

# The Island of Cyprus

Naturetrek Tour Report

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*Orchis anatolica ssp troodi* by Geoff Vowles



*Tulipa akamasica* by Geoff Vowles



*Monkey Orchid* by Eunice Robertson



*Paphos Blue* by Geoff Vowles

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## Day 1

Saturday 28th March

### London to Paphos

We had an early start to get to Gatwick airport for our 7.10am flight. Everyone was in good time for what turned out to be a comfortable four hour plus flight to Paphos. Although we were a little late departing, we arrived at 2pm, more or less on time, and the customs and immigration formalities were brief. We were greeted by our driver and a little later by Yiannis, our local guide and botanist and Philious our ground agent. Our first new birds were Hooded Crow and Wood Pigeon.

It was only a 20 minute drive to our comfortable hotel and after quickly settling in, we set off about 3pm to visit the Tombs of the Kings. On arriving at the tombs we found that the recent rain had brought down a few birds for us. As well as the normal residents such as Crested Lark, Spanish Sparrow and Sardinian Warbler, we soon found Wryneck and Chiffchaff, while on the more open areas Northern Wheatear, Isabelline Wheatear and Short-toed Lark were seen. In the scrubby area on our slow walk back we found both Woodchat and Masked Shrikes, while a lone Fig tree in a sheltered quarry produced good views of new birds: both Ruppell's and Spectacled Warblers and Nightingale. Other more common species included Chaffinch and Greenfinch and several migratory Lesser Whitethroat.

The Tombs of the Kings was also our first introduction to some of the Mediterranean plants. There were fields of *Chrysanthemum coronarium* mixed with *Papaver rhoeas*, and a bright show of *Convolvulus althaeoides* growing all over, along with *Cyclamen persicum* on the rocky outcrops. Moving on to the wind blasted shore we saw *Centaurea aegialophila*, *Medicago marina*, *Silene colorata* var *decumbens*, *Thymus capitatus*, *Anthemis tomentosa*, *Echium angustifolium*, *Paronychia argentea* and *Senecio glaucus*.

Later, near the hotel, a Peregrine flew by and an Eastern Bonelli's Warbler was also seen.

## Day 2

Sunday 29th March

### Asprokremmnos, Mandria Beach & Paphos Castle

After breakfast we set off around 8.30am for Asprokremmnos Dam and on our arrival we soon located several new birds. Our main target, Cyprus Warbler, proved more difficult than usual but we eventually obtained excellent views. Chukar, Marsh Harrier, Sardinian Warbler, Blue Rock Thrush, and Black-eared and Cyprus Pied Wheatears were also seen, while numerous Paphos Blue butterflies were also present. This area is also good for plants and amongst a number of excellent species found were *Scabiosa prolifera*, *Allium neapolitanum* and *Fagonia cretica*.

On leaving the Dam we drove up a nearby valley where we found the grass sward exceptionally high due to the recent rain. New birds seen here were Red-rumped Swallow, Great Tit and Common Whitethroat.

We next drove to the coast to visit Mandria Beach. Due to the fine weather there was little in the way of migration taking place but we did see a few new species including female Desert Wheatear, Yellow-legged Gull, and a Short-eared Owl being mobbed by Hooded Crows. As we were leaving we located five Black-winged Stilts along the shore line. Other species included Marsh Harrier, several Isabelline Wheatears, numerous Northern Wheatears, Chukar along the bare sea cliffs, and a flock of nine Little Egrets which landed briefly on one of the rocky islets. Plants here included familiar species such as Sea Holly and Yellow-horned Poppy, as well as more unusual species such as the Stock *Matthiola tricuspidata*.

After a pleasant restaurant lunch we made our final visit of the day to Paphos Castle to see the magnificent mosaics. 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. Some of us eventually met up at the viewpoint near the old lighthouse which had been closed off for repairs. Various members of the group saw Woodchat Shrike, Tree Pipit, Red-throated Pipit, Zitting Cisticola, Lesser Whitethroat and Black-headed Bunting. A nice group of wagtails included Black-headed, and a number of Hoopoe were also seen. Flyovers included 12 Cormorants and a flock of herons which included four Purple and two Grey Herons. Plants found here included *Aristolochia parvifolia*, *Convolvulus althoides* and *Centaurea aegiolopila*.

After leaving the castle we wandered around the harbour for drinks and ice cream before heading back to our hotel. Several Yellow-legged Gulls were seen here, and near the bus we located a nice male Common Redstart and a Sardinian Warbler.

Later we walked into town and visited a local restaurant where we enjoyed an excellent evening meal.

## Day 3

Monday 30th March

### Limassol Area

Leaving just after 8am, we drove for one and a quarter hours to Limassol, en route stopping at an excellent patisserie where we purchased a wide variety of 'goodies' for lunch.

Upon arrival we visited Zakaki pool which we found was suffering from reed encroachment making it less suitable for waders. We visited the new hide and found several good birds, the best of which was a very obliging Little Crake. Ferruginous Duck, Common Sandpiper, Coot, Moorhen, Mallard and Reed Warbler were also new; and as some of us left the hide a Little Bittern appeared.

We then walked around the old football stadium and at a second lagoon saw Greenshank, Ruff, Little Stint, Common Sandpiper and Wood Sandpiper. The first lagoon held a good number of Slender-billed and Black-headed Gulls. Plants found around the stadium area at Zakaki included *Ifloga spicata*, *Helianthemum stipulatum*, *Cistus parviflorus* and *Alkanna tinctoria*.

Next we progressed along the beach road known as Lady's Mile. Although water levels were exceptionally high we still found our first Kentish and Ringed Plovers and some Cattle Egrets. We stopped for drinks and to use the facilities at a touristy beachside restaurant; relaxing for a short while on the beach overlooking the sea.

We then crossed the salt pan and visited Archbishop's Farm Pool. Common Pochard was new for us and we also saw Ferruginous Duck and Common Sandpiper again. We had lunch near the new interpretive centre which most of the group visited. In the orchard we found an elusive Eastern Bonelli's Warbler.

After lunch we stopped to look for plants in an area just outside the entrance gate where we found Pyramidal Orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*), *Orchis coriophora* ssp. *fragans* and *Chlamydophora tridentate*. A bird of note was a Cretzschmar's Bunting but unfortunately it flew off before everyone was able to see it. A little further down the road we stopped by a salt pan. Many of the orchids were over, but we did see *Ophrys apifera*.

Driving on towards Phassouri reedbeds we stopped to view about 200 Greater Flamingoes on a Salt Lake. On reaching the reedbeds we encountered an incredibly strong wind and found less open water than usual due to encroaching reed, this in spite of higher water levels than customary. This limited the number of species present, but we did see three Spur-winged Plovers, while other species included Purple Heron, Little Egret, Cattle Egret, Zitting Cisticola and Red-throated Pipit.

We then drove out to the beach pool which provided us with several wheatear species, our first Tawny Pipit, and great views of two Woodchat Shrikes.

At a stop at Kensington Cliffs we found a number of plants including *Gladiolus triphyllus*, *Erodium crassifolium*, *Sedum sediforme* and *Sedum eriocarpum* ssp. *rubens*. A little further on we stopped to see Eastern Marsh Helleborine (*Epipactis veratrifolia*) growing on the wet flushes of a cliff face.

Our final stop of the day was at Aphrodite Point, where she allegedly came out of the sea, before we returned to Paphos.

## Day 4

Tuesday 31st March

### Paphos; Cape Drepanon to Polis

Today we drove to Cape Drepanon (Agios Georgios). Upon arrival we found a nice flock of Blue-headed Wagtails accompanied by several Black-headed Wagtails; and other species seen included Sardinian and Ruppell's Warblers, Woodchat Shrike and several Isabelline and Northern Wheatears. Breeding colonies of Yellow-legged Gull and Jackdaw were on Yeronisas Island, while three Cormorants were also seen. This is also a good site for plants and amongst the more interesting species located were *Aizoon hispanicum*, *Nigella fumarifolia*, *Taraxacum aphrogenes* and *Convolvulus coelosyriacus*.

After coffee at the local restaurant we visited the archaeological site of an early Christian basilica. As well as enjoying the mosaics, we saw Lesser Whitethroat, Ruppell's and Sardinian Warblers, Black-eared Wheatear, and heard two distant Black Francolins. Just as we were leaving a flock of sixteen Purple Herons flew over us while we were listening to a Nightingale sing.

Driving on, we stopped at a village patisserie to buy lunch before reaching our picnic site in the Pegeia Forest. After lunch we went for a walk and found several orchids including *Ophrys levantina*, *Ophrys mammosa*, *Orchis syriaca*, and *Ophrys elegans*, a species which has normally finish flowering by this late in the season. Bird sightings

included Sardinian Warbler, Great Tit, Linnet, Goldfinch and Greenfinch, while both Snake-eyed Lizard and Snake-eyed Skink were seen.

Moving on to Polemi, we found *Tulipa arenensis* to be more prolific than usual, even growing on some of the cultivated areas. Amongst other species found was *Geranium tuberosum*, whilst bird sightings included Red-rumped Swallow, Chiffchaff and Song Thrush. A Coin Snake was also seen.

Our last stop was at Polis and our comfortable accommodation. We had time after settling in for a brief look around the gardens where we saw Red-rumped Swallow, Chiffchaff and our first Wood Warbler.

## Day 5

Wednesday 1st April

### Akamas Peninsula

On our early morning walk we found a flock of sixty-seven Corn Buntings as well as Woodchat Shrike, numerous Blackcaps and a brief view of Eastern Bonelli's Warbler. We also saw a very distant raptor flying away from us which we initially thought was probably a Honey Buzzard, but on reflection later proved to be a Bonelli's Eagle.

After breakfast we went to visit the pool of Aphrodite and walk the coastal footpath along the north side of the Akamas peninsula. We soon found and had brief views of both Wood Warbler and Wryneck. Along the cliff path we saw several Cyprus Pied Wheatears, and eventually had good views of an Eastern Bonelli's Warbler. One of our group found a distant Kingfisher along the shore line far below us, and we eventually located another. Other species seen included Redstart, Sardinian Warbler, Ruppell's Warbler, Garden Warbler and an obliging Wryneck. Here the Rock Doves appeared as pure looking as anywhere on the Island. Butterflies seen included our first Orange Tip, Red Admiral and Cleopatra. There were a profusion of plants: in the botanical garden we saw *Bosea cypria*, *Cistus monspeliensis*, *Cistus parviflorus* and *Asphodelus fistulosus*; and along the coastal path species included *Ranunculus asiaticus* and *Cyclamen persicum*. Yiannis also gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the local geology.

Next we returned to the hotel for some of the group to collect various items, before heading into hills towards the Smiyies Track. On the way we stopped in Neochorio village at a local tavern for an excellent lunch.

Later we drove into the hills to a new enclosure for *Tulip akamasica*, a recently discovered species. Birds included another male Ruppell's Warbler as well as Isabelline and Cyprus Pied Wheatears.

After driving down to the first turning above the picnic site we got out and walked down the track finding a host of new plants such as *Alyssum akamasicum*, *Serapias levantina*, *Ophrys elegans*, *Ophrys bronmullereri*, *Dactylorhiza romana* and *Legousia speculum-veneris*. Bird sightings included our first Woodlark as well as a fine male Redstart, and another Wryneck and Wood Warbler.

## Day 6

Thursday 2nd April

### Polis to Plates

A few of us ventured out for an early morning walk. We looked for Black Francolin but were unsuccessful: it seems that with all the new building the population has crashed as we only heard an odd bird calling during our stay. However we did find a few species including our first Hawfinch; a winter visitor that has normally departed before our arrival.

After breakfast we went into the garden to the pond where we saw three Tree Frogs sat on a branch close together. We then departed around 8.30am, but soon stopped in Polis at a local patisserie to purchase lunch.

Driving into the hills, we stopped at Peristerona and visited the viewpoint. We parked near the monument to an 18-year-old boy hung by the British, which overlooks a beautiful gorge. Here the botanists found much of interest with new species such as *Helianthemum obtusiflora* and *Gagea gagea*. Some also saw a Red-footed Falcon on what is a fairly early date for this species. We also had several good but distant views of Chukar and saw a few common species including Common Kestrel and Sardinian Warbler.

In the village we stopped to visit the church which is a museum and holds many of Cyprus's rare 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.

Our next stop was mainly botanical and we walked up a slope from the main road to see *Tuberaria gutata*, *Cistus monspeliensis*, *Dactylorhiza romana* and the delightful *Orchis troodi*.

On reaching Stavros we visited an enclosure where the endangered Cyprus subspecies of Mouflon are being reared as part of a release programme. Interesting plants were also seen on the walk around here to the Park Headquarters including *Turritis laxa*, *Viola alba*, *Vicia cassia* and *Vicia narbonense*. We had lunch at the café where hot drinks were available. Birds seen around the lunch area included Jay, Blackbird, Chaffinch and several of the quite different looking Cyprus race of Coal Tit.

After lunch progress was slow as we made numerous brief botanical stops for interesting species such as *Ranunculus kykkoensis*, *Arabis purpurea*, *Turritis laxa* and *Chionodoxa lochia*.

Later, having encountered rain, we stopped at Kykkos, a popular tourist spot, which provided an ideal time to visit the large restaurant and take advantage of the facilities.

The monastery here is the burial place of Archbishop Makarios and a few of the group visited the church.

We made one further stop on our onward journey and were successful in our search for *Chionodoxa lochia*, sometimes called Loch's Glory-of-the-Snow; a bulbous perennial which flowers early in the spring and is normally well over by the time we arrive. After flowering it is difficult to find as it goes into dormancy until the next spring.

Later at Platres, after settling in, we saw our first Pallid Swift and Blackbird. After dinner a few went to look for Scops Owl and in spite of the damp and cold we heard two birds calling and several of us had reasonable but limited views.

## Day 7

Friday 3rd April

### Troodos Area, Mount Olympus and Omados

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

Later we headed to the upper reaches of Mount Olympus where a fair amount of snow still lay; this took us up through Black Pines (*Pinus nigra*) and Juniper (*Juniperus foetidissima*) forest. After arriving at the top of the road we walked back down for a while, getting good views of a number of species. We watched a pair of Coal Tits nest building on a roadside bank, and also saw Jay, Great Tit, Cyprus Pied Wheatear, Chaffinch and Masked Shrike. A more distant flock of about twenty of the Cyprus subspecies of Crossbill were also seen.

We drove down and stopped near the highest of the cafes where we went for a walk into the forest to look for the endemic Crocus (*Crocus cypricus*), which were plentiful. We also found *Ranunculus cadmicus*, ssp *cyprus* and *Corydalis futifolia*. We soon found two Short-toed Treecreepers, and lots of Coal Tit and Chaffinch were seen. We had better views of Crossbill, and eventually located a mixed flock of finches feeding on the ground which included at least two Hawfinch, while close by were a flock of Siskin; seen for the first time on this Cyprus tour as they are usually long gone by this time of year.

Further down we stopped near the interpretive centre and arboretum area where we visited the interesting park museum. We then walked down the main road to see *Arabis purpurea* and *Euphorbia veneris* which grow here on the roadside scree.

Our next stop further down at the viewpoint was mainly for plants, and here we saw the endemic Oak (*Quercus alnifolia*) along with a *Alyssum cypricum* and *Alyssum troodi*. Yiannis also gave an interesting insight to the local geology.

After returning to our hotel in Plates to use the facilities, we set off for lunch in the attractive small town of Omodos, famous for its lefkaritika (a kind of embroidery). In better weather the ladies sit on their doorsteps producing tablecloths, quilts and smaller items such as doilies. Here we had some free time and some visited the monastery and church, which amongst the many artefacts is the skull of St. Philip set in a silver box, as well as what is believed to be part of the original Shroud. Some also visited the huge town olive press which is still in working order.

Returning, we followed a narrow lane to look for flora, making several stops and walks to find a number of orchid species including *Barlia robertiana*, *Ophrys lapethica* and *Ophrys iricolor*. We also found a pair of Serin through the male's scratchy song.

Moving on, we visited an orchid site near Kouka and made a few other roadside stops. Interesting plants were found including *Orchis simian*, *Astragalu cyprius*, *Lathyrus chymenum*, *Onobrychis venosa* and *Ochthodium aegyptiacum*. The birders had a long walk down the road.

Later, we drove to Monagri and on to the convent for our final stop of the day. We found a perched Peregrine which we were able to 'scope, and a couple of Red-rumped Swallows were seen. A number of the group also visited the attractive small chapel at the convent.

## Day 8

Saturday 4th April

### Plates to London

We saw a few species around Platres village before breakfast including Cyprus Pied Wheatear and Pallid Swift.

We departed around 8.30am, leaving behind Christine who was travelling on a later flight, and drove towards Limassol. We stopped at the now famous patisserie to purchase a variety of healthy and not so healthy options for lunch.

On reaching Zakaki pool we again visited the hide where we saw several Green Sandpipers and a number of us got good views of a Citrine Wagtail. On shallow puddles just across the road we found five Little Ringed Plovers and a Ringed Plover.

A brief stop to look onto the lagoons near the causeway provided us with our first Marsh Sandpiper as well as fifteen Greenshank and about twenty Ruff, while on the other side of the road at least twenty Slender-billed Gulls and a Black-headed Gull were still present. Driving along the sandy track known as Lady's Mile we saw a dozen or so Black-winged Stilts and several Little Egrets. Due to the limited time we were unable to revisit Archbishop's Farm Pool but we did halt briefly to view the 200 or so Flamingoes on the last of the lagoons.

Our final visit of the morning was to Pissouri Reedbeds where we saw three Squacco Herons, Cattle Egret, Purple Heron and Marsh Harrier.

Time eventually beat us so we set out on the drive to Paphos Airport, at least an hour away. After travelling only a short distance we encountered our first Cuckoo of the trip. On our arrival at the airport we found the check in formalities were relatively easy and after dropping our luggage and obtaining boarding passes, we walked out of the airport to enjoy our previously purchased lunches.

Our flight was unfortunately delayed but we were pleased to get airborne for what turned out to be a fairly comfortable flight. Back in the UK we said our farewells around the luggage carousel before everyone dashed off to connect with their various transport to numerous destinations, so ending a very pleasant holiday.

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## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	March/April							
			28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			4					
2	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			1					
3	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>			20					1
4	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>			1					1
5	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		18	10					6
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		2						1
7	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		4	2	16				1
8	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>			200					200
9	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		12		3		1		
10	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			4					2
11	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			6					
12	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			1					
13	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1	2					1
14	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	5	3	2	1	1	1	1
15	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falcovespertinus</i>						1		
16	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1						1	
17	Bonell's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>					1			
18	Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>				h		h		
19	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		3	1	1	1	1	2	2
20	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>			h					
21	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>			1					
22	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			3					1
23	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			8					
24	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		5	10					12
25	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			1					1
26	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>								5
27	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			4					
28	Spur-winged Plover	<i>Hoplopterus spinosus</i>			2					
29	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			5					
30	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>			2					20
31	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			1					
32	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			6					15
33	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			5					
34	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>								5
35	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			2					
36	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			1					
37	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>								2
38	Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			1					
39	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus geni</i>			12					20
40	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			8					1
41	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>		8	12	20	30	5		9
42	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		15	10		2	3	6	11
43	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	20	30	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					10			
45	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	2	10	7	6	5	10	8	2
46	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>								1
47	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>						1	h	

48	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>		1						
49	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>						8	20	2
50	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	12	20	20	90	4	7		
51	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					2			1
52	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	2	5	4	3	6	2	3	1
53	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	1	1			3			
54	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	4	4						
55	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>				1			1	
56	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					2		1	
57	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	5	5	6	15	1			1
58	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>							1	
59	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	1							2
60	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		4		50	8	2	2	
61	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	20	50	30	30	40	20	30	8
62	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	4	4	8	40	20	12	20	6
63	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		4	1					
64	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				1				
65	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>		3	2		1			
66	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		4						
67	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	4	4	6	2	1			1
68	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>			3					
69	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>		6		7				1
70	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		4		15				1
71	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>								1
72	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>							h	
73	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>						h		
74	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	2	1	h					
75	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	1							
76	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	1	3			2	1		
77	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	1							
78	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>				1	2			
79	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	7	30	20	8	3		1	
80	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	3	8	2	1	1			
81	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		5	4	2	1	1		
82	Cyprus Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe cypriaca</i>		4			10	8	8	1
83	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>		1						
84	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1						
85	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>						1	1	
86	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>				1				
87	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		4	2	1	1			
88	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		2h	1h	h		1	1h	h
89	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	1		1					
90	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			3					h
91	Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	2	1			1			
92	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	8	5	2	1	5			
93	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		1		1	2	1		
94	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		1			40	1		
95	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>					1			
96	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rüppelli</i>	2	1		2	2			
97	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	9	12	8	10	12	4	4	
98	Cyprus Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanothorax</i>		5						
99	Eastern Bonelli's	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	1		1			3		
100	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>					1	2	1	

101	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		1				1		
102	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	6	2	6	3	7	3		
103	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		4	2	8	7	7	3	2
104	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>						4	20	1
105	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>						3		
106	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	1	1	2		1			
107	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	1	2		2	1		1	
108	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>						3	3	1
109	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		20	6	15	2	20	12	2
110	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		30		50	30	50	50	6
111	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	20	30	50	50	3	8	6	7
112	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	30	50	20	100	70	50	200	20
113	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	3				1	2		
114	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		1				6	5	2
115	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>							2	
116	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	7	5		3	20	5	12	
117	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		8	8	15	12	6	10	2
118	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>							20	
119	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>						1	2	
120	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>							8	
121	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>	2			3		3	5	
122	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>		1						
123	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>					67	1	1	

### Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Hardun (Starred) Agama	<i>Agama stellio cypriaca</i>					2	8		
2	Spiny-footed Lizard	<i>Acanthodactylus erythurus</i>	3	2	3	4				
3	Troodos Rock Lizard	<i>Lacerta laevis troodica</i>					2		1	
4	Snake-eyed Lizard	<i>Ophisops elegans schlueteri</i>				20	1	1		
5	Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus kitaibelii</i>				1		2		
6	European Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>				h	4	6		
7	Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>		h	h		h			
8	Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>				1				
9	Coin Snake	<i>Columber nummifer</i>				1				

### Mammals

1	Bats sp.						1			
2	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>				1				

### Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machon</i>	4	8	8	4	6		1	1
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	10	20	4		6			
3	Small White	<i>Artogenia rapae</i>			1	2	6		1	
4	Orange-tip	<i>Anthrocharis cardamines</i>					8	2	2	
5	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	6	3	8	5				1
6	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>					1	1		
7	Red Admiral	<i>Venessa atalanta</i>					1			
8	Painted Lady	<i>Cythia cardui</i>	12	10	4	8		6	2	
9	Cyprus Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola cypricola</i>		2						
10	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena rubi</i>		2						
11	Paphos Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche paphos</i>		40	2	4	8	2	1	
12	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		1					1	

13	African Ringlet	<i>Ypthima asterope</i>					1			
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## Other sightings

1	Emperor Dragonfly	<i>Anax imperator</i>					1	1		
2	Scarlet Darter	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>			2					
3	Fire Bug	<i>Rhapalus subrutus</i>					2			
4	7-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella 7-punctata</i>				1			12	
5	Blue Carpenter Bee	<i>sp.</i>					2	1		
6	Hairy Fly	<i>Tachina fera</i>				1				
7	Cockchafer Beetle	<i>sp.</i>					1			
8	Conehead Mantis	<i>Empuusa pennata</i>		1						

## Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name
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**Pteridophytes**

<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken

**Gymnosperms**

<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Pine
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Brutian Pine
<i>Juniperus phoenicia</i>	Phoenician Juniper
<i>Juniperus foetidissima</i>	
<i>Ephedra fragilis ssp campyopoda</i>	Joint Pine
<i>Cedrus brevifolia</i>	Cyprus Cedar

**Salicaceae**

<i>Populus nigra ssp afghanica</i>	
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**Fagaceae**

<i>Quercus coccifera ssp calliprinos</i>	Kermis Oak
<i>Quercus infectoria ssp veneris</i>	Royal Oak
<i>Ulmus canescens</i>	Mediterranean Elm

**Moraceae**

<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig
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**Aristolochiaceae**

<i>Aristolochia parvifolia</i>	
<i>Sueada vera</i>	
<i>Salicornia sp.</i>	
<i>Rumex cyprius</i>	
<i>Emex spinosa</i>	

**Aizoaceae**

<i>Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum</i>	
<i>Aizoon hispanicum</i>	

**Caryophyllaceae**

<i>Kohlrauschia velutina</i>	
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Pink Pirouette

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	
<i>Minuartia montana</i>	
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	
<b>Berberidaceae</b>	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	
<i>Adonis sp. annua</i>	Pheasant Eye
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup
<i>Ranunculus kykkoensis</i>	Kykko Buttercup
<i>Ranunculus cadmicus ssp cyprius</i>	
<i>Ranunculus paludosus (n)</i>	
<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>	Pond Water-crowfoot
<i>Paeonia mascula</i>	Wild Peony
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-mist
<i>Nigella fumariifolia</i>	
<b>Papaveraceae</b>	
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy
<i>Papaver hybridum</i>	Rough Poppy
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned-poppy
<b>Fumariaceae</b>	
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory
<b>Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)</b>	
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard
<i>Calile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket
<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>	Cotswold Pennycress
<i>Alyssum troodi</i>	
<i>Alyssum akamasicum</i>	
<i>Arabis purpurea</i>	
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rock-cress
<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	Three-horned Stock
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoralis</i>	
<b>Resedaceae</b>	
<i>Reseda orientalis</i>	
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	
<i>Sedum caespitosum</i>	
<i>Telmisa microcarpa</i>	
<b>Platanaceae</b>	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane
<b>Rosaceae</b>	
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Spiny Burnet
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat
<b>Fabaceae (Leguminosae )</b>	
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob
<i>Calycotome villosa</i>	
<i>Genista sphacelata</i> var <i>sphacelata</i>	Thorny Broom
<i>Genista sphacelata</i> var <i>crudelis</i>	
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	
<i>Lathyrus blepharicarpus</i>	
<i>Lathyrus gorgonei</i>	
<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>	
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick
<i>Medicago littoralis</i>	
<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>	
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Crimson Clover
<i>Trifolium spumosum</i>	
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Starry Clover
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil
<i>Trifolium clypeatum</i>	Shield Clover
<i>Trifolium argutum</i>	
<i>Lotus edulis</i>	
<i>Astragalus cyprius</i>	
<i>Astragalus hamosus</i>	
<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>	Scorpiurus
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>	Annual Scorpion Vetch
<i>Hippocrepis monosiliquosa</i>	
<i>Hippocrepis</i> sp.	
<i>Onobrychis venosa</i>	Cypriot Sainfoin
<i>Vicia cassia</i>	
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	
<i>Vicia narbonense</i>	
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	
<i>Vicia tenifolia</i> spp. <i>laxiflora</i>	
<i>Hedysarum spinosissimum</i>	
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	
<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Crane's-bill
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-Leaved Crane's-bill
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Doves-Foot Crane's-bill
<i>Erodium crassifolium</i>	
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill
<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Narrow-leaved stork'sbill
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	
<b>Linaceae</b>	
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax
<i>Linum trigynum</i> (6)	

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Linum strictum ssp strictum</i> <i>Linum nodiflorum</i>	Upright Yellow Flax
<b>Zygophyllaceae</b>	
<i>Zygophyllum album</i> <i>Fagonia cretica</i>	
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i> <i>Euphorbia veneris</i> <i>Euphorbia dimorphocaulum</i> <i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Sun Spurge
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>	
<i>Pistachia terebinthus</i> <i>Pistachia lentiscus</i>	Turpentine Tree Mastic Tree
<b>Malvaceae</b>	
<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Lesser Tree-mallow
<b>Tamaricaceae</b>	
<i>Tamarix tetragyna</i>	
<b>Cistaceae</b>	
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i> <i>Cistus creticus</i> <i>Cistus monspeliensis</i> <i>Cistus parviflorus</i> <i>Helianthemum obtusifolium</i> <i>Helianthemum stipulatum</i> <i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus Narrow-leaved Cistus
<i>Fumana arabica</i> <i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Arabian Fumana Thyme-leaved Fumana
<b>Violaceae</b>	
<i>Viola alba</i>	
<b>Cactaceae</b>	
<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Prickly Pear
<b>Myrtaceae</b>	
<i>Myrtus communis</i> <i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i>	Myrtle Black Gum
<b>Apiaceae</b>	
<i>Lagoecia cuminoides</i> <i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i> <i>Tordylium aegyptiacum</i> <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Shepherd's-needle Fennel

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly
<b>Ericaceae</b>	
<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry-tree
<b>Primulaceae</b>	
<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	Persian Sowbread
<i>Cyclamen cyprium</i>	Cyprus Sowbread
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> var. <i>caerulea</i>	Pimpernel
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Winged Sea-lavender
<b>Styracaceae</b>	
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Storax
<b>Oleaceae</b>	
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive
<b>Gentianaceae</b>	
<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>	Lesser Centaury
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	
<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>	Eastern Anchusa
<i>Anchusa undulata</i> ssp. <i>hybrida</i>	
<i>Buglossoides arvensis</i>	Corn Gromwell
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	
<i>Alkanna tinctoria</i>	
<b>Solanaceae</b>	
<i>Lycium</i>	
<b>Lamiaceae (Labiatae)</b>	
<i>Thymus capitatus</i>	
<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>	
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	
<i>Salvia viridis</i>	Red-topped Sage
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Deadnettle
<i>Phlomis cypria occidentalis</i>	
<i>Prasium majus</i>	
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel Snout



<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Bartsia
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape
<i>Orobanche alba</i>	
<i>Orobanche minor</i>	Common Broomrape
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain
<i>Plantago cretica</i>	
<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Sea Plantain
<i>Plantago afra</i>	
<b>Valerianaceae</b>	
<i>Valeriana italica</i>	
<i>Centranthus calcitrapa</i> sp. <i>Orbiculatus</i>	
<b>Asteraceae (Compositae)</b>	
<i>Helichrysum conglobatum</i>	
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	
<i>Anthemis pseudocotula</i>	
<i>Anthemis palestina</i>	
<i>Anthemis tormentosa</i>	
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy
<i>Senecio glaucus</i>	
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold
<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>	
<i>Tragopogon (Geropogon) hybridus</i>	
<i>Onopordon cyprum</i>	
<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>	
<i>Centaurea veneris</i>	
<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>	
<i>Taraxacum aphrogenes</i>	
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	Syrian Thistle
<i>Ifloga spicata</i>	
<b>Posidoniaceae</b>	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Eelgrass
<b>Liliaceae</b>	
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	
<i>Tulipa aegenensis</i>	
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	
<i>Gagea peduncularis</i>	
<i>Gagea juliae</i>	
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	

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<i>Allium trifoliatum</i>	
<i>Allium junceum</i>	
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	
<i>Ornithogalum pedicellare</i>	
<i>Urginea maritima</i>	Sea Squill
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth
<i>Bellevalia nivalis</i>	
<i>Bellevalia trifoliata</i>	
<b>Dioscoreaceae</b>	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	
<b>Iridaceae</b>	
<i>Gynandiris sisyrrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut
<i>Gladiolus triphyllus</i>	
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus
<i>Crocus cyprius</i>	
<b>Poaceae (Gramineae)</b>	
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed
<b>Araceae</b>	
<i>Arum rupicola</i>	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Mousetailplant
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	
<i>Limodorum abortivum</i>	Violet Limodore
<i>Epipactis veratrifolia</i>	E. Marsh Helleborine
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid
<i>Barlia robertiana</i>	Giant Orchid
<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman orchid
<i>Neotinea maculate</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid
<i>Serapias Aphrodite</i>	
<i>Serapias bergonii</i>	Plough-share Serapias
<i>Orchis italic</i>	Italian orchid
<i>Orchis coriophora ssp fragrans</i>	Bug Orchid
<i>Orchis anatolica ssp troodi</i>	Troodos Orchid
<i>Orchis morio ssp syriaca</i>	Green-winged Orchid
<i>Orchis simia</i>	Monkey Orchid
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid
<i>Ophrys sintenisii</i>	
<i>Ophrys iricolor</i>	Rainbow Ophrys
<i>Ophrys israelitica</i>	Omega Ophrys
<i>Ophrys lapethica</i>	Woodcock Orchid
<i>Ophrys fusca</i>	Dull Ophrys
<i>Ophrys lutea ssp galilea</i>	Yellow Ophrys
<i>Ophrys bornmuelleri</i>	Bornmueller's Ophrys
<i>Ophrys levantina</i>	Spider Orchid
<i>Ophrys apifera var apifera</i>	Bee Orchid
<i>Ophrys mammosa</i>	Mammose Ophrys
<i>Ophrys elegans</i>	

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