

Autumn Plants of the Peloponnese

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Crocus goulimyi



Fire Salamander



Taygetos



Narcissus tazetta

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Day 1

Wednesday 30th October

Leaving Athens airport around 3 pm, we drove westwards along the motorway to Corinth, where we stopped to view the canal. In the sandy banks, along its edge, we found Sea Squill, *Charybdis maritima*, Autumn Squill, *Prospero autumnalis* and a pale lilac form of our first *Crocus cancellatus* subsp. *mazziiaricus*. We continued northwards along the Gulf of Corinth, passing dramatic gorges cut through the soft sandstones, before turning inland towards Kalavrita. Just before we reached our hotel we stopped to look at the monastery of Mega Spileon, perched on a high cliff above the Vouraikos Gorge. A tasty meal was ready for us in a local restaurant before we retired to bed after a long day.

Day 2

Thursday 31st October

We awoke to a clear sunny morning. After breakfast we drove up towards Mt. Chelmos. Our first stop was in an area of Kermes Oak scrub and open pasture where we found more *Crocus cancellatus mazziiaricus* and a few *Crocus biflorus melantherus* with diagnostic black anthers. *Cyclamen hederifolium* was common in the forest showing a variety of leaf patterns. From the car park below the ski resort, we set off to explore the slopes as far as the ridge overlooking the Styx Valley. Cartwheels of prostrate juniper dominated the landscape along with dwarfed trees of Graecian Fir, *Abies cephalonica* and the endemic Hawthorn, *Crataegus pycnoloba*, with its distinctive red and yellow fruit. A rich flora on the stony slopes included the local endemics, *Globularia stygia*, and *Thymus rechingeri*, the more widespread *Drypis spinosa* and *Daphne oleoides*. After a thorough search of the hillsides we eventually located just one tiny flower of *Sternbergia colchiciflora*. We had lunch in the car park before driving over the plateau towards the Styx Valley, resplendent in its autumn colours. We found a number of *Colchicum boissieri* before investigating the steep rocky hillsides, where notable plants included the dramatic skeletons of Candelabra Thistle, and the abundant *Sternbergia sicula*, most of which had flowered a few weeks previously.

After returning through Kalavrita we stopped to admire a whole hillside coloured yellow with *Sternbergia* before continuing along mountain roads to Plataniotissa. Our objective was the quaint little chapel constructed within the hollow bowl of a venerable Oriental Plane, its massive crown providing nesting holes for Great Spotted Woodpecker, and foraging for some noisy Eurasian Nuthatches.

Day 3

Friday 1st November

We travelled south through a landscape of mountains and flat-bottomed poljes, the autumn colours particularly vibrant in the sunshine. We stopped to marvel at the huge Vine of Pafsanias, a multi-trunked monster that may be 3000 yrs old, followed by stunning displays of *Sternbergia sicula*, growing in the company of *Crocus biflorus melantherus* and the purple spathes of *Biarum tenuifolium* on old abandoned terraces. At our lunch stop, just north of Tripoli, we spent some time observing and photographing an adult *Mantis religiosa*. *Crocus hadriaticus* was common here and further south, was mixed with *Crocus biflorus melantherus*.

At our final stop, *Crocus boryi* with white anthers and *Cyclamen graecum* with beautifully patterned foliage were added to our list. As we descended to the plain of Sparta the dramatic mountains of the Taygetos stretched before us and we arrived at our waterfront hotel in Gythio just before 6 pm. We finished the day with dinner in a tavern overlooking the harbour.

Day 4

Saturday 2nd November

West of Gythio, a careful search in an old olive grove revealed a few spikes of Autumn Lady's Tresses *Spiranthes spiralis* and abundant *Cyclamen graecum*. Further on, under a dense canopy of oak trees the air was scented with the sweet perfume from myriads of *Cyclamen bederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium*. As we crossed over the northern end of the Mani Peninsula, we found populations of the large and spectacular *Crocus niveus* and the more delicate *Crocus goulimyi*, both endemic to the two eastern peninsulas of this isolated corner of Greece. Other interesting finds included the bicoloured flowers of *Campanula versicolor*, the sweetly scented *Narcissus serotinus*, *Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon* and some beautiful pink *Colchicum cupanii*.

After lunch on the coast below Diros, we visited the Vlychada Cave. The boat trip, at sea level, through its maze of richly decorated caverns was an unforgettable experience. We emerged into warm sunshine and an interesting cliff flora that included Tree Medick, *Medicago arborea*, the rare shrubby *Dianthus fruticosus* and *Onosma frutescens*. On the way back we made a short roadside walk, finding more *Narcissus serotinus* and some rather faded pink flowers of the endemic *Colchicum parlatoris*, before dipping our toes in the sea as darkness fell.

Day 4

Sunday 3rd November

Another brilliant sunny morning saw us following a winding road up into the Taygetos Mountains and forests of Greek Fir, *Abies cephalonica* and Black Pine, *Pinus nigra* subsp. *pallasiana*. In damp gullies under Oriental Plane, the Snowdrop *Galanthus reginae-olgae* was locally plentiful, along with Primrose *Primula vulgaris*, Rusty Foxglove *Digitalis ferruginea* and Hard Shield-Fern *Polystichum aculeatum*.

After lunch, we had a walk along the rough mountain road before continuing driving through the forest. Above Anavriti, a signpost indicated that the track continued to Mystras. This proved to be quite an adventure as it descended and re-ascended the steep upper part of the Parori Gorge through a landscape of wooded ravines and dramatic limestone cliffs. Eventually we reached the tarmac road above Mystras with splendid views of the fortified Byzantine town, the plain of Sparta stretching into the distance and Crag Martins wheeling around the crags of the gorge. We returned to Gythio and our usual tavern for dinner.

Day 4

Monday 4th November

Driving eastwards, along the coast we stopped to see *Narcissus tazetta*, flowering on a rocky hillside, before walking along the beach by the rusting wreck of the Dimitrios. A range of coastal flora here included Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum*, Sea Spurge *Euphorbia paralias*, and the bright-red Perennial Glasswort *Arthrocnemum perenne* in the salt-marsh. Other wildlife included Lang's Short-tailed Blue, the Southern Migrant Hawker *Aeshna affinis*, the delicate green Migrant Spreadwing and a young Balkan Whip Snake. After crossing the expanse of the Evrotas Delta, we made our way down the Sikea Peninsula to Monemvasia, where we stopped for coffee overlooking the island. We headed inland to maquis-covered hills along the spine of the peninsula, where Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* and *Erica manipuliflora* were in flower, providing an important nectar source for the many bee hives. The hillsides around our lunch stop had a profusion of the pale-flowered *Crocus goulimyi* subsp. *leucanthus* and a few white-flowered *Crocus laevigatus* and the olive groves around Foutia were filled with huge pink drifts of *Cyclamen hederifolium crassifolium*.

Returning to Monemvasia, we spent the rest of the afternoon exploring the maze of streets within the walls of the attractive Byzantine town. High on the top of the rock were many attractive clumps of *Colchicum cupanii* and *Sternbergia sicula* and on the cliffs the very rare Woundwort *Stachys spreitzenhoferi*, in its only known location. Western Rock Nuthatch and Black Redstart were frequently seen flitting around the ruins. Inevitably, darkness curtailed our explorations and we finished our visit with an evening meal in a tavern, overlooking the sea. As we ate, lightning flickered in the distance, a sign that the long spell of dry weather was about to come to an end...

Day 5

Tuesday 5th November

We awoke to leaden skies and heavy rain but it was dry again as we drove north to Mystras. We spent the morning visiting the extensive archaeological site, before driving the short distance to Parori for lunch by the fountains. A brief spell of rain soon cleared and we walked into the impressive gorge behind the village where a Fire Salamander was enjoying the damp conditions by the path. A rich flora included large clumps of Algerian Iris *Iris unguicularis* and fresh green rosettes of Madonna Lily *Lilium candidum*. Friar's Cowl *Arisarum vulgare* was flowering on damp shady ledges and *Clematis cirrhosa* decorated the trees that lined the narrow ravine. We went as far as the chapel set inside a large cave, before returning to Parori for drinks. Interestingly the tea that was served was an infusion of the endemic *Sideritis clandestina* collected high up in the Taygetos. Returning to Gythio, we had a quick look at the well-preserved Roman Theatre, before finishing the day with a visit to Gythio Island to see the amazing variety of leaf patterns of *Cyclamen graecum* near the lighthouse.

Day 5

Wednesday 6th November

We awoke to thunderstorms and heavy rain and after a quick breakfast, left at 7.45 for the airport. Fortunately the rain abated and we made a brief stop south of Tripoli to stretch our legs and see *Crocus biflorus melantherus*. We made good progress on the motorway and had time for a coffee stop before the airport and the start of our journey back to the UK...

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Species List

Plants

Scientific Name	Common English Name	Location/Notes
PTERIDOPHYTA		
FERNS AND FERN ALLIES		
Equisetaceae		
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Giant Horsetail	Occasional
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail	Damp habitats
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Widespread
Selaginellaceae		
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Lesser Clubmoss Family Mediterranean Selaginella	Damp shaded places
Adiantaceae		
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern Family Maidenhair Fern	Damp shaded cliffs
Aspidiaceae		
<i>Dryopteris felix-mas</i>	Male Fern	Forest. Chelmos
<i>Polystichum aculeatum</i>	Hard Shield-Fern	Taygetos
Aspleniaceae		
<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>	Spleenwort Family Black Spleenwort	Taygetos
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Acute-leaved Spleenwort	Taygetos
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Shaded cliffs
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rusty-back Fern	Common on rocks
Athyriaceae		
<i>Athyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady Fern Family Lady Fern	Damp shade
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder Fern	Occasional on shaded rocks
Gymnogrammaceae		
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Damp earth
Hypolepidaceae		
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Family Bracken	Common
Polypodiaceae		
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Polypody Family Southern Polypody	Occasional on rocks.
subsp. <i>australe</i>		Parori Gorge
<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Common Polypody	Mountains
Sinopteridaceae		
<i>Cheilanthes acrosticha</i>	Scented Cheilanthes	Occasional. Rock crevices
<i>Cosentinia vellea</i>	Scaly Cheilanthes	Coastal cliffs near Gythio.
GYMNOSPERMAE		
CONIFERS		
Ephedraceae		
<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	Joint Pine Family	Cliffs
Araucariaceae		
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	Monkey Puzzle Family Norfolk Island Pine	Planted
Cupressaceae		
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma <i>sempervirens</i>	Juniper Family Funeral Cypress	Widely planted
<i>Juniperus communis</i> subsp. <i>alpina</i>	Common Juniper	Chelmos
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i> subsp. <i>oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Mountains
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper	Lowland scrub

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Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Abies cephalonica</i>	Grecian Fir	Mountains
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	Common
<i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>pallasiana</i>	Black Pine	Taygetos
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Umbrella pine	Occasional. Planted
ANGIOSPERMAE	FLOWERING PLANTS	
DICOTYLEDONS		
Acanthaceae	Acanthus Family	
<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Spiny Bear's Breech	Rocky places. Occasional
Aceraceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Cretan Maple	Gorges and mountains.
Aizoaceae	Dew Plant Family	
<i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i>	Hottontot Fig	Alien. Coast
Anacardiaceae	Pistacio Family	
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	Smoke Tree	Maquis. North of Sparta
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Common
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	Common
Apiaceae		
<i>Bupleurum fruticosum</i>	Shrubby Hare's Ear	Near Gythio
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Rocky coast
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Widespread
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	Blue Eryngo	Dry grasslands
<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	Field Eryngo	Common
<i>Eryngium creticum</i>	Small-headed Blue Eryngo	Dry grasslands
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Sandy coast
<i>Ferrula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Frequent
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Common
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle	Occasional
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Frequent
<i>Smyrniolum perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	Gythio Island
Apocyanaceae	Periwinkle Family	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Widely planted and native along watercourses
<i>Vinca herbacea</i>	Herbaceous Periwinkle	South of Tripoli
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Gorges
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	A Birthwort	Frequent
Asclepiadaceae	Milkweed Family	
<i>Periploca graeca</i>	Silk Vine	Hedges near Gythio
<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>	Swallow-wort	Occasional
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Achillea ligustica</i>		Frequent
<i>Aster tripolium</i>	Sea Aster	Salt marsh
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Frequent
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Frequent
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold	Occasional
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>		Waste places
<i>Carlina graeca</i>	(<i>C. corymbosa</i>)	Abundant in garrigue

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<i>Carthamnus lanatus</i>		Taygetos
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Gumsuccory	Frequent
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Waste places
<i>Cirsium candelabrum</i>	Candelabra Thistle	Widespread
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Woolly Thistle	Waste places
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Canadian Fleabane	Common. Alien
<i>Crepis rubra</i>	Pink Hawksbeard	Grassy places
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>		Waste places
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Abundant on roadsides
<i>Doronicum orientale</i>	A Leopard'sbane	Chelmos
<i>Echinops shaerocephalus</i>	Pale Globe-Thistle	Frequent
<i>Echinops spinosissimus</i>	Spiniest Globe-Thistle	Rocky places
<i>Filago pygmaea</i>		Dry stony places
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	Waste places
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>	Curry Plant	Frequent
<i>Hieracium hoppeanum</i>	A Hawkweed	Chelmos
<i>Inula candida</i>		Cliffs. Taygetos
<i>Inula verbascifolia</i>		Cliffs
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	Waste places
<i>Otanthus maritimus</i>	Cottonweed	Sand dunes
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>		Frequent
<i>Phagnalon graecum</i>		Walls and rocks
<i>Picnomon acarna</i>	Picnomon	Common
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Cliffs.
<i>Senecio rupestris</i>	Rock Groundsel	Chelmos
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Waste places
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish Oyster Plant	Roadsides
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Waste places
<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>	Salsify	Frequent
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Coltsfoot	Damp places
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	Spiny Cocklebur	Occasional weed. Alien
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	Cocklebur	Waste places. Alien
Berberidaceae	Barberry Family	
<i>Berberis cretica</i>	Cretan Barberry	Chelmos
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Hop Hornbeam	Taygetos
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Anchusa italica</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Roadside. Taygetos
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	Occasional
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's Tongue	Frequent
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	Coast. Red flowers
<i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i>	Pale Bugloss	Common. White flowers
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Vipers Bugloss	Common
<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>	Heliotrope	Waste ground. Frequent
<i>Onosma heterophylla</i>	A Golden Drops	Meadow. Chelmos
<i>Onosma frutescens</i>	Shrubby Golden Drops	Walls and rocks
Brassicaceae	Cress Family	
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Chelmos
<i>Aubrieta deloidea</i>	An Aubrieta	Taygetos
<i>Aurinaria saxatilis</i>	Yellow Alyssum	Mystras
<i>Berteroa obliqua</i>		Chelmos. Taygetos
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Sandy coast
<i>Draba lasiocarpa</i>		Taygetos
<i>Fibigia clypeata</i>	Fibigia	Taygetos
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	Mystras

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Cactaceae <i>Opuntia ficus-barbarica</i>	Cactus family Prickly Pear	Widespread alien
Campanulaceae <i>Campanula andrewsii</i> <i>Campanula versicolor</i>	Bellflower Family	Cliffs Cliffs
Capparaceae <i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper Family Caper	Common on cliffs
Caprifoliaceae <i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Honeysuckle Family Etruscan Honeysuckle	Occasional
Caryophyllaceae <i>Cerastium candidissimum</i> <i>Dianthus fruticosus</i> <i>Drypis spinosa</i> <i>Silene congesta</i> <i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Pink Family Drypis Bladder Campion	Mountains Coastal cliffs. Diros Mountains Mystra, Parori. Waste places
Chenopodiaceae <i>Arthrocnemum perenne</i> <i>Chenopodium album</i> <i>Salsola kali</i>	Goosefoot Family Perennial Glasswort Fat-Hen Prickly Saltwort	Coastal salt-marsh Widespread Sandy Beach
Cistaceae <i>Cistus creticus</i> <i>Cistus salvifolius</i> <i>Fumana arabica</i> <i>Helianthemum hymettium</i> <i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Rock-rose Family A pink Cistus Sage-leaved Cistus Arabian Fumana A Rockrose Common Rockrose	Common in maquis Locally common Frequent Chelmos. Taygetos Taygetos
Convolvulaceae <i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> <i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i> <i>Convolvulus elegantissimus</i> <i>Convolvulus oleifolius</i> <i>Convolvulus sicalus</i> <i>Ipomoea indica</i>	Bindweed Family Mallow-leaved Bindweed Pink Bindweed A Morning Glory	Frequent Stony slopes Dry stony places Rocky habitats Dry places Alien
Crassulaceae <i>Sedum amplexicaule</i> subsp. <i>enuifolium</i> <i>Sedum cepaea</i> <i>Sedum ochroleucon</i> <i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Stonecrop Family Pennywort	Frequent. Rocks. Shaded rocks Parori gorge Parori gorge
Cuscutaceae <i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Dodder Family Common Dodder	Frequent
Cucurbitaceae <i>Bryonia cretica</i> <i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Cucumber Family White Bryony Squirting Cucumber	Frequent Waste places
Dipsacaceae <i>Knautia integrifolia</i> <i>Pteroccephalus perennis</i> <i>Scabiosa argentea</i> <i>Scabiosa brachiata</i>	Teasel Family A Scabious Tremastelma	Waste Places Chelmos, Taygetos Grassland. Taygetos Taygetos

Scientific Name	Common English Name	Location/Notes
Ericaceae	Heath Family	
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	In flower and fruit
<i>Erica arborea</i>	Tree Heather	Common in maquis
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>		Locally common in maquis. In flower
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i>	Greek Spiny Spurge	Locally common
<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>		Frequent
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Locally common
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Spurge	Coastal hillsides
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Coast
<i>Euphorbia peplis</i>	Purple Spurge	Sandy Beach
<i>Euphorbia rigida</i>	Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge	Widespread
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Frequent weed
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil Plant	Occasional weed
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Widely planted	
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil	Locally common
<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>		Local in phrygana
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	Frequent
<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i>		Mountains
<i>Astragalus lusitanicus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>		Roadside. Areopoli
<i>Astragalus sirinicus</i>	Chelmos	
<i>Astragalus thracicus</i>	Chelmos, Taygetos	
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Frequent
<i>Calycotome villosa</i>	Hairy Thorny Broom	Often dominant.
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Frequent tree, in fruit
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	Frequent. Gorges
<i>Colutea arborescens</i>	Bladder Senna	Parori Gorge
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>		Common
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick	Coastal cliffs. Diros
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Waste places
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Coastal sand dunes
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	Roadside. Kalavrita
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White Melilot	Roadsides
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small-flowered Melilot	Parori
<i>Ononis spinosa</i>	Spiny Restharrow	Frequent
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	False Acacia	Widely planted
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Common. Roadsides
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Clover	Frequent
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	Taygetos
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	Common.
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Occasional
<i>Quercus ithaburensis</i> subsp. <i>macrolepis</i>	Valonia Oak	Locally common
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	White Oak	Common
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-Wort	Taygetos
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Storksbill	Waste places
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Damp shady places

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Globulariaceae <i>Globularia stygia</i>	Globularia Family	Chelmos. Endemic
Grossulariaceae <i>Ribes uva-crispa</i>	Currant Family Gooseberry	Chelmos
Hypericaceae <i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i> <i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i>	St John's-Wort Family	Frequent Rocky places
Juglandaceae <i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut Family Walnut	Planted
Lamiaceae <i>Ballota acetabulosa</i> <i>Calamintha nepeta</i> <i>Clinopodium vulgare</i> <i>Coridothymus capitatus</i> <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i> <i>Lavandula stoechas</i> <i>Marrubium vulgare</i> <i>Mentha aquatica</i> <i>Mentha longifolia</i> <i>Micromeria juliana</i> <i>Micromeria graeca</i> <i>Nepeta</i> sp. <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> <i>Origanum onites</i> <i>Origanum heracleoticum</i> <i>Origanum vulgare</i> <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i> <i>Phlomis samia</i> <i>Prasium majus</i> <i>Salvia fruticosa</i> <i>Salvia verbenaca</i> <i>Satureja thymbra</i> <i>Satureja montana</i> <i>Scutellaria rupestris</i> <i>Sideritis clandestina</i> <i>Stachys candida</i> <i>Stachys spreitzenhoferi</i> <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> <i>Teucrium polium</i> <i>Thymus rechingeri</i>	Mint Family Garden Horehound Lesser Calamint Wild Basil A shrubby Thyme Henbit Dead-Nettle French Lavender White Horehound Water Mint Horse Mint A Catmint Basil Marjoram Jerusalem Sage Prasium Three-leaved Sage Wild Clary A Savory Savory A Skullcap A Mountain Tea A Woundwort A Woundwort Wall Germander Feltly Germander A Thyme	Rocky places Common Shady places Common, in flower Common Frequent Waste ground Damp places Ditches Dry rocky places Dry rocky places Chelmos Alien. Widely cultivated Monemvasia Taygetos Frequent Common Coniferous forest. Chelmos Widespread in scrub Frequent Frequent Rocky places Rocky places Parori gorge Chelmos. Endemic Parori Gorge. Endemic Monemvasia. Endemic Widespread Common Chelmos, Endemic
Loranthaceae <i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>abietis</i>	Mistletoe Family Mistletoe	Chelmos On <i>Abies</i> .
Lythraceae <i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Loosestrife Family Purple Loosestrife	Ditches
Malvaceae <i>Alcea pallida</i> <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> <i>Lavatera bryonifolia</i> <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Mallow Family Eastern Hollyhock Hibiscus Common Mallow	Occasional Gardens Occasional Common
Meliaceae <i>Melia azedarach</i>	Mahogany Family Indian Bead Tree	Planted. Roadsides

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Moraceae <i>Ficus carica</i> <i>Morus alba</i>	Mulberry Family Fig White Mulberry	Frequent Commonly planted
Morinaceae <i>Morina persica</i>	Morina Family A Morina	Chelmos
Myrtaceae <i>Callistemon citrinus</i> <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> <i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle Family Bottlebrush Common Myrtle	Planted Widely planted Parori gorge
Nyctaginaceae <i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	Bougainvillea Family Bougainvillea	Cultivated
Oleaceae <i>Olea europaea</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i> <i>Fraxinus angustifolia</i> <i>Fraxinus ornus</i> <i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Ash Family Wild Olive Narrow-leaved Ash Manna ash Mock Privet	Occasional Northern Peloponnese Widespread Frequent in maquis
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Wood Sorrel Family Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
Papaveraceae <i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Poppy Family Yellow Horned-poppy	Coast
Phytolaccaceae <i>Phytolacca americana</i>	Pokeweed Family American Pokeweed	Alien Occasional. Waste places.
Plantaginaceae <i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Plantain Family Stag's-horn Plantain	Beach
Pittosporaceae <i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Pittosporum Family	Commonly planted
Platanaceae <i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Plane Tree Family Oriental Plane	Common in damp valleys
Plumbaginaceae <i>Armeria canescens</i> <i>Plumbago europaea</i> <i>Limonium vulgare</i>	Thrift Family A Thrift European Plumbago A Sea Lavender	Chelmos, Taygetos Taygetos Coast
Polygalaceae <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> <i>Polygala nicaeensis</i> <i>Polygala venulosa</i>	Milkwort Family Eastern Milkwort	Cultivated Mountains Occasional
Polygonaceae <i>Polygonum maritimum</i> <i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i>	Dock Family Sea Knotgrass Bull's Head Dock	Coast Rocky places near coast
Portulacaceae <i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Purslane Family Purslane	Common. Waste ground
Primulaceae <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> <i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>graecum</i> <i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>crassifolium</i> .	Primrose Family Scarlet Pimpernel Greek Sowbread	Widespread Common Common in south

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<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>hederifolium</i>		Common
<i>Cyclamen rhodium</i> subsp. <i>peloponnesiacum</i>		Taygetos. Endemic
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose	Taygetos
Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate	Planted
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	East of Gythio
<i>Anemone pavonina</i>	Peacock Anemone	Common
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower	Frequent
<i>Clematis flammula</i>	Fragrant Clematis	Occasional
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard	Common
<i>Consolida ajacis</i>	Larkspur	Occasional
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-mist	Occasional
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
<i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i>	A Buckthorn	Rocky places
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Agrimonia eupatorium</i>	Hemp Agrimony	Shady places
<i>Crataegus heldreichii</i>	A Hawthorn	Frequent
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Frequent in north
<i>Crataegus pycnoloba</i>		Chelmos. Endemic
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Japanese Loquat	Planted
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Frequent
<i>Prunus cocomilia</i>		Chelmos.
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	Widely planted
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Near Manthytrea
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>	Wild Pear	Common
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	Common
<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	A Bramble	Common. Pink flowers
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	Frequent
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Common in garrigue
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Bedstraw	Mountain forests
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	Common
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
<i>Citrus limon</i>	Lemon	
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Orange	
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Parori
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	Occasional. Damp habitats
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Black Poplar	Cultivated
<i>Salix alba</i>		Common by rivers
Santalaceae	Sandalwood Family	
<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Hemi-parasite.Red berries
Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family	
<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. .		Shaded rocks
<i>chrysosplenifolia</i>		
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Cymbalaria microcalyx</i>	A Toadflax	Walls. Mystras
<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>	Rusty Foxglove	Taygetos
<i>Odontites linkii</i>		Parori gorge

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<i>Odontites verna</i>	Red Bartsia	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia canina</i>		Frequent
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	Shining Figwort	Occasional
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	Occasional
<i>Verbascum macrurum</i>	A Mullein	Common
<i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i>	Hoary Mullein	Occasional
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullein	Common
<i>Veronic beccabunga</i>	Brook-Lime	Occasional. Wet places
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	White Speedwell	Waste places
<i>Veronica persica</i>	Common Field Speedwell	Common
Simaroubaceae	Tree of Heaven Family	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	Frequent. Alien
Solanaceae	Potato Family	
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Thornapple	Waste ground. Alien
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane	Mystras
<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	Henbane	Waste places
<i>Mandragora officinarum</i>	Mandrake	Frequent
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Shrub Tobacco	Waste ground. Alien
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Waste ground. Black fruit
<i>Withania somnifera</i>		Occasional. Waste places
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix parviflora</i>	Coast	
Thymelaceae	Daphne Family	
<i>Daphne gnidium</i>	Mediterranean Mezereon	Occasional in scrub
<i>Daphne oleoides</i>	Olive-leaved Daphne	Chelmos
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>		Rocky places near the sea
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Nettle Tree	Taygetos, Mystras
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	Smooth-leaved Elm	Occasional
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall	Walls. Common
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle	Widespread
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	Monemvasia, Mystras
<i>Valeriana italica</i>	A Valerian	Parori
Verbenaceae	Verbena Family	
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Roadsides
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Frequent. River beds
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola graeca</i>		Chelmos
Vitaceae	Vine Family	
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	Wild Vine	Occasional
Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Occasional. Waste places

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MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Agavaceae	Agave Family	
<i>Agave americana</i>	Century Plant	Planted
Alliaceae	Onion Family	
<i>Allium ameloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	Monemvasia
<i>Allium callimischon</i> subsp. <i>callimischon</i>		Frequent
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>		Frequent
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Galanthus reginae-olgae</i>	Queen Olga's Snowdrop	Taygetos
<i>Narcissus serotinus</i>		Occasional
<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>	Polyanthus Narcissus	Local
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Coastal dunes.
<i>Sternbergia colchiciflora</i>		Chelmos
<i>Sternbergia lutea</i>	Common Sternbergia	Cultivated
<i>Sternbergia sicula</i>		Locally common
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cow	Common
<i>Arum italicum</i>	A Lords and Ladies	Common
<i>Biarum tenuifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Biarum	Locally common
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>		Frequent
Asphodelaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodel	Occasional
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	Common
Colchicaceae	Colchicum Family	
<i>Colchicum boissieri</i>		Chelmos
<i>Colchicum cupanii</i>		Monemvasia, Areopoli
<i>Colchicum parlatoris</i>		Near Gythio
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Cyperus capitatus</i>	Sand dunes	
<i>Scirpus holoschoenus</i>	Round-headed Clubrush	Sand dunes
Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Occasional
Graminae	Grass Family	
<i>Aegilops neglecta</i>	Occasional	
<i>Arundo donax</i>	Giant Reed	Common. Introduced
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram Grass	Sand dunes
<i>Avena fatua</i>		Occasional
<i>Avena sterilis</i>	Winter Wild Oat	Occasional
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	Common
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Great Quaking Grass	Frequent
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda Grass	Waste places
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	Rough Dog's-tail	Grassland
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	Frequent
<i>Dezmazenia rigida</i>	Fern-grass	Frequent
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	Waste places
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Hare's-tail	Occasional
<i>Lamarkia aurea</i>	Golden Dog's-tail	Common
<i>Melica ciliata</i>	Ciliate Melick	Occasional
<i>Melica uniflora</i>		Forests

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<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Common. Wet areas
<i>Piptantherum miliaceum</i>		Dry places
<i>Setaria pumila</i>	Yellow Bristle-grass	
<i>Setaria verticillata</i>	Rough Bristle-grass	
<i>Stipa pennata</i>	Needle-grass	Common
Hyacinthaceae	Hyacinth Family	
<i>Charybdis maritima</i>	(Urginea) Sea Squill	Locally common
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	Occasional
<i>Muscari commutatum</i>	A Grape Hyacinth	Mystras
<i>Ornithogalum sp.</i>	A Star of Bethlehem	Mystras
<i>Ornithogalum montanum</i>	A Star of Bethlehem	Chelmos
<i>Prospero autumnalis</i>	Autumn Squill	Common
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Crocus biflorus</i> subsp. <i>melantherus</i>		Locally Common.
<i>Crocus boryi</i>		Widespread
<i>Crocus cancellatus</i> subsp. <i>mazziaricus</i>		Locally common
<i>Crocus goulimyi</i> subsp. <i>goulimyi</i>		Locally common. Endemic
<i>Crocus goulimyi</i> subsp. <i>eucanthus</i>		South of Monemvassia.
<i>Crocus hadriaticus</i>		Locally common
<i>Crocus laevigatus</i>		Foutia
<i>Crocus niveus</i>		Local. Endemic
<i>Hermodactylus tuberosus</i>	Widow Iris	Taygetos
<i>Iris unguicularis</i>	Algerian Iris	Locally common
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Sharp Rush	Sandy places
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Damp habitats
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Lilium candidum</i>	Madonna Lily	Parori Gorge
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	Chelmos
<i>Ophrys lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	Chelmos
<i>Ophrys sp.</i>		Parori
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Autumn Lady's Tresses	Open scrub
Posidonaceae	Posidonia Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune Grass	Washed-up remains on beaches
Ruscaceae	Butcher's Broom Family	
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	Frequent. Shady places
Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax	Common
Typhaceae	Reedmace Family	
<i>Typha domingensis</i>	A Reedmace	Ditches
Zosteraceae	Eel Grass Family	
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Eel Grass	Washed-up remains on beaches

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted)

Common Buzzard, <i>Buteo buteo</i>	Kestrel, <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Yellow-legged Gull, <i>Larus cachinans</i>	Feral Pigeon, <i>Columba livia</i>
Collared Dove, <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Little Owl, <i>Athene noctua</i>
Common Kingfisher, <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Great Spotted Woodpecker, <i>Dendrocopos major</i>
Crag Martin, <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	White Wagtail, <i>Motacilla alba</i>
Grey Wagtail, <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Wren, <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Robin, <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Black Redstart, <i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>
Northern Wheatear, <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Stonechat, <i>Saxicola torquata</i>
Blackbird, <i>Turdus merula</i>	Blue Rock Thrush, <i>Monticola solitarius</i>
Sardinian Warbler, <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	Great Tit, <i>Parus major</i>
Coal Tit, <i>Parus ater</i>	Blue Tit, <i>Parus caeruleus</i>
Long-Tailed Tit, <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Eurasian Nuthatch, <i>Sitta europaea</i>
Western Rock Nuthatch, <i>Sitta neumayer</i>	Jay, <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Magpie, <i>Pica pica</i>	Hooded Crow, <i>Corvus corone cornix</i>
Raven, <i>Corvus corax</i>	Starling, <i>Sternus vulgaris</i>
House Sparrow, <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Chaffinch, <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Linnet, <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Goldfinch, <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
Serin, <i>Serinus serinus</i>	

Mammals

Beech Marten (road-kill), <i>Martes foina</i>	Hedgehog (road-kill), <i>Erinacea europaeus</i>
Mole, <i>Talpa europea</i>	Weasel, <i>Mustela nivalis</i>

Reptiles & Amphibians

Greek Algyroides, <i>Algyroides moreoticus</i>	Balkan Wall lizard, <i>Podarcis taurica</i>
Greek Rock Lizard, <i>Lacerta graeca</i>	Balkan Whip Snake, <i>Coluber gemonensis</i>
Fire Salamander, <i>Salamandra salamandra</i>	Common Tree Frog, <i>Hyla arborea</i>

Butterflies

Swallowtail, <i>Papilio machaon</i>	Large White, <i>Pieris brassicae</i>
Small White, <i>Artogeia rapae</i>	Clouded Yellow, <i>Colias crocea</i>
Cleopatra, <i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	Small Copper, <i>Lyxaena dispar</i>
Lang's Short-tailed Blue, <i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	Common Blue, <i>Polyommatus icarus</i>

Plain Tiger, *Danaus chrysippus*

Painted Lady, *Vanessa cardui*

Wall Brown, *Lasiommata megera*

Red Admiral, *Vanessa atalanta*

Speckled Wood, *Pararge aegeria*

Large Wall Brown, *Lasiommata maera*

Moths,

Hummingbird Hawk Moth, *Macroglossum stellatarum*

Spurge Hawk Moth (larva), *Hyles euphorbiae*

Dragonflies,

Red-veined Darter, *Sympetrum fonscolombii*

Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*

Migrant Spreadwing, *Lestes barbarus*

Southern Migrant Hawker, *Aeshna affinis*

Other Insects,

Praying Mantis, *Mantis religiosa*

Blue-winged Grasshopper, *Oedipoda caerulea*

Red-winged Grasshopper, *Oedipoda germanica*

Migratory Locust, *Locusta migratoria*

Nosed Grasshopper, *Acrida hungarica*

Violet Carpenter Bee, *Xylocopa violacea*

A Fire Bug, *Spilostethus pandurus*

Field Cricket, *Gryllus campestris*

Devil's Coach Horse, *Ocyrops olens*

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