

Autumn Plants of the Peloponnese

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Crocus boryi



Crocus goulimyí



Gythio



Vlychada Cave

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Day 1

Wednesday 28th October

This year, our only available flight left Heathrow at midday. We arrived in Athens at 6.00pm and an hour later we set off along the motorway towards our destination. The weather was showery but the roads were quiet and we made the journey in record time, arriving in Kalavrita at 9.45pm. Some of us ventured out for a drink, before retiring to bed.

Day 2

Thursday 29th October

The unsettled weather of the previous evening had cleared and we awoke to a sunny morning with blue sky. As we climbed above the village, we found our first *Crocus mazziaricus*, scattered through the stony pasture. Most of the flowers were pure white, with faint yellow staining at their base but occasionally a pale lavender. In one small damp area we located a second species, *Crocus melantherus*, also white, but with smaller flowers, marked with purple feathering on the outer tepals and with characteristic black anthers. The surrounding woodland was made up of Prickly Juniper *Juniperus oxycedrus*, the holly-like Kermes Oak *Quercus coccifera* and Greek Fir *Abies cephalonica*, which soon became dominant as we climbed higher.

At the ski resort, we took a short walk up to a ridge overlooking the Styx Valley and the steep, northern slopes of Chelmos. Like most of the isolated mountains of the Peloponnese, it has a rich flora with some localised endemic species. Notable plants included Olive-leaved Daphne *Daphne oleoides*, the spiny, pink-flowered *Astragalus thracicus*, *Drypis spinosa*, a shrubby member of the Pink family, the large-flowered *Viola graeca* and prostrate mats of *Globularia stygia* and *Thymus rechingeri*. Cartwheels of prostrate Common Juniper *Juniperus communis* var. *saxatilis* were a prominent feature of the higher slopes with heavily grazed bushes Greek Plum *Prunus cocomilia* and the Hawthorn *Crataegus pycnoloba*, an attractive endemic with large, colourful fruit. By now, lunch was beckoning and we made our way over the plateau to a sheltered spot, with fine views over the Styx Valley. Around us were a number of dark pink flowers of *Colchicum boissieri* but an extensive population of *Sternbergia lutea* was a long way past its peak of flowering.

Interestingly, *Sternbergia* appears to flower later at lower altitudes and after retracing our route through Kalavrita, we found jaw-dropping carpets of its bright-yellow flowers on south-facing meadows. Growing alongside were the curious purple spathes of *Biarum tenuifolium*. We continued along scenic mountain roads and over a pass to the remote village of Plataniotissa. Here we saw its famous ancient Oriental Plane tree, the hollow bole of which contains a strange little chapel, before rounding off the afternoon with drinks in the adjacent taverna. In the evening we enjoyed a tasty selection of traditional dishes in a restaurant close to the hotel.

Day 3

Friday 30th October

We spent a little time exploring the town before leaving around 10.00am and heading over the mountains. In the forest, the rocky ground had many plants of *Cyclamem bederifolium* subsp. *bederifolium*, along with the leaf rosettes of Yellow Bee Orchid *Ophrys lutea* and Dense-flowered Orchid *Neotinea maculata*. We travelled south, through an open landscape of small ploughed fields and stony pasture with scrubby oak and a scattering of pristine white

flowers of *Crocus mazziaricus* that glistened in the sunshine. We made a stop to see Pausanias' Vine, a remarkable, multi-trunked specimen, festooning the canopy of adjacent oak trees. It is believed to represent an ancestral wild vine, *Vitis vinifera* subsp. *sylvestris* and is estimated to be between 2 and 3000 years old.

After passing through the busy market town of Klitoria, we investigated a shady roadside cliff, where a dense population of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *hederifolium* displayed some attractive leaf patterns and, further on, we stopped by a chapel where abandoned cultivation terraces were ablaze with yellow drifts of *Sternberia lutea*. We had lunch by a roadside, north of Tripoli, surrounded by an extensive population of yet another white crocus, this time *Crocus hadriaticus*, easily identified by its multiple flowers, each with a three-lobed orange or red stigma. Growing nearby we found a few deep-blue flowers of the periwinkle *Vinca herbacea* and the showy, pink Eastern Hollyhock *Alcea pallida*.

Bypassing Tripoli on the motorway, we took the old road across the high plateau toward Sparta. The long-abandoned terracing of the hillsides bore testimony to more productive times, but apart from a few small plantations of walnut and fruit trees, the land now only supports the ubiquitous sheep and goats. Among oak scrub, we found our first *Cyclamen graecum*, growing alongside *Cyclamen hederifolium*, each readily identified by differences in leaf shape and texture and the latter invariably growing in the shade. Fortunately the sun shone all day, an important factor when crocus-hunting, and we soon found our fourth white species. This was *Crocus boryi*, with goblet-shaped flowers and white anthers but even by 4.00pm they were starting to close. We descended to the plain of Sparta, with the long outline of the Taygetos Mountains filling the skyline to the west. We arrived at our waterfront hotel in Gythio just before 6.00pm, finishing off our day with dinner in a taverna overlooking the harbour.

Day 4

Saturday 31st October

West of Gythio, we had a successful search of some overgrown olive groves for flowering spikes of Autumn Lady's Tresses *Spiranthes spiralis*. Growing alongside them was *Cyclamen graecum* and a few *Crocus boryi*. Further on, we stopped under a dense canopy of Valonia Oak *Quercus ithaburensis* subsp. *macrolepis*. It has the largest of all acorn cups, which look like miniature bird's nests, and were used, in the past, for tanning leather. Under the trees, myriads of *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *crassifolium* scented the air with a sweet perfume. In places the plants were thickly crowded, with corms on top of their neighbours, and large enough to be of considerable age. The subspecies is a tetraploid, with thicker, fleshier leaves than the nominate diploid, that we had seen in the mountains. As far as is known, it appears to be restricted to low altitudes near the coasts of the Peloponnese and a number of the islands.

As we crossed over the northern end of the Mani peninsula, the hillsides were dominated by Tree Spurge *Euphorbia dendroides*. We stopped by the roadside to see a large number of our fifth crocus, the endemic lilac-blue *Crocus goulimyi*, mixed with a few *Crocus boryi*. Two small pink Colchicums were also common here; the widespread *Colchicum cupanii* and the endemic *Colchicum zabnii*.

We enjoyed our lunch near the beach, before our planned visit to the Vlychada Cave. It contains a maze of passageways extending over several kilometres and is one of the world's most richly-decorated show-caves. Much of it is flooded at sea level and accessible to the public by boat. Our excursion was shorter than usual this year, due to Covid 19 restrictions, but nevertheless we had an unforgettable experience as we glided through the

still waters, beneath incredible curtains of stalactites. Once back in daylight, we found interesting plants, along the cliffs, including Tree Medick, *Medicago arborea*, the shrubby *Dianthus fruticosus* subsp. *occidentalis*, still with a few late flowers, Golden Samphire *Limbarda crithmoides* and Woody Catchfly *Silene fruticosa*.

While we had been in the cave, the weather had made a dramatic change for the worse and black clouds were now blotting out the mountains. On our return journey we took a short diversion to the small village of Charia where most of the original tower houses have been restored to provide modern-day accommodation. The forms of *Sternbergia lutea* in the surrounding fields were particularly striking, with large flowers and broad leaves, lacking a central, pale stripe. Near Areopolis, we stopped to see the spectacular flowers of *Crocus niveus*, another species found only on the two eastern peninsulas of the Peloponnese. Its name is a bit of a misnomer as most its flowers have outer tepals of pale lavender or pink. At this point heavy rain started and we had to abandon our plans for the remainder of the afternoon. We returned to Gythio, where it had remained dry, and visited the well-preserved Roman Theatre, before relaxing over drinks on the harbour.

Day 5

Sunday 1st November

A little way along the coast, we stopped near the rusting wreck of a cargo ship, the Dimitrios. Scrambling over shrubs was a fine show of pale-yellow *Clematis cirrhosa* and we located the first of the season's flowers of *Narcissus tazetta*. A short walk along the beach produced some noteworthy plants, including Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum*, Sea Spurge *Euphorbia paralias*, Purple Spurge *Euphorbia peplis* and Sea Knotgrass *Polygonum maritimum*. We continued across the broad delta of the Evrotas River, much of it now given over to orange groves and turned inland, through wild and largely unpopulated hill-country, in the southern part of the Parnon mountains. In places, the vibrant autumn colours of Smoke Bush *Cotinus coggygria*, were mixed with Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* and the pink-barked Eastern Strawberry Tree *Arbutus andrachne*. Autumn Heather *Erica manipuliiflora* provided further colour and we found bushes of the silver-leaved daphne-relative *Thymelaea tartonraira* subsp. *tartonraira*. *Crocus niveus* grew plentifully along with a few *Crocus badriaticus* and yet another white-flowered species, *Crocus laevigatus*. Like *Crocus boryi*, it also has white anthers and the two can be difficult to tell apart. *Crocus laevigatus* often has purple feathering on its outer tepals, although pure-white forms are plentiful in the Peloponnese. In full sun its flowers open widely, whereas those of *Crocus boryi* retain their goblet shape.

We stopped for lunch in Lambokambos, a typical, small and unassuming mountain settlement, but one that is well known for the huge drifts of *Crocus goulimyi*, that occur in the walled fields around the village. Afterwards, the road climbed steeply over the mountains. We made a brief stop to find some especially fine clusters of *Colchicum cupanii*, before continuing south down the peninsula for a coffee break in Gefira, overlooking the rock of Monemvasia. We crossed over to the island and spent the rest of the afternoon exploring the narrow streets and architecture of the Byzantine town, much of it now restored to its former glory. Once darkness fell, we enjoyed an evening meal in one of its many tavernas, before driving back to Gythio.

Day 6

Monday 2nd November

We visited the small cliff-top settlement of Ageranos, where there was an attractive church and a Maniot tower, once home to the Grigoraki family. Nearby, we found flowers of the sweetly-scented daffodil *Narcissus obsoleteus* and some lovely plants of the endemic *Colchicum parlatoris*. We drove down to the deserted Kamares beach, where we enjoyed a mirror-calm sea and a beautiful cloud-scape of high cirrus. We had seen Plain Tiger butterflies near the coast, on a number of occasions. They are strong fliers and migrate from Africa, in late summer, often in large numbers. There is increasing evidence of them breeding in southern Europe and we were delighted to find a large number of their caterpillars, at various stages of development. Typically their food-plants are members of the toxic Apocynaceae and here they were feeding on the leaves of Silk Vine *Periploca graeca*, which grew along the edge of the salt marsh.

We drove north and followed a winding road up into the Taygetos Mountains. As we climbed higher, the oak woodland and maquis gradually merged into forest of Greek Fir, and Turkish Black Pine, *Pinus nigra* subsp. *nigra* var. *caramanica*. Oriental Plane follows the stream channels and at this time of year, in its autumn finery, forms conspicuous rivers of gold between the dark conifers. It was here that we found Queen Olga's Snowdrop *Galanthus reginae-olgae*, along with abundant *Cyclamen hederifolium* subsp. *hederifolium*. Lunch was followed by a walk and then a longish drive along a mountain road through the forest. In open areas *Crocus boryi* was common and at our highest point of 1300m, there were scattered plants of *Crocus hadriaticus*. Eventually, we emerged in the attractive and isolated mountain village of Anavriti and stopped to take in the views from the terrace of the taverna. From the village, the road made a rapid descent through a dramatic series of hairpin bends, and we were soon back in the sea of olives that surround Sparta.

Day 7

Tuesday 3rd November

The day started with a visit to the islet of Kranae, connected to the coast by a narrow causeway. In the limestone pavement, *Cyclamen graecum* is particularly plentiful and shows the astonishing diversity of its intricately patterned leaves.

We drove north to the Byzantine town of Mystras, perched high on a hill, above Sparta, and spent the morning wandering among its ruins. There were good displays of *Sternbergia lutea*, at the top of the site, and on the cliffs were the autumn-flowering onion *Allium callimischon* subsp. *callimischon* and lovely plants of *Campanula versicolor*, with large, two-toned, blue flowers. We then made the short drive to the neighbouring village of Parori and had a rather late lunch beside the fountains, in the village square. Curtains of Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum capillus-veneris* festooned the damp walls together with the pale leaf rosettes of Brookweed *Samolus valerandi*. Afterwards, we made a short walk up the adjacent Parori Gorge, as far as a chapel, built inside a large cave. On the cliffs were more flowering plants of *Campanula versicolor* and the silver rosettes of the locally endemic *Campanula topaliana*. The fresh green leaves of Madonna Lily *Lilium candidum* were common in shaded areas and here and there were the striped, hooded spathes of Friar's Cowl *Arisarum vulgare*. After coffee in the village we were back in Gythio around 6.00pm.

Day 8

Wednesday 4th November

As our homeward flight was not until the evening, we had most of the day to make our journey back to Athens. After a leisurely start, we made a return visit to Friday's crocus site, in the hills above Sparta. The flowers of *Crocus hadriaticus* and *Crocus boryi* were all now fully open and covered the hillsides like confetti. Here and there, they mingled with the starry, pink flowers of *Colchicum cupanii*. At the northern end of the plateau, we stopped to find *Crocus melantherus*, at its type locality, where it is a common plant and usually flowers quite late in the season.

We made rapid progress along the motorway and made a short diversion to view the Corinth canal, an impressive sight but much too narrow for most modern shipping. On its banks there were the tall white flower spikes of Sea Squill *Drimys numidica*, the distinctive yellow Dandelion *Taraxacum belenicum* and some fine plants of a lavender form of *Crocus mazzjaricus*. The rest of our journey went smoothly and we were soon at the airport, with plenty of time to check in for our flight back to Heathrow.

Species Lists

Plants

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

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| Ephedraceae | Joint Pine Family | |
| <i>Ephedra foeminea</i> | A Joint Pine | Common |
| Pinaceae | Pine Family | |
| <i>Abies cephalonica</i> | Greek Fir | Mountains |
| <i>Pinus halepensis</i> | Aleppo Pine | Common near coasts |
| <i>Pinus nigra</i> subsp. <i>nigra</i> var. <i>caramanica</i> | Turkish Black Pine | Taygetos |
| <i>Pinus pinea</i> † | Umbrella Pine | Cultivated |
| ANGIOSPERMS | FLOWERING PLANTS | |
| DICOTYLEDONS | | |
| Acanthaceae | Acanthus Family | |
| <i>Acanthus spinosus</i> | Spiny Bear's Breech | Occasional |
| Aizoaceae | Dew Plant Family | |
| <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> † | Hottentot Fig | Naturalised on coasts |
| Amaranthaceae | Goosefoot Family | |
| <i>Arthrocnemum perenne</i> | Perennial Glasswort | Coastal salt-marsh |
| <i>Chenopodium album</i> | Fat-Hen | Common weed |
| <i>Salsola kali</i> | Prickly Saltwort | Sandy beaches |
| Anacardiaceae | Sumach Family | |
| <i>Cotinus coggygria</i> | Smoke Bush | Locally common |
| <i>Pistacia lentiscus</i> | Mastic Tree | Common |
| <i>Pistacia terebinthus</i> | Turpentine Tree | Common |
| Apiaceae | Carrot Family | |
| <i>Bupleurum fruticosum</i> | Shrubby Hare's Ear | Frequent near coasts |
| <i>Crithmum maritimum</i> | Rock Samphire | Maritime rocks |
| <i>Daucus carota</i> | Wild carrot | Common |
| <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 | Sand dunes |
| <i>Ferula communis</i> | Giant Fennel | Common |
| <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> | Wild Fennel | Common |
| <i>Scaligeria napiformis</i> | Scaligeria | Shaded rocky places |
| <i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i> | Shepherd's Needle | Common |
| <i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i> | Alexanders | Frequent |
| <i>Smyrniolum rotundifolium</i> | Round-leaved Alexanders | Frequent |
| <i>Tordylium officinale</i> | Cretan Hartwort | Cultivated areas |
| Apocynaceae | Dogbane Family | |
| <i>Nerium oleander</i> | Oleander | Frequent along watercourses |
| <i>Periploca graeca</i> | Silk Vine | Hedges and edge of saltmarsh |
| <i>Plumeria rubra</i> † | Frangipani | Cultivated |
| <i>Vinca herbacea</i> | A Periwinkle | Local in rocky places |
| Araliaceae | Ivy Family | |
| <i>Hedera helix</i> | Ivy | Frequent |

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| Aristolochiaceae | | |
| <i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i> | Evergreen Birthwort | Common |
| Asteraceae | | |
| Daisy Family | | |
| <i>Achillea ligustica</i> | Southern Yarrow | Common |
| <i>Achillea maritima</i> | Cottonweed | Sand dunes |
| <i>Bellis perennis</i> | Daisy | Common |
| <i>Bellis sylvestris</i> | Southern Daisy | Common |
| <i>Bidens tripartita</i> | Trifid Bur-marigold | Occasional |
| <i>Calendula arvensis</i> | Field Marigold | Frequent |
| <i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i> | Slender Thistle | Waste places |
| <i>Carlina corymbosa</i> | A Flat-topped Carlina Thistle | Common |
| <i>Carlina graeca</i> | A Flat-topped Carlina Thistle | Abundant in garrigue |
| <i>Carlina gummifera</i> | Pine Thistle | Occasional |
| <i>Carthamnus lanatus</i> | Wooly Safflower | Taygetos |
| <i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i> | Red Star-thistle | Occasional |
| <i>Centaurea raphanina</i> subsp. <i>mixta</i> • | A Knapweed | Rocky places |
| <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> | St. Barnaby's Thistle | Occasional |
| <i>Chondrilla juncea</i> | Rush Skeletonweed | Common |
| <i>Cichorium intybus</i> | Chicory | Waste places |
| <i>Cirsium candelabrum</i> | Candelabra Thistle | Widespread in the mountains |
| <i>Cirsium eriophorum</i> | Wooly Thistle | Frequent |
| <i>Cynara cornigera</i> | A wild Artichoke | Frequent |
| <i>Dittrichia graveolens</i> | Aromatic Inula | Waste places |
| <i>Dittrichia viscosa</i> | Stink Aster | Abundant on roadsides |
| <i>Doronicum orientale</i> | Eastern Leopard'sbane | Mountains |
| <i>Echinops sphaerocephalus</i> | Pale Globe-Thistle | Frequent |
| <i>Echinops spinosissimus</i> | Spiniest Globe-Thistle | Rocky places |
| <i>Erigeron canadensis</i> ‡ | Canadian Fleabane | Common weed |
| <i>Filago pygmaea</i> | Pygmy Cudweed | Dry stony places |
| <i>Galactites tomentosa</i> | Galactites | Common. Waste places |
| <i>Galinsoga quadriradiata</i> | Shaggy Soldier | Occasional weed |
| <i>Helichrysum italicum</i> | Curry Plant | Frequent |
| <i>Helminthotheca echioides</i> | Bristly Oxtongue | Occasional weed |
| <i>Inula verbascifolia</i> | Mullein-leaved Inula | Cliffs |
| <i>Lactuca serriola</i> | Pricky Lettuce | Waste places |
| <i>Limbarda crithmoides</i> | Golden Samphire | Coastal rocks |
| <i>Mycelis muralis</i> | Wall Lettuce | Walls and rocks |
| <i>Pallenis spinosa</i> | Spiny Golden-star | Frequent |
| <i>Phagnalon graecum</i> | Shrubby Cudweed | Walls and rocks |
| <i>Picnomon acarna</i> | Yellow Spine-thistle | Common |
| <i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i> | Shrubby Ptilostemon | Cliffs |
| <i>Pulicaria odora</i> | Mediterranean Fleabane | Chelmos |
| <i>Scolymus hispanicus</i> | Spanish Oyster Plant | Roadsides |
| <i>Senecio vulgaris</i> | Groundsel | Waste places |
| <i>Silybum marianum</i> | Milk Thistle | Waste places |
| <i>Sonchus asper</i> | Pricky Sow Thistle | Waste places |
| <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> | Smooth Sow Thistle | Waste places |
| <i>Taraxacum hellenicum</i> | A Dandelion | Corinth |
| <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg. | Dandelion | Widespread |
| <i>Tripolium pannonicum</i> | Sea Aster | Coastal marsh |
| <i>Tussilago farfara</i> | Colt's-foot | Wet places in mountains |
| <i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ‡ | Spiny Cocklebur | Occasional weed |
| <i>Xanthium strumarium</i> ‡ | Cocklebur | Frequent weed |

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| Bignoniaceae <i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> ‡ | Catalpa Family Indian Bean Tree | Cultivated |
| Betulaceae <i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i> | Birch Family Hop Hornbeam | Common |
| Boraginaceae <i>Cynoglossum creticum</i> <i>Echium angustifolium</i> <i>Echium italicum</i> subsp. <i>biebersteinii</i> <i>Echium plantagineum</i> <i>Heliotropium europaeum</i> <i>Heliotropium hirsutissimum</i> <i>Onosma heterophylla</i> <i>Onosma frutescens</i> <i>Symphytum creticum</i> • | Borage Family Blue Hound's-tongue Narrow-leaved Bugloss Pale Bugloss Purple Viper's-bugloss Heliotrope A Heliotrope A Golden Drops Shrubby Golden Drops Cretan Comfrey | Frequent Coast. Common Roadsides. Common Common Common. Waste places Frequent. Waste places Rocky pasture Walls and rocks. Common Monemvasia |
| Brassicaceae <i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i> <i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> <i>Berteroa obliqua</i> <i>Cakile maritima</i> <i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i> <i>Fibigia clypeata</i> <i>Lunaria annua</i> subsp. <i>pachyrhiza</i> <i>Matthiola incana</i> | Cabbage Family Aubrieta Yellow Alyssum A Hoary Alison Sea Rocket Shepherd's Purse Fibigia Honesty Hoary Stock | Mountains Mystras Fields. Kalavrita Maritime sand Weedy places Taygetos Mystras Monemvasia |
| Cactaceae <i>Opuntia ficus-barbarica</i> ‡ | Cactus Family Prickly Pear | Widespread |
| Campanulaceae <i>Campanula andrewsii</i> subsp. <i>andrewsii</i> • <i>Campanula andrewsii</i> subsp. <i>hirsutula</i> • <i>Campanula topaliana</i> subsp. <i>topaliana</i> • <i>Campanula versicolor</i> | Bellflower Family | Chelmos Monemvasia Mystras and Parori gorge Cliffs |
| Cannabaceae <i>Celtis australis</i> | Hackberry and Hemp Family European Nettle Tree | Frequent |
| 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 biflorus</i> <i>Dianthus fruticosus</i> subsp. <i>occidentalis</i> • <i>Drypis spinosa</i> <i>Paronychia capitata</i> <i>Petrorhagia illyrica</i> <i>Petrorhagia glumacea</i> | Pink Family A Shrubby Pink Drypis | Mountains Chelmos Coastal cliffs. Diros Mountains Occasional Occasional Frequent |

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| <i>Silene fruticosa</i> | Woody Catchfly | Cliffs |
| <i>Silene gigantea</i> subsp. <i>hellenica</i> • | Giant Catchfly | Parori gorge |
| <i>Silene goulimyi</i> • | | Mystras |
| <i>Silene vulgaris</i> | Bladder Campion | Common |
| Cistaceae | Rock-rose Family | |
| <i>Cistus creticus</i> subsp. <i>creticus</i> | Cretan Cistus | Common |
| <i>Cistus parviflorus</i> | Few-flowered Cistus | Frequent |
| <i>Cistus salvifolius</i> | Sage-leaved Cistus | Locally common |
| <i>Fumana arabica</i> | Mediterranean Rockrose | Frequent |
| <i>Fumana thymifolia</i> | Thyme Rockrose | Frequent |
| <i>Helianthemum hymettium</i> • | A Rockrose | Mountains |
| <i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> | Common Rockrose | Taygetos |
| Convolvulaceae | Bindweed Family | |
| <i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i> | Mallow-leaved Bindweed | Frequent |
| <i>Cuscuta epithymum</i> | Common Dodder | Frequent parasite |
| <i>Ipomoea indica</i> ‡ | A Morning Glory | Cultivated |
| Crassulaceae | Stonecrop Family | |
| <i>Petrosedum ochroleucum</i> | European Stonecrop | Widespread |
| <i>Petroedum sediforme</i> | Pale Stonecrop | Common |
| <i>Sedum album</i> | White Stonecrop | Common |
| <i>Sedum amplexicaule</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolium</i> | | Frequent on rocks |
| <i>Sedum cepaea</i> | | Frequent on shaded rocks |
| <i>Umbilicus rupestris</i> | Wall Pennywort | Common |
| Cucurbitaceae | Cucumber Family | |
| <i>Bryonia cretica</i> | White Bryony | Frequent |
| <i>Ecballium elaterium</i> | Squirting Cucumber | Waste places |
| Dipsacaceae | Teasel Family | |
| <i>Knautia integrifolia</i> | A Scabious | Waste places |
| <i>Pterocephalus perennis</i> | | Mountains |
| <i>Scabiosa argentea</i> | | Rocky slopes. Taygetos |
| <i>Scabiosa brachiata</i> | Tremastelma | Taygetos |
| Ericaceae | Heather Family | |
| <i>Arbutus andrachne</i> | Eastern Strawberry Tree | Locally common |
| <i>Arbutus unedo</i> | Strawberry Tree | Locally common |
| <i>Erica arborea</i> | Tree Heather | Locally common |
| <i>Erica manipuliflora</i> | Autumn Heather | Locally common |
| Euphorbiaceae | Spurge Family | |
| <i>Euphorbia acanthothamnos</i> | Greek Spiny Spurge | Locally common |
| <i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i> | Wood Spurge | Occasional |
| <i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i> | Small Spurge | Common |
| <i>Euphorbia characias</i> | Large Mediterranean Spurge | Locally common |
| <i>Euphorbia dendroides</i> | Tree Spurge | Common near coasts |
| <i>Euphorbia paralias</i> | Sea Spurge | Sand dunes |
| <i>Euphorbia peplis</i> | Purple Spurge | Maritime sands |
| <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> ‡ | Poinsettia | Cultivated |
| <i>Euphorbia rigida</i> | Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge | Common |
| <i>Mercurialis annua</i> | Annual Mercury | Common |

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| <i>Ricinus communis</i> ‡ | Castor-oil-plant | Occasional |
| Fabaceae | Pea Family | |
| <i>Acacia saligna</i> ‡ | Blue-leaved Wattle | Cultivated |
| <i>Anagyris foetida</i> | Bean Trefoil | Kamares |
| <i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i> | Herman's Kidney Vetch | Local in phrygana |
| <i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>rubriflora</i> | Kidney Vetch | Common |
| <i>Astragalus angustifolius</i> | Narrow-leaved Milk Vetch | Mountains |
| <i>Astragalus thracicus</i> • | | Chelmos |
| <i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i> | Pitch Trefoil | Common |
| <i>Calycotome villosa</i> | Hairy Thorny Broom | Common |
| <i>Ceratonia siliqua</i> | Carob | Frequent |
| <i>Cercis siliquastrum</i> | Judas Tree | Frequent |
| <i>Coronilla valentina</i> | Shrubby Scorpion Vetch | Cliffs. Diros |
| <i>Erophaca baetica</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i> | | Roadside. Areopolis |
| <i>Genista acanthoclada</i> | | Common |
| <i>Hippocrepis comosa</i> | Horseshoe Vetch | Chelmos |
| <i>Hippocrepis emerus</i> | Scopion Senna | Parori gorge |
| <i>Medicago arborea</i> ‡ | Tree Medick | Coastal cliffs. Diros |
| <i>Medicago lupulina</i> | Black Medick | Common |
| <i>Medicago marina</i> | Sea Medick | Sand dunes |
| <i>Medicago sativa</i> | Lucerne | Occasional . Roadsides |
| <i>Ononis spinosa</i> subsp. <i>diacantha</i> | Spiny Rest-harrow | Frequent |
| <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> ‡ | False Acacia | Planted and naturalised |
| <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 frainetto</i> | Hungarian Oak | Occasional |
| <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 | Parori gorge |
| Geraniaceae | Geranium Family | |
| <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> | Common Stork's-bill | Waste places |
| <i>Geranium molle</i> | Dove's-foot Crane's-bill | Frequent |
| <i>Geranium purpureum</i> | Little Robin | Common |
| <i>Geranium robertianum</i> | Herb Robert | Damp shady places |
| Globulariaceae | Globularia Family | |
| <i>Globularia stygia</i> • | | Chelmos |
| Grossulariaceae | Currant Family | |
| <i>Ribes uva-crispa</i> | Gooseberry | Chelmos |
| Hypericaceae | St John's-wort Family | |
| <i>Hypericum empetrifolium</i> | Crowberry-leaved St John's-wort | Frequent |
| <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> | Perforate St John's-wort | Occasional |
| <i>Hypericum triquetrifolium</i> | Wavy-leaved St John's-wort | Rocky places |

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| <i>Hypericum vesiculosum</i> | | Mystras and Parori gorge |
| Juglandaceae | Walnut Family | |
| <i>Juglans regia</i> ‡ | Walnut | Cultivated |
| Lamiaceae | Dead-nettle Family | |
| <i>Ballota acetabulosa</i> | Garden Horehound | Rocky places |
| <i>Ballota nigra</i> | Black Horehound | Common |
| <i>Clinopodium alpinum</i> | Alpine Calamint | Chelmos |
| <i>Clinopodium nepeta</i> | Lesser Calamint | Common |
| <i>Clinopodium vulgare</i> | Wild Basil | Shady places |
| <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i> | Henbit Dead-nettle | Common |
| <i>Lavandula stoechas</i> | French Lavender | Locally common |
| <i>Marrubium vulgare</i> | White Horehound | Waste places |
| <i>Mentha aquatica</i> | Water Mint | Damp places |
| <i>Mentha longifolia</i> | Horse Mint | Ditches |
| <i>Micromeria graeca</i> | A Micromeria | Rocky places |
| <i>Micromeria juliana</i> | Micromeria | Rocky places |
| <i>Nepeta argolica</i> • | A Catmint | Chelmos |
| <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> ‡ | Basil | Cultivated |
| <i>Origanum vulgare</i> | Marjoram | Frequent |
| <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i> | Jerusalem Sage | Common |
| <i>Prasium majus</i> | Prasium | Widespread |
| <i>Salvia fruticosa</i> | Greek Sage | Common |
| <i>Salvia verbenaca</i> | Wild Clary | Common |
| <i>Satureja thymbra</i> | Satureia | Rocky places |
| <i>Stachys candida</i> | A Woundwort | Parori and Mystras |
| <i>Stachys spreitzenhoferi</i> subsp. <i>virella</i> • | A Woundwort | Monemvasia |
| <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> | Wall Germander | Widespread |
| <i>Teucrium capitatum</i> | Felty Germander | Common |
| <i>Thymbra capitata</i> | Mediterranean Thyme | Common |
| <i>Thymus rechingeri</i> • | A Thyme | Chelmos |
| <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> | Chaste Tree | Frequent. Riverbeds |
| Lythraceae | Loosestrife Family | |
| <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> | Purple Loosestrife | Ditches. Evrotas delta |
| Malvaceae | Mallow Family | |
| <i>Alcea pallida</i> | Eastern Hollyhock | Frequent |
| <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> ‡ | Hibiscus | Cultivated |
| <i>Lavatera bryonifolia</i> | Bryony-leaved Mallow | Frequent |
| <i>Malva arborea</i> | Tree Mallow | Coastal |
| <i>Malva sylvestris</i> | Common Mallow | Common |
| Meliaceae | Mahogany Family | |
| <i>Melia azedarach</i> ‡ | Persian Lilac | Cultivated |
| Moraceae | Mulberry Family | |
| <i>Ficus carica</i> | Fig | Common |
| <i>Morus alba</i> ‡ | White Mulberry | Cultivated |
| Morinaceae | Morina Family | |
| <i>Morina persica</i> | A Morina | Chelmos |

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| Myrtaceae | Myrtle Family | |
| <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ‡ | River Red Gum | Cultivated |
| <i>Melaleuca citrina</i> ‡ | Crimson Bottlebrush | Cultivated |
| <i>Myrtus communis</i> | Common Myrtle | Occasional. Maquis |
| Nyctaginaceae | Bougainvillea Family | |
| <i>Bougainvillea xbuttiana</i> ‡ | Bougainvillea | Cultivated |
| Oleaceae | Ash Family | |
| <i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>sylvestris</i> | Wild Olive | Frequent |
| <i>Fraxinus ornus</i> | Manna Ash | Widespread |
| <i>Phillyrea latifolia</i> | Mock Privet | Frequent in maquis |
| Oxalidaceae | Wood-sorrel Family | |
| <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡ | Bermuda Buttercup | Common weed |
| <i>Oxalis corniculata</i> | Procumbent Yellow Sorrel | Occasional |
| Papaveraceae | Poppy Family | |
| <i>Glaucium flavum</i> | Yellow Horned-poppy | Coastal habitats |
| Paulowniaceae | Paulownia Family | |
| <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> ‡ | Paulownia | Cultivated |
| Phytolaccaceae | Pokeweed Family | |
| <i>Phytolacca americana</i> ‡ | American Pokeweed | Waste areas |
| Pittosporaceae | Pittosporum Family | |
| <i>Pittosporum tobira</i> ‡ | | Cultivated |
| Plantaginaceae | Plantain Family | |
| <i>Plantago coronopus</i> | Stag's-horn Plantain | Waste areas near coast |
| Platanaceae | Plane Family | |
| <i>Platanus orientalis</i> | Oriental Plane | Common |
| Plumbaginaceae | Thrift Family | |
| <i>Armeria canescens</i> | A Thrift | Chelmos |
| <i>Limonium virgatum</i> | A Sea-lavender | Coastal |
| <i>Limonium vulgare</i> | A Sea-lavender | Coastal |
| <i>Plumbago europaea</i> | European Plumbago | Mystras |
| Polygalaceae | Milkwort Family | |
| <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> ‡ | Myrtle-leaved Milkwort | Cultivated |
| <i>Polygala monspeliaca</i> | Mediterranean Milkwort | Frequent |
| <i>Polygala venulosa</i> | Eastern Milkwort | Frequent |
| <i>Polygala vulgaris</i> | Common Milkwort | Chelmos |
| Polygonaceae | Dock Family | |
| <i>Polygonum aviculare</i> | Knotgrass | Waste places |
| <i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i> | Horsetail Knotgrass | Waste places |
| <i>Polygonum maritimum</i> | Sea Knotgrass | Coastal sand. Gythio |
| <i>Rumex bucephalophorus</i> | Bull's Head Dock | Common |
| Portulacaceae | Purslane Family | |

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| <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> | Purslane | Common. Waste areas |
| Primulaceae | Primrose Family | |
| <i>Cyclamen graecum</i> subsp. <i>graecum</i> | Greek Sowbread | Common |
| <i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>crassifolium</i> • | | Common in lowland areas |
| <i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i> subsp. <i>hederifolium</i> | Ivy-leaved Sowbread | Common in mountains |
| <i>Cyclamen rhodium</i> subsp. <i>peloponnesiacum</i> • | | Shaded forest. Taygetos |
| <i>Lysimachia arvensis</i> | Scarlet Pimpernel | Frequent |
| <i>Samolus valerandi</i> | Brookweed | Parori fountain |
| Punicaceae | Pomegranate Family | |
| <i>Punica granatum</i> ‡ | Pomegranate | Cultivated |
| Ranunculaceae | Buttercup Family | |
| <i>Anemone coronaria</i> | Crown Anemone | Frequent |
| <i>Anemone pavonina</i> | Peacock Anemone | Common |
| <i>Clematis cirrhosa</i> | Virgin's Bower | Common |
| <i>Clematis flammula</i> | Fragrant Clematis | Coastal areas |
| <i>Clematis vitalba</i> | Old Man's Beard | Common |
| <i>Consolida ajacis</i> | A Larkspur | Frequent |
| <i>Nigella damascena</i> | Love-in-a-mist | Frequent |
| Rhamnaceae | Buckthorn Family | |
| <i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i> | A Buckthorn | Common |
| Rosaceae | Rose Family | |
| <i>Agrimonia eupatorium</i> | Hemp Agrimony | Occasional |
| <i>Crataegus heldreichii</i> | A Hawthorn | Taygetos |
| <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> | Hawthorn | Common |
| <i>Crataegus pycnoloba</i> • | A Hawthorn | Chelmos |
| <i>Cydonia oblonga</i> ‡ | Quince | Cultivated |
| <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> ‡ | Japanese Loquat | Cultivated |
| <i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> | Salad Burnet | Common |
| <i>Prunus avium</i> | Wild Cherry | Forests |
| <i>Prunus cocomilia</i> | Greek Plum | Chelmos |
| <i>Prunus dulcis</i> ‡ | Almond | Cultivated |
| <i>Prunus spinosa</i> | Blackthorn | Frequent |
| <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> ‡ | Firethorn | Cultivated |
| <i>Pyrus spinosa</i> | Wild Pear | Common |
| <i>Rosa canina</i> | Dog Rose | Common |
| <i>Rosa sempervirens</i> | Evergreen Rose | Frequent |
| <i>Rubus ulmifolius</i> | A Bramble | Common |
| <i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i> | Thorny Burnet | Common |
| Rubiaceae | Bedstraw Family | |
| <i>Galium rotundifolium</i> | Round-leaved Bedstraw | Shady forests |
| <i>Rubia peregrina</i> | Wild Madder | Shady places. Anavriti |
| <i>Rubia tenuifolia</i> | | Rocky places. Diros |
| Rutaceae | Rue Family | |
| <i>Citrus limon</i> ‡ | Lemon | Cultivated |
| <i>Citrus sinensis</i> ‡ | Orange | Cultivated |

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| Salicaceae <i>Populus alba</i> <i>Populus nigra</i> ‡ | Willow Family White Poplar Black Poplar | Common. Damp habitats Cultivated |
| Santalaceae <i>Viscum album</i> subsp. <i>abietis</i> | Bastard-toadflax Family Mistletoe | Common on <i>Abies</i> |
| Sapindaceae <i>Acer sempervirens</i> | Maple Family Cretan Maple | Common |
| Saxifragaceae <i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i> subsp. <i>chrysosplenifolia</i> | Saxifrage Family Chrysosplenium-leaved Saxifrage | Shaded rocks. Taygetos |
| Scrophulariaceae <i>Scrophularia canina</i> subsp. <i>bicolor</i> <i>Scrophularia heterophylla</i> <i>Scrophularia peregrina</i> <i>Verbascum macrurum</i> <i>Verbascum sinuatum</i> <i>Verbascum undulatum</i> | Figwort Family French Figwort Nettle-leaved Figwort Wavy-leaved Mullein | Frequent Cliffs Occasional Common Common Corinth |
| Simaroubaceae <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡ | Tree-of-heaven Family Tree-of-heaven | Naturalised and invasive |
| Solanaceae <i>Datura innoxia</i> <i>Datura stramonium</i> ‡ <i>Hyoscyamus albus</i> <i>Hyoscyamus niger</i> <i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡ <i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> ‡ <i>Solanum nigrum</i> <i>Withania somnifera</i> ‡ | Nightshade Family A Thornapple Thornapple White Henbane Henbane Shrubby Tobacco Silver-leaved Nightshade Black Nightshade Withania | Roadsides. Corinth Waste ground Mystras and Parori Waste places Waste areas and roadsides Occasional Frequent Occasional. Waste places |
| Tamaricaceae <i>Tamarix parviflora</i> | Tamarisk Family Small-flowered Tamarisk | Coast |
| Thymelaeaceae <i>Daphne oleoides</i> <i>Thymelaea tartonraira</i> subsp. <i>tartonraira</i> | Mezereon Family Olive-leaved Daphne | Chelmos North of Lambokambos |
| Ulmaceae <i>Ulmus minor</i> | Elm Family Small-leaved Elm | Frequent |
| Urticaceae <i>Parietaria judaica</i> <i>Urtica dioica</i> <i>Urtica urens</i> | Nettle Family Pellitory-of-the-wall Nettle Small Nettle | Common Widespread Common |
| Valerianaceae <i>Centranthus ruber</i> | Valerian Family Red Valerian | Monemvasia, Mystras |
| Verbenaceae | Vervain Family | |

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| <i>Verbena officinalis</i> | Vervain | Common |
| Veronicaceae | Speedwell Family | |
| <i>Cymbalaria microcalyx</i> subsp. <i>alba</i> • | | Mystras and Parori gorge |
| <i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> ‡ | Ivy-leaved Toadflax | Occasional on walls |
| <i>Digitalis laevigata</i> | Greek Foxglove | Taygetos |
| <i>Veronica beccabunga</i> | Brooklime | Wet places |
| <i>Veronica cymbalaria</i> | White Speedwell | Waste places |
| Viburnaceae | Viburnum Family | |
| <i>Sambucus nigra</i> | Elder | Parori |
| <i>Viburnum tinus</i> | Laurustinus | Parori |
| Violaceae | Violet Family | |
| <i>Viola graeca</i> | | Chelmos |
| Vitaceae | Vine Family | |
| <i>Vitis vinifera</i> subsp. <i>sylvestris</i> | Wild Vine | Occasional |
| Zygophyllaceae | Caltrop Family | |
| <i>Tribulus terrestris</i> | Maltese Cross | Waste places |
| MONOCOTYLEDONS | | |
| Amaryllidaceae | Daffodil Family | |
| <i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> | Broad-leaved Wild Leek | Monemvasia, Gythio |
| <i>Allium callimischon</i> subsp. <i>callimischon</i> | | Locally common |
| <i>Allium chamaespathum</i> | | Stony places |
| <i>Galanthus reginae-olgae</i> | Queen Olga's Snowdrop | Taygetos |
| <i>Narcissus obsoletus</i> | Late Daffodil | Locally common |
| <i>Narcissus tazetta</i> | Polyanthus Daffodil | Local |
| <i>Pancratium maritimum</i> | Sea Daffodil | Sand dunes |
| <i>Sternbergia lutea</i> | Common Sternbergia | Locally common |
| Araceae | Lords-and-Ladies Family | |
| <i>Arisarum vulgare</i> | Friar's Cowl | Common |
| <i>Arum italicum</i> | Italian Lords-and-Ladies | Locally common |
| <i>Biarum tenuifolium</i> | Narrow-leaved Biarum | Locally common |
| Asparagaceae | Asparagus Family | |
| <i>Agave americana</i> ‡ | Centuryplant | Cultivated and naturalised |
| <i>Asparagus acutifolius</i> | Mediterranean Wild Asparagus | Occasional |
| <i>Asparagus aphyllus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i> | Leafless Asparagus | Frequent |
| <i>Drimys numidica</i> | Sea Squill | Locally common |
| <i>Muscari commutatum</i> | A Grape Hyacinth | Mystras |
| <i>Ornithogalum montanum</i> | A Star of Bethlehem | Mountains and forests |
| <i>Ornithogalum</i> sp. | A Star of Bethlehem | Mystras |
| <i>Prospero autumnale</i> | Autumn Squill | Common |
| <i>Ruscus aculeatus</i> | Butcher's-broom | Shady places |
| Asphodelaceae | Asphodel Family | |
| <i>Asphodeline lutea</i> | Yellow Asphodel | Locally common |
| <i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i> | Hollow-stemmed Asphodel | Occasional. Mystras |
| <i>Asphodelus ramosus</i> | Branched Asphodel | Common |

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| Colchicaceae | Meadow Saffron Family | |
| <i>Colchicum boissieri</i> | | Local in mountains |
| <i>Colchicum cupanii</i> | | Locally common |
| <i>Colchicum parlatoris</i> • | | Local |
| <i>Colchicum psaridis</i> • | | Local |
| Cyperaceae | Sedge Family | |
| <i>Cyperus capitatus</i> | A Galingale | Sand dunes |
| <i>Scirpoides holoschoenus</i> | Round-headed Clubrush | Sand dunes |
| Iridaceae | Iris Family | |
| <i>Crocus boryi</i> | | Widespread in the south |
| <i>Crocus goulimyi</i> subsp. <i>goulimyi</i> • | | Locally common |
| <i>Crocus hadriaticus</i> subsp. <i>hadriaticus</i> | | Locally common |
| <i>Crocus laevigatus</i> | | Locally common |
| <i>Crocus mazziaricus</i> | | Locally common |
| <i>Crocus melantherus</i> • | | Locally common |
| <i>Crocus niveus</i> • | | Locally common |
| <i>Iris tuberosa</i> | Snake's-head Iris | Widespread |
| <i>Iris unguicularis</i> subsp. <i>angustifolia</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>Spiranthes spiralis</i> | Autumn Lady's-tresses | Rocky places |
| Poaceae | Grass Family | |
| <i>Achnatherum miliaceum</i> | Milo Grass | Dry Places |
| <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> | Marram Grass | Sand dunes |
| <i>Arundo donax</i> ‡ | Giant Reed | Common |
| <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>Lagurus ovatus</i> | Hare's-tail | Common |
| <i>Lamarckia aurea</i> | Golden Dog's-tail | Common |
| <i>Melica uniflora</i> | One-flowered Melick | Forests |
| <i>Phragmites australis</i> | Common Reed | Common. Wet areas |
| <i>Setaria viridis</i> | Green Bristle-grass | Occasional |
| <i>Stipa pennata</i> | Needle Grass | Common |
| Posidoniaceae | Neptune Grass Family | |
| <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> | Neptune Grass | Marine |
| Smilacaceae | Smilax Family | |
| <i>Smilax aspera</i> | Smilax | Common |

| Latin name | Common name | Notes |
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• = endemic or near endemic to the Peloponnese and neighbouring islands, including Crete

‡ = naturalised or cultivated

Molecular studies, largely based on DNA, have modified our views on plant classification. The checklist follows a conservative view of these changes and is adapted from Stace C. A. (2019) *New Flora of the British Isles* 4th Edition. For ease of reference, taxa are presented in alphabetic order.

Birds

| Common name | Latin name | 28 October - 4 November 2020 | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| | | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Feral Pigeon | <i>Columba livia</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Eurasian Collared Dove | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Yellow-legged Gull | <i>Larus michahellis</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Great Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Common Buzzard | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Common Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Jay | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Common Magpie | <i>Pica pica</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Western Jackdaw | <i>Coloeus monedula</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Hooded Crow | <i>Corvus cornix</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Northern Raven | <i>Corvus corax</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Coal Tit | <i>Parus ater</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Great Tit | <i>Parus major</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Crag Martin | <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i> | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Cetti's Warbler | <i>Cettia cetti</i> | | | | | H | | | |
| Sardinian Warbler | <i>Sylvia melanocephala</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Nuthatch | <i>Sitta europaea</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Western Rock Nuthatch | <i>Sitta neumayer</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Common Starling | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Common Blackbird | <i>Turdus merula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| European Robin | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Black Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Blue Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola solitarius</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Common Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| European Goldfinch | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |

Other Vertebrates

| Common name | Latin name | 28 October - 4 November 2020 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| | | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Mammals | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Hedgehog | <i>Erinaceus concolor</i> | | | | | | D | | |
| Mole | <i>Talpa europaea</i> | | E | E | | | | | |
| Reptiles | | | | | | | | | |
| Peloponnese Wall Lizard | <i>Podarcis peloponnesiacus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Greek Algyroides | <i>Algyroides moreoticus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Amphibians | | | | | | | | | |
| Balkan Stream Frog | <i>Rana graeca</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| D = Dead | | | | | | | | | |
| E = Evidence | | | | | | | | | |

Invertebrates

| Common name | Latin name | 28 October - 4 November 2020 | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| | | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Butterflies | | | | | | | | | |
| Hesperiidae | | | | | | | | | |
| Mediterranean Skipper | <i>Gegenes nostradamus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Pieridae | | | | | | | | | |
| Clouded Yellow | <i>Colias crocea</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Eastern Bath White | <i>Pontia edusa</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| Large White | <i>Pieris brassicae</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Small White | <i>Pieris rapae</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Lycaenidae | | | | | | | | | |
| Small Copper | <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Lang's Short-tailed Blue | <i>Leptotes pirithous</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Long-tailed Blue | <i>Lampides boeticus</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Common Blue | <i>Polyommatus icarus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| Nymphalidae | | | | | | | | | |
| Painted Lady | <i>Vanessa cardui</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Red Admiral | <i>Vanessa atalanta</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Plain Tiger | <i>Danaus chrysippus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Small Heath | <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Southern Speckled Wood | <i>Pararge aegeria aegeria</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Large Wall Brown | <i>Lasiommata maera</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Wall Brown | <i>Lasiommata megera</i> | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Moths | | | | | | | | | |
| Hummingbird Hawkmoth | <i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i> | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Spurge Hawkmoth (larva) | <i>Hyles euphorbiae</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Pine Processionary Moth (larva) | <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Dragonflies | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue Emperor | <i>Anax imperator</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | |

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| Vagrant Emperor | <i>Anax ephippiger</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Common Darter | <i>Sympetrum striolatum</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Scarlet Darter | <i>Crocothemis erythraea</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Grasshoppers and Mantids | | | | | | | | | |
| Migratory Locust | <i>Locusta migratoria</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Nosed Grasshopper | <i>Acrida ungarica</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Blue Band-winged Grasshopper | <i>Oedipoda caerulea</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Red Band-winged Grasshopper | <i>Oedipoda germanica</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Greek Marbled Bush Cricket | <i>Eupholidoptera megastyla</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| House Cricket | <i>Acheta domesticus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Praying Mantis | <i>Mantis religiosa</i> | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Other Insects | | | | | | | | | |
| Violet Carpenter Bee | <i>Xylocopa violacea</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Paper Wasp | <i>Polistes gallicus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Fire Bug | <i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i> | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Devil's Coach Horse | <i>Ocypus olens</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | | |
| Mediterranean Banded Centipede | <i>Scolopendra cingulatus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | |

Butterfly nomenclature follows Wiemers et al (December 2018) 'An updated checklist of the European Butterflies'
 The checklist of Dragonflies is based on Dijkstra, Schröter and Lewington (2020) Field Guide to the Dragonflies of Britain and Europe

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