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March 1st. After a long, wet winter Cyprus was green again and the fields full of flowers. Guests arriving today at Paphos airport were picked up and we proceeded with a small tour near the airport before heading for our hotel in Paphos. Our first stop was at Mandria beach where we had our first introduction to some of the plants that inhabit this type of habitat, as well as some other common Cypriot plants. We saw *Medicago marina*, *Echium angustifolium*, *Glacium flavum*, *Phagnalon rupestre*, *Helichrysum conglobatum* and *Matthiola tricuspidata*. There were the usual flocks of Sparrows and Hooded Crows, Kestrel, Greenfinch and Shag on the offshore rocks. It was cloudy and cool, so no butterflies or lizards seen. Our second stop was at the Paphos sewage works, where we saw about two dozen Spur-winged Plovers.

Matthiola tricuspidata © Greenwings



March 2nd. We spend our second day of our trip in Paphos, visiting the two archaeological sites, which also happen to be good for wildlife, for both plants and birds. Our first site was the Paphos archaeological area. It was raining intermittently, so we hurried along to the mosaic houses, but not before seeing some of the wildlife of the area. There were *Anemone coronaria*, *Cyclamen persicum*, *Allium neapolitanum* everywhere in flower and we saw our first orchids, *Anacamptis collina*. There were Stonechat, Black redstart, Goldfinch and Hooded crows about. We visited the first house of Aion and then moved on to the second house where we admired the mosaics. We then climbed up towards the lighthouse and down the other side, finding *Withania somnifera* in flower, *Moraea sisyrinchium* and various insects. It was dry by now, but still not many birds around.



Cyclamen persicum © Yiannis Christofides

We then moved on to the Tombs of the Kings, the burial place of the rulers of ancient Paphos during Roman times. These impressive tombs are set out in a large area with interesting phrygana and litoral habitats. There was *Cyclamen persicum* growing in the rocks in profusion. We also saw a typical garique habitat with flowering *Helianthemum obtusifolium*, *Bellevalia nivalis* and *Ruta chalepensis*. We had good views of Crested larks.

Having seen one of the more impressive tombs we moved to the beach area where we saw again some of the plants we had seen yesterday, including much *Senecio glaucus* subsp. *cypricus*. We also saw one flowering plant of *Centaurea aegialophila*. We continued on our way finding more new orchids such as *Ophrys sicula*, *O. flavomarginata* and *O. cinereophila*.

Cyclamen persicum continued to impress us in its profusion. We had a little time on our hands, so we visited an area a little further up the coast where we heard that a rare vagrant had been seen a few days ago, but despite searching we did not find our bird. It was beginning to rain again so we thought we would call it a day and return to our hotel.

Ophrys sicula © Yiannis Christofides



March 3rd. We were picked up from our hotel by our bus and headed inland to Episkopi, where we visited the Environmental centre there. We looked at the extensive collection of photographs of the cypriot flora and fauna, and then descended to the base of the cliff where we looked for the resident Peregrine falcons. One falcon was on the cliff and gave us good views. We also saw *Verbascum orientale*, *Umbilicus rupestris* and *Polypodium cambricum* growing on the cliff walls. There was a gale blowing all morning, as well as rain, which stopped briefly as we reached our next destination, an orchid-rich field.



Ophrys elegans © Yiannis Christofides

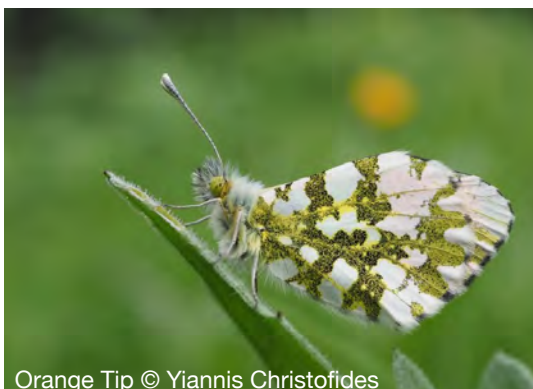
Despite the fact that we could hardly stand up, we started looking for orchids and found some of the ones we had already seen, such as *Ophrys sicula*, *Ophrys flavomarginata* and *Anacamptis collina*, as well as a number of new ones such as *Ophrys iricolor*, with its bright blue lip *Anacamptis syriaca* and Giant Orchid.

Our final destination was the Pegeia forest, a natural stand of *Pinus brutia*, *Juniperus phoenicia*, *Pistacia lentiscus*, *Cistus monspeliensis*, *Lithodora hispidula* and other shrubs. This is another orchid rich area and we saw *Ophrys elegans* and *Ophrys levantina*, *Ophrys mammosa* as well as many *Anacamptis syriaca*. There were other geophytes such as *Gagea peduncularis*, *Gagea fibrosa*, *Muscari inconstictum*, *Bellevalia nivalis*, and most unexpectedly two plants of *Hyacinthella millingenii* in flower, which is normally over by

now. Of particular interest in this forest were the natural rock pools with their own vegetation of *Ranunculus peltatus*, *Limosella aquatica*, *Sedum microcarpum* and *Lythrum junceum*. Having completed the circuit of the forest we returned to our bus for the final journey to our hotel on the coast.

March 4th. The day dawned calm and sunny, a huge contrast to yesterday. We set off from our hotel towards the Baths of Aphrodite. A Hoopoe was soon spotted in a tree and soon after, a Quail by the roadside. Other birds included Greenfinch, Goldfinch and Chaffinch. The first *Gladiolus italicus* was spotted in the verge. At the end of the road we went into the botanical garden and then on to the Baths of Aphrodite. We saw *Salvia dominica* and *Scilla morrisii* in flower, the last seen because of the late season. We also saw two new ferns, *Anogramma leptophylla* and *Adiantum capillus-veneris*.

We walked on along the coastal path admiring the view and looking for plants, birds and butterflies. We particularly wanted to see Cyprus warbler, but all the birds we saw were Sardinian warblers. It is likely the Cyprus warblers had not arrived yet. We spotted *Selaginella*



Orange Tip © Yiannis Christofides

denticulata, the first bright yellow Turban buttercup, as

well as *Ophrys flavomarginata* and *Ophrys elegans*. We had turned round to make the return journey when we spotted a small blue butterfly which turned out to be our first Paphos blue. Some good photos were taken. On our return we went through the botanical gardens again when a male Orange tip was spotted, having settled down for the night. Again good photographs were taken. We also saw our first lizard of the trip, a basking Troodos Lizard. We returned tired but very happy with our day.

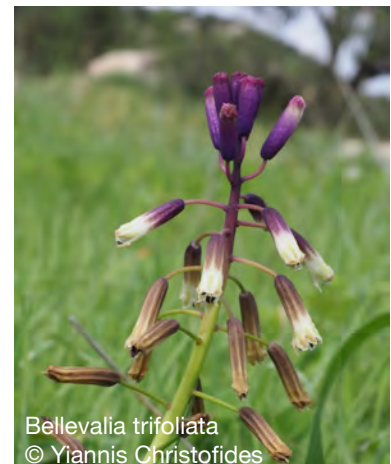


Ophrys flavomarginata
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March 5th. Our destination today was the village of Droushia, high above our hotel. Our bus dropped us near the village and we would follow a contour around the hills below. We had wonderful views of Chrysochou bay and we walked amongst the huge monoliths of African reef

limestone. There were masses of bulbs that we had seen previously such as *Bellevalia trifoliata*, *B. nivalis*, *Gagea peduncularis*, *Romulea tempskyana*, orchids such as *Anacamptis collina*, *A. syriaca*, stands of *Himantoglossum robertianum*, *Ophrys sicula*, *O. mammosa* and *O. flavomarginata*, plus a new orchid for the tour *Dactylorhiza romana*. Fabaceae were well represented with *Vicia hybrida*, *Lathyrus blepharicarpos* and the rare *Pisum fulvum*. We had our lunch by a stream with Cyprus marsh frogs who obliged us with photographs and we had good view of a circling Long-legged buzzard.

We reached the end of our walk at a viewpoint overlooking the west coast of the Akamas and our driver returned us via a scenic route with meadows still full of *Anemone coronaria* in every colour.



Bellevalia trifoliata
© Yiannis Christofides

March 6th. A change of scenery today as we headed for the lower foothills of the Troodos. We took the road to Stavros tis Psokas and our first stop was above the gorge near the village of Peristerona. We scanned the hillsides opposite for raptors and Chukar but, although we could hear the latter, they were difficult to locate from such a distance. We then walked around the hillside looking for flowers and reptiles. There were masses of *Gagea peduncularis*, *G. fibrosa*, *Romulea tempskyana*, *Muscari inconstictum* and the occasional orchid. Under a stone we found our first Snake-eyed Lizard. There was a magnificent group of the rarer red *Anemone coronaria* on display.



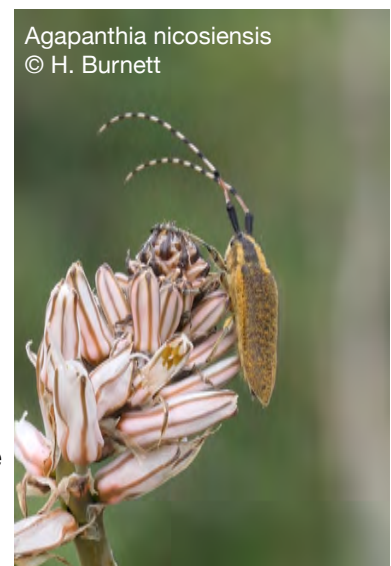
Romulea tempskyana © Yiannis Christofides

We then boarded our bus and carried on higher up, now crossing into the Troodos ophiolite, where there was a noticeable change in both geology and flora. *Pinus brutia* now dominated the habitat with an understory of *Arbutus andrachne*, *Pistacia terebinthus* and *Cistus* species. We walked up a low hill, finding *Orchis troodi*, an endemic

subspecies of the more widespread *Orchis anatolica*, and a little later *Dactylorhiza romana* coming out. But the highlight here was the fauna, first having good views of the endemic race of the coal tit and then the various insect species we found. These included the mantis *Empusa fasciata*, the green Tiger Beetle *Cicindela campestris*, a pair of mating oil beetles and *Agapanthia nicosiensis*, an endemic longhorn beetle found on *Asphodelus macrocarpus*.

We continued our journey higher, stopping to observe the massive dykes of the Troodos ophiolite and also finding *Phlomis cypria* and *Andrachne telephioides* with its minute flowers. This is one of the food plants of Grass Jewel caterpillars, but too early to see the butterflies.

Our next stop was the enclosure at Stavros where we saw Mouflon, but also the leaves of *Cyclamen cyprium*, *Viola alba* in flower and the endemic oak *Quercus alnifolia*. During lunch we were treated to a magnificent display of a pair of Long-legged Buzzard flying in and out of the nearby forest.



Agapanthia nicosiensis
© H. Burnett

After lunch we continued on our journey higher up where we walked to see the endemic *Cedrus brevifolia*. Our return journey took us past Evretou reservoir where we saw Crag martins and had excellent views of Sardinian warbler, photographed well by some members of the group.

March 7th. There were Serin in the hotel gardens this morning as we set off on our walk from the hotel. We walked into the fields above the hotel, finding our first orchids of the day. There were



Paphos Blue © H. Burnett

mostly *Ophrys flavomarginata*, *O. mammosa* and *O. sicula*. We then descended into a sheltered valley where there were more orchids, yellow *Vicia hybrida*, red *Tetragonalobus purpureus* and *Cyclamen persicum*. It was a warm and sunny day and we had high expectations we would see some butterflies and we were not disappointed. We soon found our first target species, Paphos blue, which posed for us to get photographs. We found both male and female. The other highlight was a new orchid, *Orchis punctulata*, in perfect flower which we soon started to find along the verges of the path. We also found *Ophrys morio*,

looking very much like *Ophrys mammosa*. We also had fleeting glimpses of Eastern Festoon, but none settled for good views. Cleopatra was now fairly common throughout the day.

After exploring the valley we climbed back up and walked along the ridge, finding our lunch place amongst flowering bulbs and many *Ornithogalum pedicellare*. Just before we found a specimen of the mantis *Sphodromantis viridis*. After lunch we walked down to the coastal area where we first explored the rock pools with *Ranunculus peltatus* and then further down the rocky beach area, finding *Spergularia* in flower and also *Romulea ramiflora*. One more individual of *Agapanthia nicosiensis* was seen. On our return journey to the hotel we made a detour and were successful in finding one specimen of *Ophrys kotschyi*, a good note to end the day.

March 8th. For our last full day we headed up the hill to Smygies. We then walked down the main track, looking at the verges. This is an area dominated by *Pinus brutia* with various understory shrubs. The geology of the area is Troodos serpentine and we saw the first plants typical of these soils, such as the endemics *Thymus integer*, *Alyssum akamasicum* and *Centaurea veneris*. It is a rich area for orchids too. *Anacamptis syriaca* was everywhere. Different orchids appeared as we descended. We saw *Ophrys levantina* and *Ophrys aphrodite*, then made a little detour where we found *Orchis troodi* and *O. sezekiana* and then continued down the track, finding *Dactylorhiza romana*, *Neotinea maculata*, *Ophrys cinereophila*, *O. lapethica* and *O. israelitica*. A highlight was *Ophioglossum lusitanicum*. At the little spring we found fresh-water crabs.

We had our picnic and then continued until we picked up the track that led to our hotel, where we revisited the little valley we had explored the day before. Paphos blue butterflies were now commoner and we managed to get good photographs of both male and female individuals. On the way back to our hotel a Striped Skink was sunning itself on a stone.



Least Adder's Tongue
© H. Burnett

March 9th. Return to Paphos and departure. We set off early in the morning, making stops on the way and arrived at the airport at lunchtime, in good time for the return flight.

Plants		1st Mar	2nd Mar	3rd Mar	4th Mar	5th Mar	6th Mar	7th Mar	8th Mar
Pterydophytes									
1	Southern Maidenhair Fern <i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>				✓				
2	Jersey Fern <i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>				✓				
3	Black Spleenwort <i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>					✓			
4	Southern Polypody <i>Polypodium cambricum</i>			✓					
5	Least Adder's Tongue Fern <i>Ophioglossum lusitanicum</i>								✓
Selaginellaceae									
6	Mediterranean Clubmoss <i>Selaginella denticulata</i>				✓				
Equisetaceae									
7	Branched Horsetail <i>Equisetum ramossum</i>								✓
Angiosperms									
Cupressaceae									
8	Italian Cypress <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>					✓			
9	Phoenician Juniper <i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>			✓					
Ephedraceae									
10	A Joint Pine <i>Ephedra foeminea</i>			✓					
Pinaceae									
11	Cyprus Cedar <i>Cedrus brevifolia</i>						✓		
12	Calabrian Pine <i>Pinus brutia</i>			✓			✓		✓
13	Stone Pine <i>Pinus pinea</i>		✓						
Dictoyledons									
Aceraceae									
14	Cyprus Maple <i>Acer obtusifolium</i>						✓		
Amaranthaceae									
15	An endemic shrub <i>Bosea cypria</i>			✓					
Anacardiaceae									
16	Lentisk <i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>			✓					
17	Terebinth <i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>						✓		
Apiaceae									
18	Rock Samphire <i>Crithmum maritimum</i>		✓						
19	Giant Fennel <i>Ferula communis</i>			✓					
20	Common Fennel <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>			✓					
21	Shepherd's Needle <i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>				✓				
22	An umbellifer <i>Scaligeria cretica</i>								✓
23	Alexanders <i>Smyrnum olusatrum</i>		✓						
Aristolochiaceae									
24	Birthwort <i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>						✓		
Asteraceae									
25	Woolly Chamomile <i>Anthemis tomentosa</i>	✓							
26	Southern Daisy <i>Bellis sylvestris</i>			✓					
27	Field Marigold <i>Calendula arvensis</i>			✓					

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28	A Dwarf Knapweed	<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>		✓						
29	A Knapweed	<i>Centaurea veneris</i>								✓
30	A Hawksbeard	<i>Crepis sancta</i>					✓			
31	Crown Daisy	<i>Glebionis coronarium</i>		✓						
32	A Helichrysum	<i>Helichrysum conglobatum</i>	✓	✓						
33	Curry Plant	<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>						✓		
34	Tuberous Hawkbit	<i>Leontodon tuberosum</i>					✓			
35	Golden Pallenis	<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>							✓	
36	Rough Phagnalon	<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	✓	✓						
37	Shrubby Ptilostemon	<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>						✓		
38	An endemic Senecio	<i>Senecio glaucus cyprius</i>		✓						
39	Purple Goastbeard	<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>		✓						
40	Prickly Goldenfleece	<i>Urospermum picroides</i>							✓	
Boraginaceae										
41	Egyptian Alkanet	<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>		✓						
42	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	✓							
43	A Shrub	<i>Lithodora hispidula</i>			✓					
Brassicaceae										
44	An endemic Alyssum	<i>Alyssum akamasicum</i>								✓
45	Cyprus Rockcress	<i>Arabis purpurea</i>						✓		
46	Buckler Mustard	<i>Biscutella didyma</i>		✓						
47	Sea Rocket	<i>Cakile maritima</i>	✓							
48	Shepherd's Purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>				✓				
49	An Enarthrocarpus	<i>Enarthrocarpus arctuatus</i>		✓						
50	Common Whitlowgrass	<i>Erophila verna</i>			✓					
51	Three-horned Stock	<i>Matthiola tricuspidata</i>	✓							
52	White Mustard	<i>Sinapis alba</i>	✓							
53	Towercress	<i>Turritis laxa</i>						✓		
Caryophyllaceae										
54	Argentine Tea	<i>Paronychia argentea</i>		✓						
55	Sea Spurrey	<i>Spergularia sp</i>							✓	
Cistaceae										
56	Cretan Rockrose	<i>Cistus creticus</i>						✓		
57	Montpellier Rockrose	<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>			✓					
58	A Rockrose	<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>							✓	
59	Arabian Cistus	<i>Fumana arabica</i>							✓	
60	Yellow Cyprus Sun Rose	<i>Helianthemum obtusifolium</i>		✓						
Convolvulaceae										
61	Small Blue Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>		✓						
Crassulaceae										
62	Small-Fruited Stonecrop	<i>Sedum microcarpa</i>			✓					

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63	Navelwort	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>			✓					
Ericaceae										
64	Greek Strawberry Tree	<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>				✓		✓		
Euphorbiaceae										
65	A Spurge	<i>Euphorbia dimorphocaulon</i>				✓				
66	Sun Spurge	<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>		✓						
67	Petty Spurge	<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>				✓				
68	Annual Mercury	<i>Mercurialis annua</i>		✓						
Fabaceae										
69	Hairy Spiny Broom	<i>Calycotome villosa</i>			✓					
70	Carob	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>			✓					
71	Spiny Broom	<i>Genista sphacelata</i>			✓					
72	Ciliate Vetchling	<i>Lathyrus blepharicarpos</i>			✓		✓			
73	Cyprus Vetch	<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>						✓		
74	Sea Meddick	<i>Medicago marina</i>	✓							
75	Tawny Pea	<i>Pisum fulvum</i>					✓			
76	Asparagus Pea	<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>		✓					✓	
77	Helmet Clover	<i>Trifolium clypeatum</i>		✓						
78	Hairy Yellow Vetch	<i>Vicia hybrida</i>		✓			✓		✓	
79	Wandering Vetch	<i>Vicia peregrina</i>							✓	
80	Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>					✓			
Fagaceae										
81	Golden Oak	<i>Quercus alnifolia</i>						✓		
82	Pallestine Oak	<i>Quercus coccifera calliprinos</i>			✓					
83	Aleppo Oak	<i>Quercus infectoria veneris</i>					✓			
Geraniaceae										
84	Long-beaked Stork's Bill	<i>Erodium gruinum</i>		✓						
85	Cut-leaved Stork's Bill	<i>Erodium laciniatum</i>					✓			
86	Mediterranean Stork's Bill	<i>Erodium malacoides</i>					✓			
87	Musky Stork's Bill	<i>Erodium moschatum</i>					✓			
88	Dove's-foot Cranesbill	<i>Geranium molle</i>					✓			
89	Little Robin	<i>Geranium purpureum</i>						✓		
90	Round-leaved Cranesbill	<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>							✓	
91	Tuberous Cranesbill	<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>					✓			
Lamiaceae										
92	Henbit Deadnettle	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>			✓					
93	Cyprus Sage	<i>Phlomis cypria</i>						✓		
94	Turkish Sage	<i>Phlomis lunariifolia</i>					✓			
95	Prasium	<i>Prasium majus</i>			✓					
96	Dominica Sage	<i>Salvia dominica</i>				✓				
97	Wild Sage	<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>						✓		

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98	Meadow Clary	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>			✓					
98	A Thyme	<i>Thymus capitatus</i>		✓						
100	An endemic Thyme	<i>Thymus integer</i>								✓
Lythraceae										
101	Creeping Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum junceum</i>			✓					
Malvaceae										
102	Small Tree Mallow	<i>Lavatera cretica</i>								✓
Myrtaceae										
103	Common Myrtle	<i>Myrtus communis</i>				✓				
Oleaceae										
104	Olive	<i>Olea europaea</i>			✓					
105	Mock Privet	<i>Phyleria latifolia</i>						✓		
Oxalidaceae										
106	Bermuda Buttercup	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	✓							
Papaveraceae										
107	Yellow Horned Poppy	<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	✓							
108	Common Poppy	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>				✓				
Phyllanthaceae										
109	Bastard Orpine	<i>Andrachne telephioides</i>						✓		
Plantaginaceae										
110	Hare's Foot Plantain	<i>Plantago lagopus</i>		✓						
Plumbaginaceae										
111	Wavy-leaved Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>		✓						
Primulaceae										
112	Scarlet Pimpernel	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>			✓					
113	Cyprus Cyclamen	<i>Cyclamen cyprium</i>						✓		
114	Spring Sowbread	<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>		✓					✓	
Ranunculaceae										
115	Crown Anemone	<i>Anemone coronaria</i>		✓			✓	✓		
116	Golden-headed Celandine	<i>Ficaria chrysocephala</i>					✓			
117	Turban Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>				✓				
118	Pond Water Crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>			✓				✓	
Resedaceae										
119	A Mignonette	<i>Reseda minoica</i>		✓						
Rosaceae										
120	Almond	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>			✓					
121	Common Pear	<i>Pyrus communis</i>					✓			
122	Spiny Burnet	<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>				✓				
Rubiaceae										
123	An endemic shrub	<i>Asperula cypria</i>						✓		
124	Narrow-leaved Madder	<i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>				✓				

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154	Smilax	<i>Smilax aspera</i>				✓				
	Orchidaceae									
155	Fan-lipped Orchid	<i>Anacamptis collina</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
156	An Orchid	<i>Anacamptis syriaca</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
157	Giant Orchid	<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
158	Roman Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>					✓	✓		✓
159	Dense-flowered Orchid	<i>Neotinea maculata</i>								✓
160	Naked Man Orchid	<i>Orchis italica</i>								✓
161	An Orchid	<i>Orchis punctulata</i>							✓	✓
162	An Orchid	<i>Orchis sezikiana</i>								✓
163	Troodos Orchid	<i>Orchis troodi</i>						✓		✓
	Ophrys: elegans group									
164	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys elegans</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓
	Ophrys: mammosa group									
165	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys mammosa</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓
166	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys morio</i>							✓	
	Ophrys: umbilicata group									
167	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys flavomarginata</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
168	Kotschy's Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys kotschyi</i>							✓	
169	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys lapethica</i>								✓
	Ophrys: bornmuelleri group									
170	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys aphrodite</i>								✓
171	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys levantina</i>			✓					✓
	Ophrys: fusca group									
172	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys cinereophila</i>		✓						✓
173	Rainbow Ophrys	<i>Ophrys iricolor</i>			✓					
174	A Yellow Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys sicula</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Ophrys omegaifera group									
175	A Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys israelitica</i>								✓
	Xanthorrhoeaceae									
176	An Asphodel	<i>Asphodelus macrocarpus</i>						✓		
177	Branched Asphodel	<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>			✓					
178	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>				✓				

Birds			1st Mar	2nd Mar	3rd Mar	4th Mar	5th Mar	6th Mar	7th Mar	8th Mar
1	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓
2	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓			✓				✓
3	Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓				✓	
4	Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>				✓				
5	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		✓	✓					
	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax Aristoteles</i>	✓							
6	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓		✓					
7	Wood-pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓							
8	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>			✓				✓	
9	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓		✓		
10	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓				✓		
11	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>						✓		
12	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓							
14	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓					
15	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓				✓			
16	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>					✓		✓	
17	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓						
18	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
19	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓		✓	✓				
21	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				✓				
22	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater cypriotes</i>						✓		
23	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		
24	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
26	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓							
28	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
29	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓			✓		✓		
30	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		
31	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
32	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>						✓	✓	
33	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓							
34	Spur-winged plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	✓							
35	Cyprus Scops Owl	<i>Otus cyprius</i>		✓						

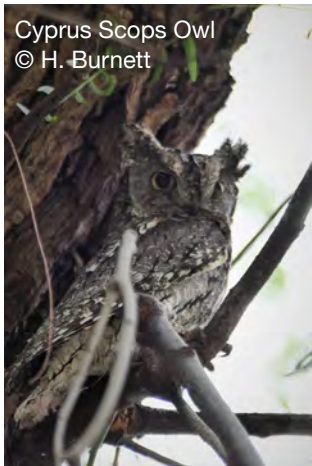
Butterflies			1st Mar	2nd Mar	3rd Mar	4th Mar	5th Mar	6th Mar	7th Mar	8th Mar
1	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisyi</i>							✓	
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓
3	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>							✓	✓
4	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>				✓			✓	✓
5	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>							✓	
6	Cleopatra	<i>Gonopteryx cleopatra</i>						✓	✓	
7	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓
8	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					✓		✓	
9	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>								✓
10	Paphos Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche pathos</i>				✓			✓	✓

Reptiles & Amphibians			1st Mar	2nd Mar	3rd Mar	4th Mar	5th Mar	6th Mar	7th Mar	8th Mar
1	Cyprus Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax cypriensis</i>					✓			
2	Starred Agama	<i>Stellagama stellio</i>						✓		
3	Snake-eyed Lizard	<i>Ophisops elegans</i>						✓	✓	✓
4	Troodos Wall Lizard	<i>Lacerta troodica</i>				✓				
5	Striped Skink	<i>Mabuya vittata</i>								✓
6	Budak's Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus budaki</i>							✓	

Other species of note:

Cyprus moufflon	<i>Ovis musimon orientalis</i>
Hummingbird Hawk Moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>
March Moth	<i>Alsophila aescularia</i>
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violaceae</i>
Freshwater Crab	<i>Potamon potamios</i>
A Conehead Mantis	<i>Empusa fasciata</i>
Giant African Mantis	<i>Sphodromantis viridis</i>
Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>
A Lasiocampid moth	<i>Lasiocampa terreni</i>
A Hoverfly	<i>Myathropa florea</i>
Green Tiger beetle	<i>Cicindela campestris</i>
An endemic Longhorn beetle	<i>Agapanthia nicosiensis</i>
Violet Oil beetle	<i>Meloe violaceus</i>
Egyptian locust	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>
A Bee-fly	<i>Bombylius sp.</i>
Long-nosed grasshopper	<i>Adrida ungarica</i>





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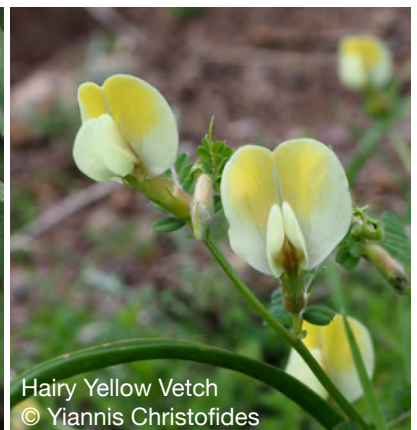
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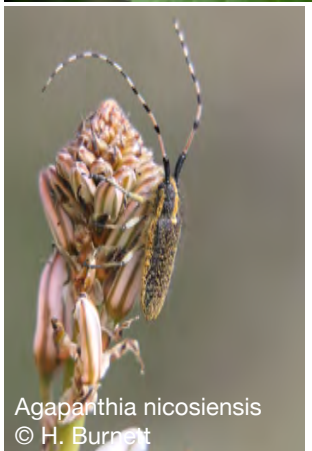
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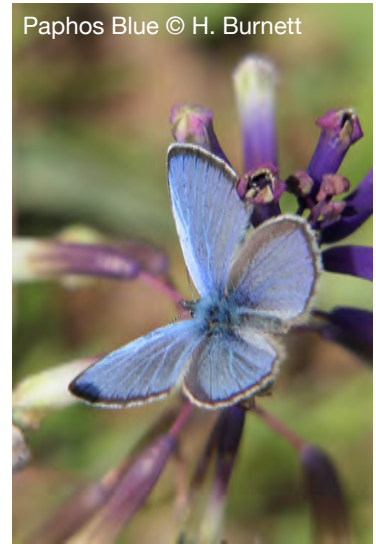
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