

Cyprus – The Autumn Flowers of Aphrodite’s Isle

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Crocus veneris



Mediterranean Chameleon



Narcissus tazetta



Cyclamen persicum

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Summary

This new tour is focused on the autumn flowers of the north-western part of Cyprus, combined with visits to some of the region's most important archaeological sites. After a long and hot summer, with no significant rain since April, temperatures still remained high and many of the autumn flowers were still to emerge from the parched ground. Nevertheless, we did see everything we expected, except in much smaller quantity than usual. We had a great week exploring the wilder parts of western Cyprus and many aspects of its fascinating geology, history and archaeology. Our success was due, in no small part, to the enthusiasm, camaraderie and humour of the group - a great week, with old friends and new, good company and great food.

Day 1

Monday 13th November

We arrived in Paphos, in early afternoon and were met by Yiannis and our driver, Theodorou (Doros). Our first stop was on the coast, near Mandria where we explored a sandy beach and low coastline. We found Maltese Cross *Tribulus terrestris*, the naturalised *Solanum eleagnifolium* and Narrow-leaved Bugloss *Echium angustifolium* in flower, and a large fruiting specimen of Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum*. Plants, familiar on British shores, included Sea Holly *Eryngium maritimum*, Sea Rocket *Cakile maritima*, Yellow Horned-poppy *Glaucium flavum* and Prickly Saltwort *Salsola kali*. Before making our way to our hotel, we visited Paphos sewage works, where we saw a large number of Spur-winged Lapwing, a species with a markedly eastern distribution. After settling in to our hotel and running through the checklists, we went out to a nearby taverna for dinner, before retiring to bed for a much-needed sleep.

Day 2

Tuesday 14th November

We spent the day visiting the two coastal archaeological parks in Paphos. Our first stop was the Tombs of the Kings, an extensive necropolis, with impressive colonnaded burial chambers carved in the limestone bedrock. The Autumn Squill *Prospero autumnale* was very common everywhere, reaching diminutive proportions on the thin soil. Pale-blue *Muscari parviflorum* and the sweetly-scented *Narcissus obsoletus* were plentiful, the latter making a spectacular show, among the ruins. The patterned leaves of *Cyclamen persicum* could be seen in many of the rock crevices, around the ruins. We then embarked on a 'pie hunt', finding several bakers that had sold out, before we found one that had a plentiful choice.

We took our lunch to Paphos Archaeological Site and spent an absorbing afternoon viewing the many colourful mosaics. In the dry vegetation, our discoveries included Common Cone-headed Grasshopper *Acrida ungarica* and the very bizarre-looking Conehead Mantis *Empusa fasciata*. Starred Agama, Snake-eyed Lizard and Schreiber's Spiny-footed Lizard, all endemic to Cyprus, were observed, enjoying the warm sunshine among the rocks. We concluded our visit by taking in the amphitheatre and castle and returned to our hotel, most of us on our coach, but some preferring to walk. Our evening meal was at the same taverna, as previously.

Day 3

Wednesday 15th November

To make best use of the daylight, we left at 8.30am and drove eastwards into the hills to Episkopi, where we visited the Environmental Centre. A recently converted school, it had a well-planted garden, with many of Cyprus’ native species. Indoors, we watched a superb video of the wildlife in the adjacent Ezousa Valley and were shown around the museum, where the wildlife and geology of Cyprus was well-represented and displayed. The day was sunny and warm again but with a thick haze of Sahara sand. With the hope of finding Finsch’s Wheatear, we visited a hillside near Agia Varvara, one of its usual haunts during its winter migration. We were not disappointed and we all had excellent views of this distinctive bird.

We had pre-ordered a taverna lunch at Geros Skipou and a feast awaited us, before we headed off to just below the Asprokremmos dam. This time our quarry, Cyprus Warbler, eluded us but we did see a number of Chukar Partridge, Long-legged Buzzard and Hen Harrier. There were many flowers of Friar’s Cowl *Arisarum vulgare*, under the thorny bushes of *Genista fasselata* and the tiny autumn-flowering *Euphorbia dimorphocaulon*. One or two bushes of *Calicotome villosa* were in full flower. Back in Paphos we enjoyed another filling evening meal at a restaurant in the square.

Day 4

Thursday 16th November

After packing, we left again at 8.30am and drove up along the coast to the beach at Agios Georgios. The distinctive endemic Dandelion *Taraxacum aphrogenes* was common near the rocky shore, along with the Sea Lavenders *Limonium sinuatum* and *Limonium virgatum* and Sea Heath *Frankenia hirsuta*. We turned inland at this point and drove a little way up to the Pegia Forest, a large tract of protected forest of Calabrian Pine and Phoenician Juniper, with an understorey of *Cistus monspeliensis* and *Cistus salvifolius*. Here were a number of flowering spikes of Autumn Lady’s Tresses and a scattering of the tiny pink flowers of *Colchicum pusillum*. We made a short circular walk through the forest, turning stones and logs occasionally. Our rewards were a fine well-fed specimen of Cyprus Tarantula, a most impressive individual, and several poisonous Mediterranean Banded Centipedes *Scolopendra cingulatus*.

We had lunch in the car park and then continued to Kritou Tera, a small mountain village. *Crocus cyprius* was flowering prolifically, on open hillsides and abandoned cultivation terraces. We walked along the road, for some distance through the village, before boarding the bus and driving a little further. In old walls and under the shade of bushes were a few of another of Cyprus’ endemic autumn flowers, namely *Cyclamen cyprium* and, strangely, a large clump of leaves of the Andalucian bulb *Scilla peruviana*. A nearby house may well have been the culprit! We continued north to the coast and were at our hotel by 5.00pm.

Day 5

Friday 17th November

Some early risers enjoyed a birding walk at 6.30am. We were all ready to leave by 8.15am and set off towards the Troodos Mountains. A short diversion, through fields gave us good views of a number of Chukar. We paused at a viewpoint, overlooking the Peristerona Gorge, where Yiannis gave us a short introduction to the complex geology of the region. We visited the Icon Museum in Peristerona and then made our way up into the mountains and the Paphos Forest. The visible rocks here were pillow-lavas intruded with sheeted basaltic dykes, around the perimeter of the Troodos ophiolite. It was very dry and parched after the hot summer, but the forests were

magnificent, nonetheless. The smooth-barked Eastern Strawberry Tree *Arbutus andrachne* grew in the maquis, along with species of *Cistus*. Higher up were Royal Oak *Quercus infectoria* subsp. *veneris* and the lively autumn colours of Syrian Maple *Acer obtusifolium* and Sumach *Rhus coriaria*.

We had a traditional Naturetrek picnic lunch at Stavros tis Psokas Forest Station and then visited the captive herd of Cyprus Mouflon, in the nearby enclosure. It was nice to see colonies of *Cyclamen cyprium*, under the trees and another Dandelion *Taraxacum cyprium*, flowering on the rocks. We continued upwards to a point where we had good views of the mountains and found a short forest walk, to have a closer look at the two significant endemic trees of these forests, the Golden Oak *Quercus alnifolia* and the Cyprus Cedar *Cedrus libani* var. *brevifolia*. As we left the mountains, the sun was setting but we were still back at the hotel for 5.30pm.

Day 6

Saturday 18th November

We had another pre-breakfast walk and left the hotel at 8.30am. Doros had a day off from driving, so we were on foot from the start. We covered no more than three kilometres, through nearby fields and along hillsides. The undoubted highlights of the morning were the large colonies of the Polyanthus Daffodil *Narcissus tazetta* and a Mediterranean Chameleon, that crossed our path. We had another delicious lunch on the exposed limestone, near to sea level, where solution weathering has created a series of rock pools. The resultant habitat is a rare feature, with a particular assemblage of flora and fauna. There were lots of the now familiar *Narcissus obsoletus* and a few flowers still visible on *Dianthus strictus* subsp. *troodii*, a localised endemic. Most of the group returned to the hotel early, for some downtime, but a few of us explored the rocky coast where, once again, *Taraxacum aphrogenes* and Sea Heath were common.

Day 7

Sunday 19th November

A short drive took us to the Baths of Aphrodite, a little way along the coast. A little time was spent in the botanic garden and, at the spring, there was plenty of Maidenhair Fern and tiny plants of Jersey Fern *Anogramma leptophylla*. Further along the coastal track we found Mediterranean Clubmoss *Selaginella denticulata* and some very attractive leaves of *Cyclamen persicum*. Retracing our steps, we drove up the hill to a taverna at Neo Chorio, where we were served an excellent traditional lunch.

A short distance up the hill we were dropped off at Smygies, by outcrops of fragmented serpentine, that fringe the ophiolite rocks of the Akamas peninsula. These rocks have high concentrations of heavy metals that limit plant growth and have led to the development of a specialised flora. *Abyssum akamasicum*, *Carlina pygmaea*, *Centaurea cypriensis*, *Thymus integer*, and *Odontites linkii* subsp. *cyprius*, all endemic to the island, were growing within a limited area of stony hillside. Further down the track, the endemic *Hyacinthella millingenii* was in bud and a thorough search of a damp area eventually revealed tiny plants of Least Adder's-tongue *Ophioglossum lusitanicum*. In a little stream was a small Cyprus Freshwater Crab. We drove back to the hotel, dropping off several people at intervals, who wished to do a little more exploration.

We had enjoyed a very sunny and warm week but flickers of lightening on the western horizon signalled that the weather was about to change.

Day 8

Monday 20th November

There were thunderstorms overnight and torrential rain fell while we ate breakfast. However, by the time we were ready to depart at 9.00am, the sky had cleared again. We broke our return journey at Agios Georgios, with a visit to the archaeological site and a coffee break. Along the cliff-top were more beautiful displays of *Narcissus obsoletus*, low bushes of *Acanthoprasium integrifolium* and to our surprise, a good show of a third Dandelion *Taraxacum hellenicum*, on the cafe lawn. After one further stop to buy something for lunch, we were soon at the airport for our flight back to London Gatwick.

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Species Lists

Plants (* = endemic to Cyprus; ‡ = naturalised alien)

Latin name	Common name	Notes
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & FERN ALLIES	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rusty-back Fern	Rocks and walls
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Mountains
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> ‡	Male-fern	By fountain. Kritou Tera
<i>Dryopteris pallida</i>	Pale Buckler-fern	Shaded rocks
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>	Branched Horsetail	Wet places
Ophioglossaceae	Adder's-tongue Family	
<i>Ophioglossum lusitanicum</i>	Least Adder's-tongue	Damp areas. Smygies
Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family	
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	Shaded rocks. Episkopi
Pteridaceae	Ribbon Fern Family	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Damp cliffs and springs
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i>	Jersey Fern	Wet rocks. Baths of Aphrodite
<i>Cheilanthes pteridioides</i>		Limestone boulder. Akamas
Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family	
<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss	Damp earth. Akamas
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS	
Cupressaceae	Juniper family	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> forma. <i>horizontalis</i>	Cypress	Frequent
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	Uncommon
<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenicean Juniper	Widespread
Ephedraceae	Joint-pine Family	
<i>Ephedra foeminea</i>	Joint-pine	Common
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Cedrus libani</i> var. <i>brevifolia</i> *	Cyprus Cedar	Mountain forest. Troodos
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Calabrian Pine	Common
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> ‡	Aleppo Pine	Widely planted
<i>Pinus pinea</i> ‡	Stone Pine	Planted. Near coasts

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ANGIOSPERMS		
FLOWERING PLANTS		
DICOTYLEDONS		
Aizoaceae		
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i> ‡		Mandria beach
Amaranthaceae		
<i>Amaranthus blitoides</i> ‡	Goosefoot Family Prostrate Pigweed	Common. Weedy places
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> ‡	Common Pigweed	Frequent. Weedy places
<i>Bosea cypria</i> *		Occasional in maquis
<i>Noaea mucronata</i>		Occasional near coast
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Mandria beach
Anacardiaceae		
<i>Pistacia atlantica</i> ‡	Sumach Family Mount Atlas Mastic Tree	Occasional
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Common
<i>Pistacia x sapportae</i>	Hybrid Mastic Tree	Akamas coast
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	Common
<i>Rhus coriaria</i>	Sumach	Frequent in mountains
Apiaceae		
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Carrot Family Sea Samphire	Rocky coasts
<i>Daucus carota</i> subsp. <i>carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Common
<i>Daucus carota</i> subsp. <i>maxima</i>	Wild Carrot	Common
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly	Mandria beach
<i>Eryngium creticum</i>	Cretan Eryngo	Frequent
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Common
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Common
<i>Opopanax hispidus</i>		Occasional
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Common
Aristolochiaceae		
<i>Aristolochia parviflora</i>	Birthwort Family	Paphos Archaeological Park
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Birthwort	Maquis
Asteraceae		
<i>Aetheorhiza bulbosa</i>	Daisy Family Tuberous Hawk's-beard	Frequent
<i>Anthemis tomentosa</i>		Mandria beach
<i>Aster squamatus</i> ‡		Tracksides. Weedy places
<i>Atractylis cancellata</i>	Bird-cage Thistle	Occasional
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Locally common
<i>Bidens</i> sp.‡	A Bur-marigold	Occasional weed
<i>Carlina libanotica</i>		Common
<i>Carlina pygmaea</i> *		Smygies
<i>Carthamnus</i> sp.		Common
<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>		Frequent
<i>Centaurea akamantis</i> *		Garden. Episkopi
<i>Centaurea cyprensis</i> *		On serpentine. Smygies
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Occasional. Roadsides
<i>Cichorium spinosum</i>	Spiny Chicory	Frequent near coast
<i>Cynara cornigera</i>	A wild Articoke	Frequent
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Locally common

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<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Stink Aster	Common
<i>Echinops spinosissimus</i>	Spiniest Globe Thistle	Locally common
<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i> ‡		Common. Weedy places
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>	Curry Plant	Frequent. Mountains
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i> subsp. <i>barrelieri</i>	Golden Cassidony	Common. Lowlands
<i>Lactuca viminea</i>	Pliant Lettuce	Frequent
<i>Leontodon tuberosus</i>	Tuberous Hawkbit	Common
<i>Onopordon cyprium</i> *	Cyprian Cotton Thistle	Locally common. Agia Varvara
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Common. Rocky places
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i> var. <i>cyprius</i> *	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Frequent on hillsides. Peristerona
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Frequent
<i>Taraxacum aphrogenes</i> *	A Dandelion	Locally common. Rocky beaches
<i>Taraxacum cyprium</i>	A Dandelion	Stavros tis Psokas
<i>Taraxacum hellenicum</i>	A Dandelion	Agios Georgios
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ‡	Spiny Cocklebur	Occasional weed
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Alnus orientalis</i>	Eastern Alder	Damp valleys in mountains
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>	Eastern Alkanet	Frequent
<i>Anchusa hispida</i>		Phrygana. Kritou Tera
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	Common near coasts
<i>Heliotropium hirsutissimum</i>	Heliotrope	Frequent
<i>Lithodora hispidula</i> subsp. <i>versicolor</i> *		Common
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Alyssum akamasicum</i> *		Serpentine rocks. Smygies
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	Sea Rocket	Common on beaches
<i>Erucaria hispanica</i>	Spanish Mustard	Roadside weed
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	Roadside weed
<i>Turritis laxa</i>	A Tower-cress	Occasional on rocks
Capparaceae	Caper Family	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Common
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Dianthus strictus</i> subsp. <i>troodi</i> *		Local on limestone rocks
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	Silvery Paronychia	Common on coast
<i>Silene fruticosa</i>	Woody Catchfly	Cliffs. Agios Georgios
Cistaceae	Cistus Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Pink Cistus	Common
<i>Cistus ladanifer</i> ‡	Gum Cistus	Baths of Aphrodite Garden
<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Locally common
<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Cistus	Frequent
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Common
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Fumana	Frequent in phrygana
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Fumana	Frequent in phrygana
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Frequent
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Roadside. Latchi

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<i>Convolvulus oleifolius</i>	Olive-leaved Bindweed	Akamas
<i>Cuscuta campestris</i> ‡	A Dodder	Occasional. Kritou Tera
<i>Ipomea indica</i> ‡	Morning Glory	Common
Cucurbitaceae	White Bryony Family	
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Common
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry Tree	Frequent in mountains
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>	Small Spurge	Common. Tracksides
<i>Euphorbia dimorphocaulon</i>		Frequent
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Common. Tracksides
<i>Euphorbia hirta</i> ‡		Occasional escape
<i>Euphorbia thomsonii</i>		Baths of Aphrodite Garden
<i>Euphorbia veneris</i> *	Aphrodite's Spurge	Garden. Episkopi
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Common
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor-oil Plant	Frequent weed
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Spiny Broom	Common
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Common
<i>Genista fasselata</i>		Common
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Meadow Vetchling	Frequent
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Mandria beach
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Lucerne	Crop
Fagaceae	Oak Family	
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	Common
<i>Quercus ilex</i> ‡	Holm Oak	Kritou Tera
<i>Quercus infectoria</i> subsp. <i>veneris</i>	Royal Oak	Mountains
<i>Quercus alnifolia</i> *	Golden Oak	Mountain forest. Troodos
Frankeniaceae	Sea-heath Family	
<i>Frankenia hirsuta</i>	Sea-heath	Beaches
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Acanthoprasium integrifolium</i> *		Occasional. Rocky habitats
<i>Ajuga iva</i>		Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>		Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Origanum majorana</i> var. <i>tenuifolium</i> *	Wild Marjoram	Phrygana. Latchi
<i>Phlomis cypria</i> subsp. <i>occidentalis</i> *		Seen only in gardens
<i>Prasium majus</i>	Prasium	Common. Maquis
<i>Salvia dominica</i> *	Dominica Sage	Baths of Aphrodite Garden
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	Greek Sage	Rocky hillsides. Peristerona
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary	Occasional
<i>Scutellaria cypria</i> *		Mountains. Stavros tis Psokas
<i>Teucrium creticum</i>		Garden. Episkopi
<i>Teucrium kotschyannum</i>		Common in mountains. Paphos Forest
<i>Teucrium micropodioides</i> *		Baths of Aphrodite Garden
<i>Thymbra capitata</i>	Capitate Thyme	Common
<i>Thymus integer</i> *		Serpentine rocks. Smygies

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<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Frequent. Riverbeds
Lauraceae <i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Laurel Family Bay	Cultivated
Malvaceae <i>Malva multiflora</i> <i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Mallow Family Small Tree Mallow Common Mallow	Roadsides Common
Meliaceae <i>Melia azedarach</i> ‡	Persian Lilac Family Indian Bead Tree	Widely planted.
Myrtaceae <i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle Family Myrtle	Occasional in maquis
Oleaceae <i>Olea europaea</i> var. <i>sylvestris</i>	Olive Family Wild Olive	Frequent in phrygana
Orobanchaceae <i>Odontites linkii</i> subsp. <i>cyprius</i> *	Broomrape Family	Smygies
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Sorrel Family Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
Papaveraceae <i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Poppy Family Yellow Horned-poppy	Mandria beach
Plantaginaceae <i>Misopates orontium</i> <i>Plantago maritima</i>	Plantain Family Weasel Snout Sea Plantain	Common Beaches
Platanaceae <i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Plane Tree Family Oriental Plane	River valleys
Plumbaginaceae <i>Limonium sinuatum</i> <i>Limonium virgatum</i>	Thrift Family Winged Sea Lavender	Common. Beaches Common. Beaches
Polygonaceae <i>Polygonum aviculare</i> <i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i>	Dock Family Knotgrass Horsetail Knotgrass	Waste places. Roadsides Waste places. Beaches
Primulaceae <i>Cyclamen cypricum</i> * <i>Cyclamen persicum</i> <i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Primrose Family Cypriot Sowbread Persian Sowbread Brookweed	Local. Shaded woodland Rocky habitats. Locally common Springs
Ranunculaceae <i>Clematis cirrhosa</i> <i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i> <i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>	Buttercup Family Maiden’s Bower Turban Buttercup	Maquis Locally common Locally common

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Rhamnaceae <i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i> <i>Ziziphus lotus</i>	Buckthorn Family A Buckthorn	Phrygana Paphos Archaeological Park
Rosaceae <i>Crataegus azarolus</i> <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> ‡ <i>Rubus sanctus</i> <i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Rose Family Mediterranean Hawthorn Loquat Bramble Thorny Burnet	Occasional in maquis Cultivated Common Common in phrygana
Rubiaceae <i>Asperula cypria</i> * <i>Galium canum</i> <i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>	Bedstraw Family Narrow-leaved Madder	Dry hillsides Occasional on cliffs. Frequent
Rutaceae <i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Occasional in phrygana
Sapindaceae <i>Acer obtusifolium</i>	Syrian Maple	Mountains. Paphos Forest
Scrophulariaceae <i>Scrophularia peyronii</i> <i>Verbascum levanticum</i> <i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Figwort Family Levant Mullein Wavy-leaved Mullein	Paphos Archaeological Park Cliffs. Episkopi Common
Solanaceae <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> ‡ <i>Lycium schweinfurthii</i> <i>Mandragora officinarum</i> <i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡ <i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> ‡ <i>Solanum nigrum</i> <i>Solanum villosum</i> <i>Withania somnifera</i>	Nightshade Family Mandrake Shrub Tobacco Silver-leaf Nightshade Black Nightshade Hairy Nightshade Indian Ginseng	Paphos Archaeological Park Paphos Archaeological Park Frequent Paphos Archaeological Park Mandria beach Common Common Roadside. Kritou Tera
Styracaceae <i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Storax Family Storax	Frequent
Ulmaceae <i>Ulmus canescens</i>	Elm Family Grey Elm	Paphos Forest
Urticaceae <i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Nettle Family Pellitory-of-the-wall	Common
Valerianaceae <i>Valeriana italica</i>	Valerian Family	Akamas. Frequent in maquis
Verbenaceae <i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Verbena Family Vervain	Frequent. Tracksides
Vitaceae <i>Vitis vinifera</i> var. <i>sylvestris</i>	Vine Family Wild Vine	Occasional in maquis

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Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family	
<i>Fagonia cretica</i>		Phrygana. Asprokremmos Dam
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Maltese Cross	Waste places and beaches
	MONOCOTYLEDONS	
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Wild Leek	Common
<i>Allium junceum</i>		Rock Pools. Latchi
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	Broad-leaved Leek	Field margin. Kritou tera
<i>Narcissus obsoletus</i>	Late Daffodil	Locally common
<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>	Bunch-flowered Daffodil	Akamas. Locally common
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	Mandria beach. Rare
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl	Common
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	Mditerranean Wild Asparagus	Common
<i>Asparagus horridus</i>		Frequent. Lowlands
<i>Bellevalia nivalis</i>		Agios Georgios
<i>Drimia aphylla</i>	Sea Squill	Common
<i>Hyacinthella millingenii*</i>		Smygies
<i>Muscari parviflorum</i>	Autumn Grape Hyacinth	Common
<i>Prospero autumnale</i>	Autumn Squill	Common
<i>Pseudomuscari inconstriatum</i>		Akamas
Colchicaceae	Meadow Saffron Family	
<i>Colchicum pusillum</i>		Trackways. Pegeia forest
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Crocus veneris*</i>	Cyprus Crocus	Hillsides. Kritou Tera
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	Fields. Akamas
<i>Romulea tempskyana</i>		Rock pools. Latchi
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Orchis troodii*</i>		Pine forest. Troodos. Spotted leaf
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Autumn Lady's Tresses	Locally common
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Arundo donax‡</i>	Giant Reed	Common
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	Fern-grass	Agios Georgios
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda-grass	Common
<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>	Common Thatching Grass	Common
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Wet places
<i>Piptantherum miliaceum</i>	Rice Grass	Frequent
<i>Setaria viridis</i>	Green Bristle-grass	Occasional. Waste places
<i>Setaria verticillata</i>	Rough Bristle-grass	Frequent. Waste places
<i>Triplachne nitens</i>		Mandria beach
Posidoniaceae	Neptune-grass Family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass	Sub-marine

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Smilacaceae	Smilax Family	
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax	Common
Xanthorrhoeaceae	Asphodel Family	
<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Hollow-stemmed Asphodel	Frequent
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Common Asphodel	Common

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only; * = endemic to Cyprus; ‡ = introduced; C= captive; D = dead; E = evidence)

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>			✓		✓		✓	
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							✓	
3	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓							
4	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>				✓				
5	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					✓	✓		✓
6	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓		✓		✓			
7	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			✓					
8	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			✓	✓				
9	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>			✓	✓		✓		
10	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	✓							
11	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓						
12	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
13	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i> var. <i>domestica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		H						
17	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			✓					
18	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
19	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>					H			
20	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
21	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓		✓			
22	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓			✓			
24	Great Tit	<i>Parus major aphrodite</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
25	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓		✓		✓		
26	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			
27	Cetti’s Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>							✓	
28	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
29	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
31	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓		H	H	✓	✓	
32	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓						
33	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	H	✓		✓	✓
34	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>							✓	
35	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
36	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Finsch’s Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>			✓					
39	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓						

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41	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
42	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓					
43	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	H					
44	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	
46	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓	✓			
47	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓			✓		✓	
49	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓						

Mammals

1	Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Cyprus Red Fox*	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i> subsp. <i>indutus</i>				E				
3	Cyprus Long-eared Hedgehog*	<i>Hemiechinus auritus</i> subsp. <i>dorotheae</i>				D				
4	Cyprus Mouflon‡	<i>Ovis gmelini</i> subsp. <i>ophion</i>				C				

Reptiles

1	Starred Agama*	<i>Stellagama stellio</i> subsp. <i>cyprica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Mediterranean Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo chamaeleon</i> subsp. <i>recticrista</i>						✓		
3	Turkish Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i> subsp. <i>turcicus</i>							✓	
4	Snake-eyed Lizard*	<i>Ophisops elegans</i> subsp. <i>schlueteri</i>		✓				✓	✓	
5	Schreiber's Spiny-footed Lizard*	<i>Acanthodactylus schreiberi</i> subsp. <i>schreiberi</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Troodos Wall Lizard*	<i>Phoenicolacerta troodica</i>			✓		✓			

Amphibians

1	Cyprus Water Frog*	<i>Pelophylax cypriensis</i>				H				
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Butterflies (L=Lava)

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓						L
2	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>				✓	✓	✓		
3	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
4	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓			✓		
5	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓					
7	African Grass Blue	<i>Zizeeria knysna</i>								✓
8	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
9	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>			✓					
10	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓							
11	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>				✓	✓		✓	
13	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>				✓				
14	Pygmy Skipper	<i>Gegenes pumilio</i>	✓		✓					

Moths

1	Humming-bird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
2	Silver-striped Hawk-moth	<i>Hippotion celerio</i>								
3	Eastern Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni</i>		E	E			E	E	

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Dragonflies

1	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	✓								
2	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>									
3	Violet Dropwing	<i>Trithemis annulata</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓		
4	Epaulet Skimmer	<i>Orthetum chrysostigma</i>							?		
5	Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>				✓					

Grasshoppers and Mantids

1	Blue Band-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda caerulescens</i>		✓		✓					
2	Scarlet Band-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda miniata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
3	Slender Blue-winged Grasshopper*	<i>Sphingonotus caerulans</i> subsp. <i>insularis</i>			✓	✓				✓	
4	Common Cone-headed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>		✓	✓				✓		
5	Migratory Locust	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>		✓							
6	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>			✓						
7	Praying Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>		✓				✓			
8	African Mantis	<i>Sphodromantis viridis</i>						✓			
9	A Conehead Mantis	<i>Empusa fasciata</i>		✓							
10	Mediterranean Mantis	<i>Iris oratoria</i>				✓					

Other Insects

1	Oriental Hornet	<i>Vespa orientalis</i>			✓		✓	✓			
2	Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>							✓		
3	American Cockroach	<i>Periplaneta americana</i>				✓					

Spiders

1	Cyprus Tarantula	<i>Chaetopelma olivaceum</i>			✓		✓				
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Crustaceans

1	Cyprus Freshwater Crab*	<i>Potamon potamios</i> subsp. <i>cypricus</i>								✓	
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Miscellaneous

1	A Pill Millipede	<i>Typhloglomeris martensi</i>				✓		✓	✓		
2	A Millipede	<i>Pachyiulus flavipes</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓		
3	A Millipede*	<i>Melaphe cypria</i>				✓		✓	✓		
4	Mediterranean Banded Centipede	<i>Scolopendra cingulatus</i>			✓						