

The Island of Cyprus

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Saturday 19th March

London to Larnaca

Everyone was in good time, for what turned out to be a comfortable four hour flight to Larnaca, which although half an hour late departing arrived more or less on time and the customs and immigration formalities were brief, so we were soon able to be greeted by our ground agent Philios (as Yiannis, our local guide and botanist, could not join us until the next day, due to family commitments). In spite of our late arrival we set off to visit the area near the Sultan Tekke Mosque, but with the local clocks not yet changed we had only a very limited time before dark, but we did find a few species here, including a flock of distant Greater Flamingo, while several of the ubiquitous Crested Larks were also seen. The flora here was limited but included lots of Giant Fennel, Common Asphodel, Crowned Daisy and familiar to those who visit the Isles of Scilly - Bermuda Buttercup.

We then travelled back past the airport towards Larnaca to our seafront hotel, which was situated out of the main tourist area. Later after drinks in the bar we dined out at a nearby restaurant, where we had an excellent meal with an incredible variety of dishes.

Day 2

Sunday 20th March

Larnaca to Polis via Pissouri

Only a minority of us ventured out before breakfast but only a few species common species were seen, although numerous House Martins were already nest building on our hotel.

Later, after meeting up with Yiannis, we headed off towards the old lighthouse at Kiti at around 9am, where on our arrival we found that there was little sign of any migration and it took us some time to dig out anything, but when we did it was a great surprise, as it was a male Finsch's Wheatear.

Later around the lighthouse we found a few more birds including our only Bluethroat of the trip as well as Ruppell's Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Tree Pipit, Northern Wheatear and a few other common species. This area as usual was quite interesting for plants and amongst a number of species found were *Adonis annua*, *Atriplex halimus*, *Helichrysum conglobatum* and *Echium angustifolium*.

We then headed off to the area of the salt pans near the airport, where we saw Ruff, Marsh Sandpiper and Kentish Plover, as well as distant views of Flamingo. Moving on to the sewage works and dam we found fewer birds than usual, but these included Garganey, Spur-winged Plover, Slender-billed Gull, Yellow-legged Herring Gull and numerous commoner species such as Tufted Duck, Shoveler, Teal, Coot, Green Sandpiper and Black-headed Gull, while the walk to and fro to the dam produced good views of Cretzschmar's Bunting, just migrant in this habitat, as well as a female Blue Rock Thrush, Spectacled Warbler and Common Swift. Plants here included *Allium trifolietum*, *Limonium meyeri* and *Sonchus tenerrimus*. Moving on to the furthest salt pans, we eventually located a calling Black Francolin, while some beautiful Black-headed (*feldegg*) Wagtail were also watched.

Driving off, we continued all the way to Larnaca where we eventually stopped at an excellent patisserie to purchase a variety of healthy and not so healthy options for lunch. We then headed for Phasouri Marsh, our proposed lunch stop, and found a few species, including our first Black-winged Stilt and Common Snipe, while overhead Common Buzzard and Marsh Harrier appeared and more terrestrial species seen included Cyprus Pied Wheatear, Great Tit and Willow Warbler. Flowers came in the form of a nice showy field covered with *Silene aegyptie* and other species included *Arundo donax*. Moving on, our final stop of the day was to see Eastern Marsh, Helleborine *Epipactis veratrifolia* along the roadside by the Episkopi airbase, where it was found to be relatively scarce due to unnecessary herbicide spraying.

It was around 5pm before we reached our accommodation at the Aphrodite's beach hotel on the Akamas Peninsula, which also coincided with some steady rain, although a few species were seen in the garden, including our first Sardinian Warbler.

Day 3

Monday 21st March

Akamas Peninsular

Only a few of us ventured out for the early morning walk, but several new species of interest were seen, including Cetti's Warbler, Red-rumped Swallow and Corn Bunting, while other species included Sardinian Warbler, Tree Pipit and Jackdaw.

The morning's excursion was only a short drive to the nearby baths of Aphrodite's, leaving at around 8.45am, where on our arrival the botanists spent some time in the botanic garden finding several interesting plants such as *Euphorbia veneris* and *Euphorbia thompsonii*, before heading to the famous pool, where there were several very pure looking Rock Doves and a Cetti's Warbler, as well as more interesting plants such as *Bellevalia trifoliata*, *Bellevalia nivalis*, *Gagea graeca* and *Salvia fruticosa*.

We then strolled along the Akamas Peninsular's coastal footpath, where we found our first Subalpine Warbler and Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, while other species included Ruppell's Warbler, along with lots of Chiffchaff and some Lesser Whitethroat, and Sardinian Warbler.

A profusion of plants were also present, including a number of species of *Cistus* with *creticus*, *ladanifer*, *monspeliensis* and *parviflorus* as well *Ranunculus asiaticus*, *Cyclamen persicum*, *Bellevalia trifoliata* and *Bellevalia nivalis*. Yannis also gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the local geology.

After following the trail back to the bus we headed off up to the higher hills near Smygies, first stopping to see several orchids by the roadside, including *Ophrys kotschyi*, *Ophrys flavomarginata*, *Ophrys galilea* and *Orchis punctulata*.

After an excellent lunch at the local inn at Akamas village, we then drove further up past the picnic site to visit the area where a newly found and recently described, but still unnamed tulip occurs, and found a few good specimens of them. We then, after driving a short distance, walked all the way down almost to the village, finding along the way both Plough-share Serapias *Serapias vomeracea* and Eastern Serapias *Serapias orientalis*, while other species seen as we journeyed down included *Alyssum akamascicum*, *Cistus parviflorus*, *Cistus monspeliensis*, *Ophrys elegans*, *Ophrys levantina* and *Orchis syriaca*. Birds were few here, but we got good views of distant singing Blue Rock Thrush, while a newly ploughed field was attracting a number of species, including Subalpine Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Blackcap, Cyprus Pied Wheatear, Redstart, Corn Bunting and Spanish Sparrow, while a few also saw a Freshwater Crab.

Day 4

Tuesday 22nd March

Drepanon and Paphos Area

Early-morning a Black Francolin was seen, but our morning walk produced only one new species, an obliging Zitting Cisticola, and other species included Sardinian Warbler and Corn Bunting.

Leaving at around 8:30 a.m., we headed for the coast, making two short stops along the way, the first for a Little Owl and the second for a Great Spotted Cuckoo, which unfortunately moved before everyone got to see it. Our usual stop for orchids was left out, due to the very late season. At Drepanon, migration was very moderate, but we saw around twenty Short-toed Larks, as well as our first Skylark, while other species included Black Francolin, Cormorant, Isabeline Wheatear and a migrating flock of Purple Heron, while other species seen included Sparrowhawk, Spanish Sparrow and Blue Rock Thrush, while plants seen here included *Frankenia hirsute* and *Aizoon hispanicum*. After coffee in the adjoining village of Agios Georgios, we then visited the next-door archaeological site, which also provided us with excellent views of Ruppell's Warbler, Subalpine Warbler and Lesser Whitethroat.

Our next stop was the Tombs of the Kings near Paphos, which also produced a couple of new birds, Black-eared Wheatear and Tawny Pipit, while Short-toed Lark, Ruppell's Warbler, Hoopoe and several other species were seen. While amongst the many interesting plants found were *Medicago marina*, *Sillene colorata var decumbens*, *Senecio glaucus*, *Centaurea aegialophila* and *Helianthemum obtusifolium*. After raiding a local bakery for a variety of goodies for lunch we headed off to Paphos, where we spent a couple of hours or more visiting the two main buildings with their superb floor mosaics, those in the House of Dionysus, being particularly impressive. Here we also saw a number of good birds, which included Alpine Swift, Black-eared Wheatear, Ruppell's Warbler and Zitting Cisticola, while a large flock of Purple Herons circled the area for a long while looking for a suitable spot to rest and feed.

Later a visit to the touristy harbour for drinks and ice cream also provided us with excellent views of a European Kingfisher. In the evening, we travelled into Polis, where we all very much enjoyed an excellent meal at a local restaurant.

Day 5

Wednesday 23rd March

Asprokremmnos Dam and Mandria Beach

Little was seen around the hotel before breakfast although the few birds seen included Sardinian Warbler, Nightingale and the singing Cetti's Warbler.

Heading off for Asprokremmnos Dam at around 7 a.m., we stopped at Stroumbi to see *Tulipa agenensis*, which although few in number this year were in excellent condition. Next we stopped in Paphos to visit the 9th Century church of Agia Paraskevi famous for its wall-paintings, then a further brief stop at a local restaurant to use their facilities and order lunches for later before eventually reaching the dam.

On our arrival at Asprokremmnos, we soon located several new birds, with the main target being Cyprus Warbler and we obtained excellent views of several of them, while other new species included two Little Crake a male and a female while our first Long-legged Buzzard appeared overhead and other species here, included Chukar Partridge, Cretzschmar's Bunting, Cyprus Pied Wheatear, Sardinian Warbler and Black Redstart. This area is also good for plants, and amongst a number of excellent species found were *Scabiosa prolifera*, *Salvia viridis*, *Fagonia cretica* and *Serapias laxiflora*.

After lunch we headed for Mandria Beach, which due to the fine weather, provided little in the way of migration and proved to be very quiet for birds, although we did see a Tawny Pipit a species new for most of the group, along with ten Short Toed-Lark, two Isabelline Wheatear, three Cretzschmar's Bunting and a Skylark. Plants here included familiar species such as Sea Holly and Yellow-horned Poppy, as well as more unusual species, such as *Anthemus tomentosa*, *Limonium sinatum*, *Glaucium corniculatum* and *Silene colorata* var *decumbens*. With little here to hold us we headed to the local sewage site, where we made a brief stop to visit the almost empty new rubber lined pools, where we found a Spur-winged Plover and two Little Ringed Plover. The visit was then made to an adjacent wet valley, where we saw three Common Buzzard as well as Sardinian Warbler and Serin. Heading off on our hour or so drive back to Polis we only stopped for some welcome ice cream.

Day 6

Thursday 24th March

Polis to Platres

This was mainly a travelling day and around the hotel before our departure, Cetti's Warbler and the usual Sardinian Warbler were seen. Leaving at around 8.45am we soon stopped for supplies for lunch before heading straight to Peristerona, where we parked near the monument which overlooks a beautiful valley. Here we located a Great Spotted Cuckoo which eventually, everyone got good views of, while a Long-legged Buzzard also performed beautifully for us. At the museum which holds many of Cyprus's rare and religious icons, Yiannis gave us a very interesting talk on the Cypriot Orthodox religion and the significance of many of the fine artefacts to be found here.

We then travelled on through heavy rain further up towards the Troodos, our next stop was at a view point where we found our first Coal Tit, the very distinct Cyprus subspecies, as well getting good views of a Serin. Several interesting plants were also found including *Tymus integer*, *Vicia lunata*, *Lamium moschatum*, *Orchis troodi* and *Anthemis paeodocotula*.

Our next stop was at the fenced enclosure near Stavros, where the Cyprus subspecies of Mouflon is being reared as part of a release programme for this once endangered species. Here, we saw several rams, as well as a number of ewes, which we were closer to than usual and which we were able to photograph through the fence. Birds here included Chaffinch and Coal Tit. We then travelled the short distance down the road to the park headquarters, where we were able to use the tables for our picnic lunch and obtain hot drinks from the adjoining café.

Driving a few miles further up into the hills above Stavros, we went for our usual two km plus walk, which was mainly for the botanical interest, but with the late season we found fewer plant species than usual here, although *Orchis troodi*, *Dactylorhiza romana* and *Teesdalia coronopifolia* were among several species found. While we also got good views of the very different looking subspecies of Coal Tit and much poorer ones of some Chukar Partridge.

We then drove on for another hour or so passing a number of the now endemic *Cedrus brevifolia*, as well as stopping for the rare *Ranunculus kykekoensis*, before reaching Kykkos the burial site of Archbishop Makarios, where most of us took advantage of the facilities at the very large restaurant, while some also found time to do a little shopping at the local stalls. Later at Platres after settling in and dinner, a few of us went to look for Scops Owl and in spite of the cold weather managed at least to hear them, but failed to get even fleeting views.

Day 7

Friday 25th March

Platres - Limmassol Area

A new species was seen before breakfast, a Short-toed Treecreeper, while other birds recorded included Jay, Hoopoe and Coal Tit. Due to yesterday's snow on the hilltops and only a moderate weather forecast we headed back down to the coast, leaving at around 8am for Limassol, where we again visited the bakery to purchase picnic lunch supplies. On reaching Zakaki pool, we found our first Ferruginous Duck, while other new species included Grey Heron, Moorhen and Sand Martin, while a Reed Warbler was singing from cover and other species seen included Little Grebe, Garganey, Shoveler Pintail and Coot. We then walked a short distance down the road to follow a line of Tamarisk trees near the old stadium in search of birds, and although migrants were scarce compared to previous visits, we did see Hoopoe, Lesser Whitethroat and Sardinian Warbler.

On the first of the salt lagoons, the water level was too high and there were no waders present. The flora in this general area though was excellent, with species such as *Helianthemum stipulatum*, *Helianthemum thyifolium*, *Limonium echioides* and *Echium angustifolium*. We then drove along the beach road known as Lady's Mile, where although most of the salt pans were full, we found a couple of Kentish Plover before stopping for drinks at a typically touristy beachside restaurant, where we relaxed for a short while overlooking the sea. After crossing Ladies Mile salt pan, we stopped to look for orchids, finding numerous Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, as well as *Ophrys kotschyi*, while other interesting species found in this salt lakes area included *Thymelaea hirsute* and *Chlamydomphora tridentate*.

We saw a male Redstart on the road into the Archbishop's farm, which we later drove into, to visit the farm pond, where there were lots of Coot and a few Moorhen and Little Grebe, as well as a pair of Teal. We then lunched here near the interpretive centre, where we saw some Alpine Swifts and an Eastern Bonelli's Warbler. We later stopped at a place where we have lunched in the past, but there is now a litter problem here, there were however more orchids including *Ophrys kotschyi*, while other species included *Anthemis tricolour* and swards of *Ranunculus asiaticus* in a variety of colours.

With the reserve centre closed, we then drove the short distance to Phasouri reedbeds, where the recent rains had provided a little more water and there were a few more birds this time, including our first Little Egret and Wood Sandpiper, while other species include Ruff, Marsh Harrier and Green Sandpiper. Limited botanical interest was present but species seen included *Euphorbia helioscopia* and *Papaver rhoeas*. Our final visit of the day was out to the old gravel pools, near the beach, where we located our first Masked Shrike and Wryneck, while other species seen included Northern, Isabelline and Cyprus Pied Wheatears.

In the late evening after dinner, several of us walked into the village and tape lured two Scops Owls, one of which provided us with some very good views, while we also watched some Brown Rats walking along the electricity wires to take green almonds from a fruiting tree.

Day 8

Saturday 26th March

Troodos Area

A few birds were seen around the village before breakfast including our first Wren, as well as Cyprus Pied Wheatear and Short-toed Tree Creeper. Later we headed up to Mount Olympus, where we found most of yesterday's snow had already disappeared. Our first stop at the viewpoint was mainly for plants, but here was the endemic Oak *Quercus alnifolia* along with *Alyssum cyprium*, *Arbutus andrachne*, and *Pterocephalus multiflorus*, while Yiannis gave an interesting insight to the local geology. Some of us also managed good views of Serin and Coal Tit. Driving right up to the top of the mountain through the Black Pines *Pinus nigra* and Juniper *Juniperus foetidissima* forest, we found a lot of snow remaining in spite of yesterday's big thaw, here, birds were few, but we saw several Short-toed Tree creeper, as well as a number of Coal Tit and Chaffinch and a few Goldfinch. There was also a surprisingly good show of *Crocus cyprius*, while several clumps of *Ranunculus cadmicus* ssp. *cyprius* were also found. Driving down we stopped near the interpretive centre and arboretum area, where we had brief views of a Crag Martin, and after a short coffee break, we then followed the geological trail.

Returning to Platres, we had a basic lunch at our usual restaurant before heading towards Omodos, where we visited our usual orchid site, before walking down the road to find an array of other interesting plants, including *Ophrys mammosa*, *Adonis annua*, *Barlia robertiana*, *Muscari comosum* and *Ornithogalum umbellatum*. A few birds of interest were also seen including Sardinian and Cyprus Warblers, as well as our only Lesser Kestrel of the trip.

Later, we drove down to Monagri and then on to the convent where we got our first good views of Red-rumped Swallow, and also saw Cetti's Warbler and a few other species. While on our way back up the valley we stopped to get distant views of a Peregrine.

Day 8

Saturday 26th March

Plates to London

A few species were seen around Platres village before breakfast, these included Hoopoe, Cyprus Warbler and Short-toed Treecreeper. We set off for Larnaca around 8.30am making only one stop at a wayside restaurant, for drinks and to take advantage of the much needed facilities and we even managed to see a few interesting plants and birds here.

On reaching our destination we headed off to visit the sewage works and dam, where we found quite a few of birds, including our first Black-necked Grebe, Greenshank, Curlew and Curlew Sandpiper while other species included Garganey, Spur-winged Plover, Greenshank, Ferruginous Duck, as well as Marsh Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Black-winged Stilt and Little Stilt, while the walk back to the bus produced Spectacled Warbler, along with Black-headed Wagtail and Cyprus Pied Wheatear. Moving on the short distance to where the road bends back to the beach we saw a number of species, including good views of Kentish Plover and Black-winged Stilt.

We then made a quick visit to Kiti Dam, but on our arrival found it to be completely dry, although we did see Green Sandpiper here and got excellent views of several Swallowtail butterflies. On our way back to save time we stopped at a local bakery to purchase some items for our lunch, which we later devoured at a comfortable spot near the Teke Mosque, where the surrounding salt lakes and pools provided us with a few birds including our first Little Gull and Greenshank, as well as distant Flamingo and Slender-billed Gull, and we also saw Chiffchaff, Blackcap and Crested Lark here.

After driving to the airport, we said our sad farewells to those either staying on in southern Cyprus or joining the Naturetrek group heading for the Turkish north. The checking in formalities were relatively brief, but we found that our flight was running a little late, but the time passed reasonably quickly, and once away the comfortable flight seemed to reach it's destination in good time. After farewells around the luggage carousel, everyone rushed off to connect with their various transport to numerous destinations, so ending a very pleasant holiday.

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Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	March								
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		12					8		6
2	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				c.70					
3	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		5							
4	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>						4		1	
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>						4			
6	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				13					
7	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	200+	30+					100+	100+	
8	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		9					5	8	
9	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		1					2		
10	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		40c					1	30+	
11	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		12					2	6	
12	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		3					1	5	
13	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>							4	4	
14	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		1						3	
15	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1					5	1	
16	Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		1		1	4		1		
17	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>					1	1			
18	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		10		3	7	2	7	1	2
19	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			1						
20	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>								1	
21	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>								1	
22	Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>		1	1	2					
23	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		3	h		1	1	3	1	
24	Little Crane	<i>Porzana parva</i>					2				
25	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		1					10		
26	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		50+			1		50+	c.20	
27	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		1						6	
28	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		1			2				
29	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		1					2	4	
30	Spur-winged Plover	<i>Hoplopterus spinosus</i>		5			1			4	
31	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		50+					4	12	
32	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		2							
33	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>								1	
34	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		4							
35	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		3			1		1		
36	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							5		
37	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		4					5		
38	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>		20c						9	
39	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>								2	
40	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>		30+						8	
41	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>		20+	20+	100+	2	12		c.20	
42	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>			5						
43	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			10		15	6	4	3	
44	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
45	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			10			2			
46	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		20c		12	20c	10	20+	6	7
47	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>									

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			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
48	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>								h		
49	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>				1		1				
50	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>				1						
51	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>				2	3			3		
52	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>								2	3	
53	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		2		2				6	5	
54	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				1						
55	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		5		2	1	1	3	h		1
56	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>								1		
57	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				5	5			1		
58	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	2	7	4	12	6			6		5
59	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>				c.30	10	4				
60	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>										1
61	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								8		
62	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>			1							1
63	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		30+	30+	c.20	10	8	c.20	c.20		12
64	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		20+	20+	50+	20c	20c	20+		8	2
65	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		1	3							
66	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>				1	3					
67	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>		1								
68	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				1	1					
69	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		40+	8	10	6	3	5	2		3
70	Black-headed (Yellow) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>		8								3
71	Blue-headed (Yellow) Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		2								
72	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>										1
73	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>						1			1	
74	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>		1								
75	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			2	1	1			2		
76	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			1	1	1					
77	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		6	1	5	6			2	2	1
78	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		8	1	c.20	12	1	5			3
79	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>		1		4	3		1			
80	Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>		1								
81	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>				3				1		
82	Cyprus Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe cyprica</i>		2	2		1		1	4		1
83	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1	1	1						
84	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		1			1				2	
85	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				2						
86	Fan-tailed Warbler	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				5		1			1	
87	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		h	1	1	1		1+3h	1+2h		
88	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				1			h			
89	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			2	3			1	1		
90	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>		2								1
91	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		5	2	3	1		4	1		2
92	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>							1			
93	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			6	3	2	4			1	
94	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rüppelli</i>		1	1	5	4					
95	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		1	20+	15		3	2	8		2
96	Cyprus Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanothorax</i>					3				4	
97	Eastern Bonelli's	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>			3				1			
98	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		1								

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99	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		12	20+	8	4	10	9	6	4
100	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		3	20+	8	4	10	9	6	2
101	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>						6	1	12	
102	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>							1	5	
103	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>							1		
104	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		3							
105	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>							7	2	1
106	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		6	2	10	20+	5	12	12	13
107	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		12	10	20+	15	40+	50+	14	3
108	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>		20+	3	15	50+	8	50+	6	10
109	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		50+	50+	c.25	24	15	c.40	c.40	6
110	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>			1	5					
111	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			2			5		15	2
112	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			3		1		1	5	
113	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		10	1	6	6	8	3	14	2
114	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			20c	10	20+	7			
115	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>				5	20+		8		3
116	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			40+	150+	8		1		
117	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>				2					
118	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>			3	1		4			

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Hardun or Starred Agama	<i>Agama stellio cypriaca</i>				✓	✓		✓		
2	Snake-eyed Lizard	<i>Ophisops elegans schlueteri</i>				✓		✓	✓		
3	Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus kitaibelii</i>						✓			
4	Ocellated Skink	<i>Chalcides ocellatus ocellatus</i>							✓		
5	European Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		
6	Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>		✓					✓		
7	Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>			✓						
8	Worm Snake	<i>Typhlops vermicularis</i>						✓			

Other taxa

1	Freshwater Crab				✓						
2	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>						✓	✓		
3	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>							✓		
4	Nosed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida hugariora</i>								✓	
5	7-spotted Ladybird	<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>			✓						
6	Blue Carpenter Bee	<i>sp.</i>				✓					

Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machon</i>				✓				✓	
2	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisyi</i>									✓
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓		✓			
4	Small White	<i>Artogenia rapae</i>			✓						
5	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>				✓			✓		
6	Orange-tip	<i>Anthrocharis cardamines</i>				✓				✓	✓
7	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>					✓			✓	
8	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>			✓						
9	Red Admiral	<i>Venessa atalanta</i>				✓	✓				
10	Painted Lady	<i>Cythia cardui</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	

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11	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓						
12	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>									✓	
13	Paphos Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche paphos</i>			✓		✓					
14	Eastern Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>								✓		

Plants

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1	<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort			✓							
2	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Pine							✓			✓
3	<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Brutian Pine		✓					✓			
4	<i>Juniperus phoenicia</i>	Phoenician Juniper		✓								
5	<i>Juniperus foetidissima</i>											✓
6	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress			✓							
7	<i>Cedrus brevifolia</i>	Cyprus Cedar							✓			
8	<i>Alnus orientalis</i>	Eastern Alder							✓			
9	<i>Quercus alnifolia</i>	Golden Oak							✓			
10	<i>Quercus coccifera ssp calliprinos</i>	Kermis Oak										✓
11	<i>Quercus infectoria ssp veneris</i>	Royal Oak							✓			
12	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig			✓							
13	<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall			✓							
14	<i>Atriplex halimus</i>	Shrubby Orache		✓								
15	<i>Salicornia sp.</i>			✓								
16	<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>					✓						
17	<i>Silene vulgaris ssp vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion				✓						
18	<i>Silene behen</i>							✓				
19	<i>Silene colorata</i>	Pink Pirouette		✓				✓				
20	<i>Silene fruticosa</i>										✓	
21	<i>Silene aegyptiaca</i>			✓		✓						
22	<i>Paronychia argentea</i>					✓						
23	<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry									✓	
24	<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone		✓								
25	<i>Adonis sp. annua</i>	Pheasant Eye		✓		✓						
26	<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup			✓							
27	<i>Ranunculus kykkoensis</i>	Kykko Buttercup							✓			
28	<i>Ranunculus cadmicus ssp cyprius</i>											✓
29	<i>Ranunculus paludosus (n)</i>				✓				✓			
30	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy		✓								
31	<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Rough Poppy		✓								
32	<i>Hypecoum procumbens</i>							✓				
33	<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy						✓				
34	<i>Glaucium corniculatum</i>							✓				
35	<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory		✓								
36	<i>Biscutella didyma</i>	Biscutella									✓	
37	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock										
38	<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard		✓								
39	<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket				✓						
40	<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>	Cotswold Pennycress										✓
41	<i>Alyssum cyprium</i>											✓
42	<i>Alyssum troodi</i>											✓
43	<i>Alyssum akamasicum</i>				✓							

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44	<i>Turritis laxa</i>							✓		
45	<i>Arabis purpurea</i>							✓		
46	<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock				✓				
47	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort						✓		
48	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane						✓		
49	<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Spiny Burnet		✓						
50	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry			✓					
51	<i>Crataegus azarolus</i>	Azarole								✓
52	<i>Sorbus aria ssp cretica</i>	Whitebeam								✓
53	<i>Cotoneaster nummularia</i>									✓
54	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat				✓				
55	<i>Acacia cyanophylla</i>	Blue-leaved Wattle		✓						
56	<i>Anagyris foetida</i>									✓
57	<i>Calycotome villosa</i>				✓					
58	<i>Genista sphacelata var sphacelata</i>	Thorny Broom			✓					
59	<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>				✓					
60	<i>Lathyrus blepharicarpus</i>					✓				
61	<i>Lathyrus gorgonei</i>						✓			
62	<i>Melilotus sulcatus</i>			✓						
63	<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick				✓				
64	<i>Medicago turbinata</i>			✓						
65	<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>					✓				
66	<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil		✓						
67	<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil					✓			
68	<i>Trifolium clypeatum</i>	Shield Clover			✓					
69	<i>Lotus edulis</i>								✓	
70	<i>Astragalus lusitanicus ssp orientalis</i>						✓			
71	<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion Vetch							✓	
72	<i>Hippocrepis multisiliquosa</i>					✓				
73	<i>Onobrychis venosa</i>	Cypriot Sainfoin								✓
74	<i>Vicia hybrida</i>				✓					
75	<i>Vicia tenifolia spp.laxiflora</i>				✓					
76	<i>Hedysarum spinosissimum</i>					✓				
77	<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Crane's-bill			✓					
78	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Doves-Foot Crane's-bill		✓						
79	<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill			✓					
80	<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Narrow-leaved stork'sbill					✓			
81	<i>Erodium moschatum</i>				✓					
82	<i>Zygophyllum album</i>									✓
83	<i>Fagonia cretica</i>				✓					
84	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	✓							
85	<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	✓							
86	<i>Euphorbia thompsonii</i>				✓					
87	<i>Euphorbia veneris</i>				✓					
88	<i>Andrachne telephoides</i>									
89	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor-oil Plant							✓	
90	<i>Citrus limon</i>	Lemon		✓						
91	<i>Citrus aurantiaca</i>	Seville Orange		✓						
92	<i>Citrus paradisi</i>	Grapefruit		✓						
93	<i>Pistachia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree			✓				✓	
94	<i>Rhamnus oleoides ssp graecus</i>			✓						

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95	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow								✓
96	<i>Malva aegyptia</i>									
97	<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Lesser Tree-mallow		✓						
98	<i>Tamarix tetragyna</i>			✓					✓	
99	<i>Cistus creticus</i>				✓					
100	<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus			✓					
101	<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>				✓					
102	<i>Cistus hybrid sp.</i>	hybrid			✓					
103	<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose						✓		
104	<i>Helianthemum obtusifolium</i>					✓				
105	<i>Helianthemum stipulatum</i>								✓	
106	<i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i>								✓	
107	<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Fumana			✓					
108	<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Fumana		✓						
109	<i>Viola sieheana</i>								✓	
110	<i>Viola alba</i>	Sweet Violet						✓		
111	<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>								✓	
112	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle						✓		
113	<i>Smyrniolus olusatrum</i>	Alexanders			✓					
114	<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's-needle			✓					
115	<i>Tordylium aegyptiacum</i>					✓				
116	<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	✓							
117	<i>Zossima absinthifolia</i>									✓
118	<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry-tree			✓			✓		
119	<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	Persian Sowbread			✓					
120	<i>Cyclamen cypricum</i>	Cyprus Sowbread						✓		
121	<i>Anagallis arvensis var. caerulea</i>	Pimpernel		✓						
122	<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Winged Sea-lavender				✓				
123	<i>Limonium meyeri</i>			✓						
124	<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive						✓		
125	<i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>									✓
126	<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed				✓				
127	<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>	Small Blue Bindweed		✓						
128	<i>Convolvulus coelestis</i>					✓				
129	<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue			✓					
130	<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet			✓					
131	<i>Anchusa strigosa</i>									✓
132	<i>Anchusa undulata ssp hybrida</i>					✓				
133	<i>Anchusa hybrida</i>					✓				
134	<i>Lithodora hispidula ssp versicolor</i>				✓					
135	<i>Buglossoides arvensis</i>	Corn Gromwell								✓
136	<i>Buglossoides tenuiflora</i>									✓
137	<i>Echium angustifolium</i>							✓		
138	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade		✓						
139	<i>Mandragora officinarum</i>	Spring Mandrake				✓				
140	<i>Teucrium kotchyanum</i>							✓		
141	<i>Thymus integer</i>				✓					
142	<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>				✓					
143	<i>Micromeria myrtifolia</i>				✓					
144	<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>				✓					
145	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary				✓				

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146	<i>Salvia willeana</i>									✓
147	<i>Salvia viridis</i>	Red-topped Sage					✓			
148	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Deadnettle		✓						
149	<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage			✓					
150	<i>Prasium majus</i>			✓						
151	<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>								✓	
152	<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel Snout								✓
153	<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Bartsia			✓					
154	<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>								✓	
155	<i>Orobanche minor</i>	Common Broomrape			✓					
156	<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Sea Plantain		✓						
157	<i>Scabiosa prolifera</i>	Carmel Daisy					✓			
158	<i>Phagnalon rupestre ssp graecum</i>			✓						
159	<i>Helichrysum conglobatum</i>				✓					
160	<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>							✓		
161	<i>Anthemis rigida</i>					✓				
162	<i>Anthemis pseudocotula</i>							✓		
163	<i>Anthemis tormentosa</i>						✓			
164	<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	✓							
165	<i>Chrysanthemum segetum</i>					✓				
166	<i>Senecio glaucus</i>					✓				
167	<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold		✓						
168	<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>			✓						
169	<i>Carduus argentatus</i>					✓				
170	<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>					✓				
171	<i>Centaurea veneris</i>				✓					
172	<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce cypria</i>	Ground pine								✓
173	<i>Urospermum picroides</i>				✓					
174	<i>Leontodon tuberosum</i>				✓					
175	<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common Smilax								✓
176	<i>Chionodoxa lochia</i>							✓		
177	<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel		✓						
178	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>				✓					
179	<i>Tulipa aegenensis</i>						✓			
180	<i>Gagea graeca</i>				✓			✓		
181	<i>Gagea juliae</i>				✓			✓		
182	<i>Allium neopolitanum</i>				✓					
183	<i>Allium trifoliatum</i>			✓						
184	<i>Allium nigrum</i>				✓					
185	<i>Ornithogalum pedicellare</i>				✓					
186	<i>Bellevalia nivalis</i>				✓					
187	<i>Bellevalia trifoliata</i>				✓					
188	<i>Romulea tempskyana</i>								✓	
189	<i>Gynandris sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut		✓						
190	<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus			✓					
191	<i>Crocus cyprius</i>									✓
192	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed		✓						
193	<i>Arum hygrophilum</i>							✓		
194	<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Mousetailplant			✓					
195	<i>Epipactis veratrifolia</i>	E. Marsh Helleborine		✓						
196	<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid							✓	

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197	<i>Barlia robertiana</i>	Giant Orchid			✓			✓		✓
198	<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman orchid			✓			✓		
199	<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid			✓					
200	<i>Serapias orientalis</i>				✓					
201	<i>Serapias vomeracea ssp laxiflora</i>	Plough-share Serapias			✓		✓		✓	
202	<i>Orchis italica</i>	Italian orchid			✓					✓
203	<i>Orchis anatolica ssp troodi</i>	Troodos Orchid			✓			✓		
204	<i>Orchis morio ssp syriaca</i>	Green-winged Orchid			✓			✓		✓
205	<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid			✓					✓
206	<i>Ophrys sintenisii</i>									✓
207	<i>Ophrys iricolor</i>	Rainbow Ophrys								✓
208	<i>Ophrys israelitica</i>	Omega Ophrys			✓					✓
209	<i>Ophrys lapethica</i>	Woodcock Orchid			✓					
210	<i>Ophrys fusca</i>	Dull Ophrys			✓					✓
211	<i>Ophrys lutea ssp galilea</i>	Yellow Ophrys			✓					
212	<i>Ophrys bornmuelleri</i>	Bornmueller's Ophrys			✓					
213	<i>Ophrys umbilicata</i>	Woodcock Orchid			✓					
214	<i>Ophrys levantina</i>	Spider Orchid			✓					
215	<i>Ophrys attica</i>	Mount Carmel Ophrys			✓					
216	<i>Ophrys kotschyi</i>				✓				✓	
217	<i>Ophrys elegans</i>				✓					
218	<i>Ophrys flavomarginata</i>				✓					
219	<i>Ophrys morio</i>				✓				✓	✓