp. nigra var. caramanica Turkish Black Pine **Taygetos** Pinus pinea‡ Umbrella pine Cultivated **ANGIOSPERMS FLOWERING PLANTS DICOTYLEDONS** Acanthaceae **Acanthus Family** Occasional Spiny Bear's Breech Acanthus spinosus Adoxaceae **Moschatel Family** Sambucus nigra Elder Parori Viburnum tinus Laurustinus Parori **Aizoaceae Dew Plant Family** Carprobrotus edulis‡ Hottentot Fig Naturalised on coasts **Amaranthaceae Goosefoot Family** Chenopodium album Fat-Hen Common weed Salsola kali **Prickly Saltwort** Sandy beaches Anacardiaceae **Sumach Family** Smoke Bush Cotinus coggygria Locally common Pistacia lentiscus Mastic Tree Common Pistacia terebinthus **Turpentine Tree** Common **Apiaceae Carrot Family** Crithmum maritimum **Rock Samphire** Maritime rocks Wild carrot Common Daucus carota Eryngium amethystinum Blue Eryngo Dry Grasslands Eryngium campestre Field Eryngo Common Small-headed Blue Eryngo Dry Grasslands Eryngium creticum Eryngium maritimum Sea Holly Sand dunes Giant Fennel Ferula communis Common Foeniculum vulgare subsp. piperatum Fennel Common Scaligeria napiformis Scaligeria Shaded rocky places Scandix pecten-veneris Shepherd's Needle Common Smyrnium olusatrum Alexanders Frequent

Hedera helix Ivy Frequent

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Dogbane Family

Frequent along watercourses

Cultivated

Oleander

Frangipani

Ivy Family

Tussilago farfara

Xanthium spinosum‡

Xanthium strumarium‡

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
Aristolochia sempervirens	Evergreen Birthwort	Common
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
Achillea ligustica	Southern Yarrow	Common
Aster tripolium	Sea Aster	Coastal marsh
Bellis perennis	Daisy	Common
Bellis sylvestris	Southern Daisy	Common
Bidens tripartita	Trifid Bur-marigold	Occasional
Calendula arvensis	Field Marigold	Frequent
Carduus pycnocephalus	Slender Thistle	Waste places
Carlina graeca (C. corymbosa)	Flat-topped Carline Thistle	Abundant in garrigue
Carlina gummifera	Pine Thistle	Occasional
Carthamnus lanatus	Wooly Safflower	Taygetos
Centaurea raphanina subsp. mixta		Rocky places
Centaurea solstitialis	St. Barnaby's Thistle	Occasional
Chondrilla juncea	Rush Skeletonweed	Common
Cichorium intybus	Chicory	Waste places
Cirsium candelabrum	Candelabra Thistle	Widespread in the mountains
Cirsium eriophorum	Wooly Thistle	Frequent
Conyza canadensis‡	Canadian Fleabane	Common weed
Crepis rubra	Pink Hawksbeard	Occasional
Cynara cornigera	A wild Artichoke	Frequent
Dittrichia graveolens	Aromatic Inula	Waste places
Dittrichia viscosa	Stink Aster	Abundant on roadsides
Doronicum orientale	Eastern Leopard'sbane	Mountains
Echinops sphaerocephalus	Pale Globe-Thistle	Frequent
Echinops spinosissimus	Spiniest Globe-Thistle	Rocky places
Filago pygmaea	Pygmy Cudweed	Dry stony places
Galactites tomentosa	Galactites	Common. Waste places
Helichrysum italicum	Curry Plant	Frequent
Hieraciun hoppeanum	A Hawkweed	Chelmos
Inula verbascifolia		Cliffs
Lactuca serriola	Pricky Lettuce	Waste places
Limbarda crithmoides	Golden Samphire	Coast
Mycelis muralis	Wall Lettuce	Walls and rocks
Otanthus maritimus	Cottonweed	Sand dunes
Pallenis spinosa	Spiny Golden-star	Frequent
Phagnalon graecum	Shrubby Cudweed	Walls and rocks
Picnomon acarna	Yellow Spine-thistle	Common
Ptilostemon chamaepeuce	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Cliffs
Pulicaria odora	Mediterranean Fleabane	Chelmos
Scolymus hispanicus	Spanish Oyster Plant	Roadsides
Senecio vulgaris	Groundsel	Waste places
Senecio rupestris	Rock Groundsel	Chelmos
Silybum marianum	Milk Thistle	Waste places
Sonchus asper	Prickly Sow Thistle	Waste places
Sonchus oleraceus	Smooth Sow Thistrle	Waste places
Tunnilana farfara	Caltia fact	Mot places in mountains

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Wet places in mountains

Occasional weed

Frequent weed

Colt's-foot

Cocklebur

Spiny Cocklebur

Latin name Common name Notes

Berberidaceae Barberry Family

Berberis cretica Cretan Barberry Mountains

Bignoniaceae Catalpa Family

Catalpa bignonioides‡ Indian Bean Tree Cultivated

Betulaceae Birch Family

Ostrya carpinifolia Hop Hornbeam Common

Boraginaceae Borage Family

Cerinthe majorHoneywortOccasionalCynoglossum creticumBlue Hound's-tongueFrequent

Echium angustifoliumNarrow-leaved BuglossCoast. CommonEchium italicum subsp. biebersteiniiPale BuglossRoadsides. Common

Echium plantagineum Purple Viper's-bugloss Common

Heliotropium europaeumHeliotropeCommon. Waste placesHeliotropium hirsutissimumA HeliotropeFrequent. Waste places

Onosma heterophylla A Golden Drops Rocky pasture

Onosma frutescens Shrubby Golden Drops Walls and rocks. Common

Brassicacae Cabbage Family

Aethionema saxatileBurnt CandytuftChelmosAlyssum montanumAn AlisonChelmosArabis vernaSpring RockcressMystrasAubrieta deltoideaAubrietaMountainsAurinia saxatilisYellow AlyssumMystras

Berteroa obliquaA Hoary AlisonFields. KalavritaCakile maritimaSea RocketMaritime sandCapsella bursa-pastorisShepherd's PurseWeedy placesFibigia clypeataFibigiaTaygetos

Lunaria annua subsp. pachyrhiza Honesty Mystras

Matthiola incana Hoary Stock Monemvasia

Cactaceae Cactus Family

Opuntia ficus-barbarica‡ Prickly Pear Widespread

Campanulaceae Bellflower Family

Campanula andrewsii subsp andrewsii•ChelmosCampanula andrewsii subsp. hirsutula•MonemvasiaCampanula topaliana subsp. topaliana•MystrasCampanula versicolorCliffs

Cannabaceae Hackberry and Hemp Family

Celtis australis European Nettle Tree Frequent

Capparaceae Caper Family

Capparis spinosa Caper Common on cliffs

Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle Family

Centranthus ruberRed ValerianMonemvasia, MystrasDipsacus fullonumWild TeaselOccasional. Roadsides

Knautia integrifoliaA ScabiousWaste placesLonicera etruscaEtruscan HoneysuckleOccasional

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Pterocephalus perennis		Mountains
Scabiosa argentea		Rocky slopes. Taygetos
Scabiosa brachiata	Tremastelma	Taygetos
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
Cerastium candidissimum		Mountains
Dianthus biflorus		Chelmos
Dianthus fruticosus subsp. occidentalis•	A Shrubby Pink	Coastal cliffs. Diros
Drypis spinosa	Drypis	Mountains
Paronychia capitata		Occasional
Petrorhagia illyrica		Occasional
Petrorhagia glumacea		Frequent
Silene fruticosa	Woody Catchfly	Cliffs
Silene gigantea subsp. hellenica•	Giant Catchfly	Parori
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion	Common
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
Cistus creticus subsp. creticus	Cretan Cistus	Common
Cistus parviflorus	Few-flowered Cistus	Frequent
Cistus salvifolius	Sage-leaved Cistus	Locally common
Fumana arabica	Mediterannean Rockrose	Frequent
Fumana thymifolia	Thyme Rockrose	Frequent
Helianthemum hymettium• Helianthemum nummularium	A Rockrose	Mountains
nellanthemum nummulanum	Common Rockrose	Taygetos
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	_
Convolvulus althaeoides	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Frequent
Convolvulus elegantissimus Ipomoea indica‡	Elegant Bindweed	Dry stony places Cultivated
ipomoea maica+	A Morning Glory	Cultivated
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
Sedum album	White Stonecrop	Common
Sedum amplexicaule subsp. tenuifolium		Frequent on rocks
Sedum cepaea		Frequent on shaded rocks
Sedum ochroleucon Sedum sediforme	Maditarannaan Stanaaran	Widespread Common
Umbilicus rupestris	Mediterannean Stonecrop Wall Pennywort	Common
Ombilicus rupesiris	waii reililywort	Common
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
Bryonia cretica	White Bryony	Frequent
Ecballium elaterium	Squirting Cucumber	Waste places
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
Arbutus andrachne	Eastern Strawberry Tree	Locally common
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	Locally common
Erica arborea	Tree Heather	Locally common
Erica manipuliflora	Autumn Heather	Locally common
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
Euphorbia acanthothamnos	Greek Spiny Spurge	Locally common
Euphorbia amygdaloides	Wood Spurge	Occasional
Euphorbia chamaesyce	Small Spurge	Common
Euphorbia characias	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Locally common

Hypericum vesiculosum

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Euphorbia dendroides	Tree Spurge	Common near coasts
Euphorbia paralias	Sea Spurge	Sand dunes
Euphorbia peplis	Purple Spurge	Maritime sands
Euphorbia pulcherrima‡	Poinsettia	Cultivated
Euphorbia rigida	Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge	Common
Mercurialis annua	Annual Mercury	Common
Ricinus communis‡	Castor-oil-plant	Occasional
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
Anthyllis hermanniae	Herman's Kidney Vetch	Local in phrygana
Anthyllis vulneraria subsp. rubriflora	Kidney Vetch	Common
Astragalus angustifolius	Narrow-leaved Milk Vetch	Mountains
Astragalus lusitanicus subsp. orientalis		Roadside. Areopolis
Astragalus sirinicus•		Chelmos
Astragalus thracicus•		Chelmos. Taygetos
Bituminaria bituminosa	Pitch Trefoil	Common
Calycotome villosa	Hairy Thorny Broom	Common
Ceratonia siliqua	Carob	Frequent
Cercis siliquastrum	Judas Tree	Frequent
Coronilla valentina		Rare. Areopoulis
Genista acanthoclada		Common
Hippocrepis comosa	Horseshoe Vetch	Chelmos
Hippocrepis emerus	Scopion Senna	Parori gorge
Medicago arborea	Tree Medick	Coastal cliffs
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	Common
Medicago marina	Sea Medick	Sand dunes
Medicago sativa	Lucerne	Occasional . Roadsides
Ononis spinosa subsp. diacantha	Spiny Rest-harrow	Frequent
Robinia pseudoacacia‡	False Acacia	Planted and naturalised
Spartium junceum	Spanish Broom	Common. Roadsides
Trifolium angustifolium	Narrow-leaved Clover	Frequent
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
Castanea sativa‡	Sweet Chestnut	Taygetos
Quercus coccifera subsp. calliprinos	Kermes Oak	Common
Quercus ilex	Holm Oak	Common
Quercus ithaburensis subsp. macrolepis	Valonia Oak	Locally common
Quercus pubescens	White Oak	Common
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
Erodium cicutarium	Common Storksbill	Waste places
Geranium robertianum	Herb Robert	Damp shady places
Grossulariaceae	Currant Family	
Ribes uva-crispa	Gooseberry	Chelmos
Hypericaceae	St John's-wort Family	
Hypericum empetrifolium	Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort	Frequent
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort	Occasional
Hypericum triquetrifolium	Wavy-leaved St John's-wort	Rocky places
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Parori

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family	
Juglans regia‡	Walnut	Cultivated
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
Ballota acetabulosa	Garden Horehound	Rocky places
Ballota nigra	Black Horehound	Common
Clinopodium calamintha	Lesser Calamint	Common
Clinopodium vulgare	Wild Basil	Shady places
Lamium amplexicaule	Henbit Dead-nettle	Common
Lavandula stoechas	French Lavender	Locally common
Marrubium vulgare	White Horehound	Waste places
Mentha aquatica	Water Mint	Damp places
Micromeria graeca		Rocky places
Micromeria juliana	Micromeria	Rocky places
Nepeta argolica•	A Catmint	Chelmos
Ocimum basilicum‡	Basil	Cultivated
Origanum onites	White Marjoram	Monemvasia
Origanum vulgare	Marjoram	Frequent
Phlomis fruticosa	Jerusalem Sage	Common
Prasium majus	Prasium	Widespread
Salvia fruticosa	Greek Sage	Common
Salvia verbenaca	Wild Clary	Common
Satureja thymbra	Satureia	Rocky places
Scutellaria rubicunda	A Scullcap	Chelmos
Scutellaria rupestris	A Skullcap	Parori
Sideritis clandestina•	A Mountain Tea	Chelmos
Stachys candida	A Woundwort	Parori
Stachys spreitzenhoferi subsp. virella•	A Woundwort	Monemvasia
Teucrium chamaedrys	Wall Germander	Widespread
Teucrium polium	Felty Germander	Common
Thymbra capitata	Mediterranean Thyme	Common
Thymus rechingeri•	A Thyme	Chelmos
Vitex agnus-castus	Chaste Tree	Frequent. Riverbeds
Loranthaceae	Mistletoe Family	
Viscum album subsp. abietis	Mistletoe	Common on Abies
Lythraceae	Loosestrife Family	
Lythrum salicaria	Purple Loosestrife	Ditches
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
Alcea pallida	Eastern Hollyhock	Frequent
Hibiscus rosa-sinensis‡	Hibiscus	Cultivated
Lavatera bryonifolia	Bryony-leaved Mallow	Common
Malva arborea	Tree Mallow	Coastal
Malva sylvestris	Common Mallow	Common
Meliaceae	Mahogany Family	
Melia azedarach‡	Persian Lilac	Cultivated
Mimosaceae	Acacia Family	
Acacia pycnantha‡		Cultivated

Veronica persica‡

Platanus orientalis

Platanaceae

Latin name Common name **Notes** Moraceae **Mulberry Family** Ficus carica Common Fig Morus alba‡ White Mulberry Cultivated Morinaceae **Morina Family** Morina persica A Morina Chelmos Myrtaceae Myrtle Family Cultivated Callistemon citrinus‡ Bottlebrush Eucayptus camaldulensis‡ River Red Gum Cultivated Myrtus communis Common Myrtle Occasional. Maquis **Bougainvillea Family** Nyctaginaceae Bougainvillea Bougainvillea glabra‡ Cultivated **Ash Family** Oleaceae Olea europaea var. sylvestris Olive Frequent Fraxinus ornus Manna Ash Widespread Phillyrea latifolia Mock Privet Frequent in maquis **Oxalidaceae Wood-sorrel Family** Oxalis pes-caprae‡ Bermuda Buttercup Common weed **Papaveraceae Poppy Family** Glaucium flavum Yellow Horned-poppy Coastal habitats **Paulowniaceae Paulownia Family** Paulownia tomentosa‡ Paulownia Cultivated **Pokeweed Family Phytolaccaceae** Phytolacca americana‡ American Pokeweed Waste areas **Pittosporaceae Pittosporum Family** Pittosporum tobira‡ Cultivated **Plantaginaceae Plantain and Speedwell Family** Cymbalaria microcalyx subsp. alba• Mystras and Parori Cymbalaria muralis‡ Ivy-leaved Toadflax Occasional on walls Digitalis ferruginea Rusty Foxglove **Taygetos** Globularia stygia• Chelmos Waste areas near coast Plantago coronopus Stag's-horn Plantain Veronica beccabunga Brooklime Wet places Veronica cymbalaria White Speedwell Waste places

Plumbagiaceae Thrift Family

Armeria canescens A Thrift Chelmos

Plumbago europaea European Plumbago Mystras

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Common Field Speedwell

Plane Family Oriental Plane Common

Common

Latin nama	Common namo	Notes
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Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family	
Polygala myrtifolia‡		Cultivated
Polygonaceae	Dock Family	
Polygonum aviculare	Knotgrass	Waste places
Polygonum equisetiforme	Horsetail Knotgrass	Waste places
Polygonum maritimum	Sea Knotgrass	Coasts
Rumex bucephalophorus	Bull's Head Dock	Common
Portulacaceae	Purslane Family	
Portulaca oleracea	Purslane	Common. Waste areas
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
Anagallis arvensis	Scarlet Pimpernel	Frequent
Cyclamen graecum subsp. graecum	Greek Sowbread	Common
Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. crassifolium•		Common in lowland areas
Cyclamen hederifolium subsp. hederifolium	Sowbread	Common in mountains
Cyclamen rhodium subsp. peloponnesiacum•		Common. Spring flowering
Primula vulgaris	Primrose	Taygetos. Common in damp areas
Samolus valerandi	Brookweed	Parori
Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
Punica granatum ‡	Pomegranate	Cultivated
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
Clematis cirrhosa	Virgin's Bower	Common
Clematis flammula	Fragrant Clematis	Coastal areas
Clematis vitalba	Old Man's Beard	Common
Consolida ajacis	A Larkspur	Occasional
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
Rhamnus lycioides subsp. graeca	A Buckthorn	Common
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
Crataegus heldreichii	A Hawthorn	Frequent
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	Frquent in north
Crataegus pycnoloba•	A Hawthorn	Chelmos
Cydonia oblonga‡	Quince	Cultivated
Eriobotrya japonica‡	Japanese Loquat	Cultivated
Poterium sanguisorba	Salad Burnet	Common
Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	Forests
Prunus cocomilia	Greek Plum	Chelmos
Prunus dulcis‡	Almond	Cultivated
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	Frequent
Pyracantha coccinea‡	Firethorn	Cultivated
Pyrus spinosa	Wild Pear	Common
Rosa canina	Dog Rose	Common
Rosa sempervirens	Evergreen Rose	Frequent
Rubus ulmifolius	A Bramble	Common
Sarcopoterium spinosum	Thorny Burnet	Common
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
Galium rotundifolium	Round-leaved Bedstraw	Shady forests

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Rubia peregrina Wild Madder Shady places

Rutaceae Rue Family

Citrus limon‡LemonCultivatedCitrus sinensis‡OrangeCultivated

Salicaceae Willow Family

Populus alba White Poplar Common. Damp habitats

Populus nigra‡ Black Poplar Cultivated

Santalaceae Bastard-toadflax Family

Osyris alba Osyris Locally common

Sapindaceae Maple Family

Acer monspessulanumMontpellier MapleFrequentAcer sempervirensCretan MapleCommon

Saxifragaceae Saxifrage Family

Saxifraga rotundifolia subsp.

chrysospleniifolia Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage Shaded rocks

Scrophulariaceae Figwort Family

Scrophularia canina subsp. bicolor French Figwort Frequent

Scrophularia heterophyllaCliffsScrophularia lucidaShining FigwortFrequentScrophularia peregrinaNettle-leaved FigwortOccasional

Verbascum macrurumCommonVerbascum sinuatumWavy-leaved MulleinCommon

Simaroubaceae Tree-of-heaven Family

Ailanthus altissima‡ Tree-of-heaven Naturalised and invasive

Solanaceae Nightshade Family

Datura stramonium‡ThornappleWaste groundHyoscyamus albusWhite HenbaneMystras and Parori

Mandragora autumnalis Mandrake Frequent

Nicotiana glauca‡ Shrubby Tobacco Waste areas and roadsides

Solanum elaeagnifolium‡ Silver-leaved Nightshade Corinth
Solanum nigrum Black Nightshade Frequent

Styracaceae Storax Family

Styrax officinalis Storax Occasional in woods

Tamaricaceae Tamarisk Family

Tamarix parviflora Small-flowered Tamarisk Coast

Thymelaeaceae Mezereon Family

Daphne oleoides Olive-leaved Daphne Chelmos

Ulmaceae Elm Family

Ulmus minor Small-leaved Elm Frequent

Colchicum zahnii•

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
Parietaria judaica	Pellitory-of-the-wall	Common
Urtica dioica	Nettle	Widespread
Urtica urens	Small Nettle	Common
Verbenaceae	Vervain Family	
Verbena officinalis	Vervain	Common
Violaceae	Violet Family	
Viola graeca		Chelmos
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
Vitis vinifera subsp. sylvestris	Wild Vine	Occasional
vius viilliela subsp. sylvesuis		Occasional
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
Tribulus terrestris	Maltese Cross	Waste places
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
Allium ampeloprasum	Broad-leaved Wild Leek	Monemvasia, Gythio
Allium callimischon subsp. callimischon		Locally common
Allium commutatum	Wild Leek	Coastal
Allium suhirsutum		Locally common
Galanthus reginae-olgae	Queen Olga's Snowdrop	Taygetos
Narcissus obsoletus	Late Daffodil	Local
Narcissus tazetta	Polyanthus Daffodil	Local
Pancratium maritimum	Sea Daffodil	Sand dunes
Sternbergia colchiciflora		Chelmos
Sternbergia lutea	Common Sternbergia	Locally common
Araceae	Lords-and-Ladies Family	
Arisarum vulgare	Friar's Cowl	Common
Arum italicum	A Lords-and-Ladies	Locally common
Biarum tenuifolium	Narrow-leaved Biarum	Locally common
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
Agave americana‡	Centuryplant	Cultivated and naturalised
Asparagus acutifolius	Mediterranean Wild Asparagus	Occasional
Asparagus aphyllus subsp. orientalis	Leafless Asparagus	Frequent
Drimia maritima	Sea Squill	Locally common
Muscari commutatum	A Grape Hyacinth	Mystras
Muscari neglectum	A Grape Hyacinth	Chelmos
Ornithogalum montanum	A Star of Bethlehem	Mountains and forests
Ornithogalum sp.	A Star of Bethlehem	Mystras
Prospero autumnale	Autumn Squill	Common
Ruscus aculeatus	Butcher's-broom	Shady places
Colchicaceae	Meadow Saffron Family	
Colchicum boissieri		Local in mountains
Colchicum cupanii		Locally common
Colchicum parlatoris•		Local
Colchicum zahniia		Local

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Local

Stipa pennata

Latin name	Common name	Notes
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
Cyperus capitatus	A Galingale	Sand dunes
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
Tamus communis	Black Bryony	Frequent
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
Crocus boryi	,	Widespread in south
Crocus mazziaricus		Locally common
Crocus melantherus		Locally common
Crocus goulimyi subsp. goulimyi•		Locally common
Crocus goulimyi subsp. leucanthus•		Locally common in south-east
Crocus hadriaticus subsp. hadriaticus		Locally common
Crocus laevigatus		Locally common
Crocus niveus•		Locally common
Iris tuberosa	Snake's-head Iris	Widespread
Iris unguicularis subsp. carica var.		•
angustifolia	Algerian Iris	Locally common
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
Juncus acutus	Sharp Rush	Sandy places
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	Damp habitats
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Liliaceae	Lily Family	
Lilium candidum	Madonna Lily	Parori Gorge
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
Himantoglossum robertianum	Giant Orchid	Frequent
Ophrys spp.	Bee Orchids	Frequent
Spiranthes spiralis	Autumn Lady's-tresses	Rocky places
Poaceae	Grass Family	
Ammophila arenaria	Marram Grass	Sand dunes
Arundo donax‡	Giant Reed	Commmon
Avena sterilis	Winter Wild Oat	Waste areas
Brachypodium sylvaticum	False Brome	Common
Briza maxima	Great Quaking-grass	Frequent
Catapodium rigidum	Fern-grass	Rocky places
Cynodon dactylon	Bermuda Grass	Waste places
Cynosurus echinatus	Rough Dog's-tail	Grassland
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	Frequent
Hordeum murinum	Wall Barley	Waste places
Lagurus ovatus	Hare's-tail	Common
Lamarckia aurea	Golden Dog's-tail	Common
Melica uniflora	One-flowered Melick	Forests
Phragmites australis	Common Reed	Common. Wet areas
Piptantherum miliaceum	Rice Grass	Dry Places
Setaria pumila	Yellow Bristle-grass	Frequent
Setaria verticillata	Rough Bristle-grass	Occasional
Setaria viridis		Occasional
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Common

Needle Grass

Latin name Common name Notes

Posidoniaceae Neptune Grass Family

Posidonia oceanica Neptune Grass Marine

Smilacaceae Smilax Family

Smilax aspera Smilax Common

Typhaceae Reedmace Family

Typha domingensis Southern Reedmace Ditches

Xanthorrhoeaceae Asphodel Family

Asphodeline luteaYellow AsphodelLocally commonAsphodelus fistulosusHollow-stemmed AsphodelOccasionalAsphodelus ramosusBranched AsphodelCommon

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

					October								
	Common name	Latin name	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
1	Black Kite	Milvus migrans				✓							
2	Pallid Harrier	Circus macrourus		✓									
3	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus							✓				
4	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
5	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	✓				✓						
6	Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
7	Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
8	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
9	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis				✓			✓				
10	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major			✓			✓					
11	Crested Lark	Galerida cristata		✓									
12	Common Magpie	Pica pica		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
14	Western Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula	✓										
15	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
16	Northern Raven	Corvus corax		✓		✓	✓	✓					
17	Great Tit	Parus major		✓	✓				✓				
18	Coal Tit	Periparus ater		✓									
19	Eurasian Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus		✓	✓				✓				
20	Sombre Tit	Parus lugubris					✓						
21	Long-tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus						✓					
22	Eurasian Nuthatch	Sitta europaea			✓		Н	✓					
23	Western Rock Nuthatch	Sitta neumayer							✓				
24	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris	50					✓					
25	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti				✓	✓	Н					
26	Eurasian Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla			Н	✓	✓		✓				
27	Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala			Н	✓	✓	Н	Н				
28	Winter Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes				Н			Н				
29	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla			✓								
30	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris						✓					
31	Common Blackbird	Turdus merula						✓					
32	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		✓									
33	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
34	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				

							October							
	Common name	Latin name	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
35	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius					✓		✓					
36	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata						✓						
37	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
38	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		✓		✓		✓						
39	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
40	Common Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
41	European Greenfinch	Chloris chloris		✓										
42	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓				
43	Common Linnet	Linaria cannabina		✓										
44	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		✓	✓									

Mammals (D = dead; E = evidence of)

1	Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes	D	D	✓			
2	Beech Marten	Martes foina			D	D	D	
3	Mole	Talpa europaea	Е					
4	Bat sp.					✓		

Reptiles

1	Peloponnese Wall Lizard	Podarcis peloponnesiacus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Greek Rock Lizard	Hellenolacerta graeca				✓	✓	✓	
3	Greek Algyroides	Algyroides moreoticus					✓	✓	

Amphibians

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Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	Papilio machaon					✓			
2	Large White	Pieris brassicae			✓				✓	
3	Small White	Pieris rapae			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Green-veined White	Pieris napi	✓							
5	Eastern Bath White	Pontia edusa	✓	✓						
6	Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Cleopatra	Gonepteryx cleopatra							✓	
8	Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas	✓		✓					
9	Sooty Copper	Lycaena tityrus			✓					
10	Long-tailed Blue	Lampides boeticus	✓				✓			
11	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	Leptotes pirithous	✓							
12	Common Blue	Polyommatus icarus			✓					
13	Brown Argus	Aricia agestis	✓							
14	Plain Tiger	Danaus chrysippus			✓	✓	✓	✓		
15	Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui				✓				
17	Queen of Spain Fritillary	Issoria lathonia		✓						
18	Meadow Brown	Maniola jurtina				✓				
19	Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus		✓	✓					
20	Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria			✓					
21	Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Large Wall Brown	Lasiommata maera			✓				✓	
23	Mallow Skipper	Carcharodus alceae	✓	✓	✓					

			October							
	Common name	Latin name	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
24	Mediterranean Skipper	Gegenes nostradamus			✓					
25	Pigmy Skipper	Gegenes pumilio	✓							

Moths (L = larvae)

1	Hummingbird Hawkmoth	Macroglossum stellatarum	✓	✓				✓	✓
2	Spurge Hawkmoth (larva)	Hyles euphorbiae			L				
3	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa					✓		
4	Broad-bordered Bee Hawkmoth	Hemaris fuciformis						✓	

Dragonflies

1	Red-veined Darter	Sympetrum fonscolombei			✓		

Grasshoppers and Mantids

1	Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium		✓		✓		
2	Blue Band-winged Grasshopper	Oedipoda caerulescens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Red Band-winged Grasshopper	Oedipoda germanica	✓		✓	✓		
4	Roesel's Bush Cricket	Metrioptera roeselii					✓	
5	Praying Mantis	Mantis religiosa	✓	✓	✓			
6	Mediterranean Mantis	Iris oratoria			✓			

Other Insects

1	Oriental Hornet	Vespa orientalis			✓	✓	
2	Cicada	Tibicen plebejus				Е	

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