

Cyprus – The Autumn Flowers of Aphrodite’s Isle

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Ephedra foeminea



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Paphos



Taraxacum aphrogenes

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Summary

The tour's primary focus was 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 little recent rain, temperatures still remained high and many of the autumn flowers were slow to emerge from the parched ground. Nevertheless, we did see virtually all of what we expected, as well as a good variety of insects and many of the island's endemic reptiles. Most importantly, we enjoyed the enthusiasm and good humour of the group, good food and accommodation, and a week of perfect weather.

Day 1

Monday 11th November

We arrived in Paphos, in the early afternoon and were met by Yiannis and our driver, Theodorou (Doros). Our first stop was on the coast, near Mandria, where we explored the sandy beach and low coastline. We found Maltese Cross *Tribulus terrestris*, Narrow-leaved Bugloss *Echium angustifolium* and the coastal ecotype of Wavy-leaved Mullein *Verbascum sinuatum*, with prostrate flowering shoots. On the beach there were large fruiting specimens of Sea Daffodil *Pancratium maritimum* and plants, familiar on British shores, included Sea Holly *Eryngium maritimum*, Sea Rocket *Cakile maritima*, Yellow Horned-poppy *Glaucium flavum*, Prickly Saltwort *Salsola kali* and the rare Purple Spurge *Euphorbia peplis*. Before making our way to the hotel, we visited Paphos sewage works, where we saw a couple 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 12th November

We spent the day visiting the two coastal archaeological sites in Paphos. Our first stop was at 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 and the sweetly-scented *Narcissus obsoletus* made a spectacular show, among the ruins. The patterned leaves of *Cyclamen persicum* could be seen in many of the rock crevices, around the ruins and we had good views of Schreiber's Spiny-footed Lizards and the large Starred Agama.

We ate our lunch before visiting the Paphos Archaeological Site and spent an interesting afternoon viewing the many colourful mosaics and the impressive theatre. We finished with a wander along the harbour, before boarding the coach and returning to the hotel.

Day 3

Wednesday 13th 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. It has a well-planned garden, which illustrates a range of geology and habitats, and their associated flora. In a small pool, we saw a number of the endemic Cyprus Water Frog and, in a large Peruvian Pepper Tree *Schinus molle*, we were shown a roosting Cyprus Scops Owl.

Inside the Centre, 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. Below the cliff, on which the Centre is located, we found a perched Peregrine Falcon and two more flying above us. On the boulders, at the base of the cliff was Rusty-back Fern *Asplenium ceterach*, Southern Polypody *Polypodium cambricum* and the Levant Mullein *Verbascum levanticum*.

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 a couple of these distinctive birds. We had an added bonus, when they were joined by two Blue Rock Thrushes.

A very substantial lunch awaited us at Geros Skipou, before we headed off to the valley, below AgiaVavara. We had a brief glimpse of a Black Francolin, in an olive grove and, on a couple of large artificial pools, we found lots of Grey and White Wagtails and a Green Sandpiper. Our final stop of the afternoon was below the Asprokremmos dam, where some of us managed see a number of Chukar Partridge. Spiny bushes of *Genista fasselata* and Spiny Broom *Callicotome villosa* covered the valley floor, where an interesting find was a large abandoned comb of the European Paper Wasp *Polistes dominula*.

Day 4

Thursday 14th 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*, Sea Heath *Frankenia hirsuta* and patches of *Narcissus obsoletus*. Turning over stones revealed a scorpion and several young Kotschy’s Gecko.

We headed inland to the Pegeia Forest, a large tract of protected forest of Calabrian Pine *Pinus brutia* and Phoenician Juniper *Juniperus phoenicea*, with an understorey of *Cistus monspeliensis* and *Cistus salvifolius*. Here were a number of flower spikes of Autumn Lady’s Tresses *Spiranthes spiralis* and a nice flowering plant of Mediterranean Wild Asparagus *Asparagus acutifolius* but the hoped-for *Colchicum pusillum* was, this year, nowhere to be seen. On areas of thin soil, on the limestone pavement, there were showy patches of the Autumn Buttercup *Ranunculus cytheraeus* and in the forest we found a few pink flowers of the endemic thistle, *Carlina pygmaea*.

After lunch in the car park, we continued north to near the small village of Kritou Tera. Around the village, were a few flowers of *Crocus cyprius* and further on, under the shade of bushes, we found *Cyclamen cyprium*. Yiannis had heard of the occurrence of an unusual acacia, nearby, so we went off to investigate. As soon as we arrived at the site, we found the plant. It had flowers and strange indehiscent curled fruit and was spreading vigorously by suckers across a number of fields. Further research proved it to be Apple Ring Acacia *Faidherbia albida*, a plant native to semi-arid areas of Africa. We continued north, to the coast and arrived at our hotel at 5.00pm.

Day 5

Friday 15th November

Some early risers enjoyed a short birding walk at 7.00am. As cloud was forecast for the mountains, we took the short drive to the Baths of Aphrodite, along the coast. After spending a little time in the botanic garden, we walked down to the spring, where, in the damp conditions, there was plenty of Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum capillus-veneris* and tiny plants of Jersey Fern *Anogramma leptophylla*. Along the coastal track, we found many plants

of *Cyclamen persicum*, on the cliffs and even growing in crevices on tree trunks. Above us, on the slopes, we spotted a few Polyanthus Daffodil *Narcissus tazetta*; quite a surprise, considering the dry season. We were served an excellent, traditional, taverna lunch in Neo Chorio, at the top of the hill.

In the afternoon, we were dropped off at Smygies, where there were outcrops of the serpentine rocks, that fringe the ophiolite of the Akamas peninsula. These rocks have a high concentration of heavy metals, which are limiting to plant growth, and have led to the development of a specialised flora. We saw *Alyssum akamasicum*, *Carlina pygmaea*, *Centaurea cypriensis*, *Thymus integer*, and *Odontites linkii* subsp. *cyprius*, all endemic to the island, and growing, sparsely, within a limited area of the stony hillside. There were some fine colonies of *Spiranthes spiralis*, the autumn-flowering *Euphorbia dimorphocaulon* and, where the ground was damp, tiny plants of Least Adder’s-tongue *Ophioglossum lusitanicum*. In a little stream was a small Cyprus Freshwater Crab. It was cool and rather windy by now and we returned to the hotel around 4.45pm.

Day 6

Saturday 16th November

Under clear skies, we made our first stop, overlooking the Peristerona Gorge, where Troodos Wall Lizards scuttled round our feet. Little clumps of *Prospero autumnale* sprung from tight crevices in the limestone boulders and large shrubs of the narrow-leaved Shrubby Ptilostemon *Ptilostemon chamaepeuce* var. *cyprius* hung from the cliffs.

We made our way up into the Paphos Forest, where we entered a very different world. Under the canopy of *Pinus brutia*, were tall shrubs of the smooth-barked eastern Strawberry Tree *Arbutus andrachne* and a ground-layer of various species of *Cistus*. The visible rocks, here, were pillow-lavas and, further on, a complex of intruded basaltic dykes, around the perimeter of the Troodos ophiolite. We stopped to look more closely and, to our surprise, found a number of Grass Jewel, Europe’s smallest butterfly. They were paying particular attention to small plants of *Andrachne telephioides*, their caterpillar food-plant. Higher up the slopes were Royal Oak *Quercus infectoria* subsp. *veneris* and the lively autumn colours of Syrian Maple *Acer obtusifolium* and Sumach *Rhus coriaria*.

We had our picnic lunch at Stavros tis Psokas Forest Station and then visited the captive herd of Cyprus Mouflon, in the nearby enclosure. Under the trees, in the shaded gully, were some nice patches of *Cyclamen cyprium*. Further up the mountain, Golden Oak *Quercus alnifolia* formed pure stands, on steep north-facing slopes and the Cyprus Cedar *Cedrus libani* var. *brevifolia* started to appear in the forest. We made a gentle walk along a track, where we found the well camouflaged Slender Stone Grasshopper, an endemic species, which feeds on pine needles.

On the way back, we made a final stop at the Evretou dam. There were large plants of Shrubby Orache *Atriplex halimus* and a few flowers of *Ptilostemon chamaepeuce* var. *cyprius* on the dam wall and Coot and Great Cormorant on the water.

Day 7

Sunday 17th November

Doros had a day off from driving, so we spent a very relaxed day, walking from the hotel. Highlights of the morning included large numbers of Painted Lady, nectaring on a low hedge of Lantana and lovely specimens of

Narcissus tazetta, on the hillsides. We watched a local family harvesting the first of the season’s olive crop and found the large Mediterranean Banded Centipede, under an abandoned mattress.

Near the coast, around an area of shallow rock pools, we found a few flowers of the endemic *Dianthus strictus* subsp. *troodii* and more, young Kotschy’s Geckos. We had lunch on the beach, among patches of *Narcissus obsoletus* and *Taraxacum aphrogenes*. Afterwards the group split up, with some returning directly to the hotel, other walking along the beach and the rest retracing our route over the hill.

Day 8

Monday 18th November

After packing, we were ready to depart at 9.00am. We revisited the *Crocus cyprius* site, near Kritou Tera, on the way to Agios Georgios, where we broke our journey with a coffee and a visit to the church. 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 or cultivated alien)

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

Latin name	Common name	Notes
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS	
DICOTYLEDONS		
Aizoaceae	Ice Plant Family	
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i> ‡		Mandria beach
Amaranthaceae	Goosefoot Family	
<i>Amaranthus blitoides</i> ‡	Prostrate Pigweed	Common. Weedy places
<i>Amaranthus retroflexus</i> ‡	Common Pigweed	Frequent. Weedy places
<i>Atriplex halimus</i>	Shrubby Orache	Evretou dam
<i>Bosea cypria</i> •		Occasional in maquis
<i>Noaea mucronata</i>		Occasional near coast
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Mandria beach
<i>Sueda maritima</i>	Annual Sea-blite	Sandy beaches
<i>Suaeda vera</i>	Shrubby Sea-blite	Agios Georgios
Anacardiaceae	Sumach Family	
<i>Pistacia atlantica</i> ‡	Atlas Mastic Tree	Occasional. Kritou Tera
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	Common
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree	Common
<i>Rhus coriaria</i>	Sumach	Frequent in mountains
<i>Schinus molle</i> ‡	Peruvian Pepper Tree	Frequently planted
<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i> ‡	Brazilian Pepper Tree	Street tree
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Sea Samphire	Rocky coasts
<i>Daucus carota</i> subsp. <i>maximus</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. Olive groves
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Common
<i>Tordylium carmeli</i>		Field margin. Latchi
Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family	
<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Evergreen Birthwort	Maquis
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Anthemis tomentosa</i>		Mandria beach
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern Daisy	Locally common
<i>Bidens</i> sp. ‡	A Bur-marigold	Occasional weed
<i>Cardopatum corymbosum</i>	Cardopatum	Agios Georgios
<i>Carlina libanotica</i>		Common
<i>Carlina pygmaea</i> •		Pegeia forest. 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>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Rush Skeletonweed	Frequent
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	Occasional. Roadsides
<i>Cichorium spinosum</i>	Spiny Chicory	Frequent near coast

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<i>Cynara cornigera</i>	A wild Articoke	Frequent
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Aromatic Inula	Locally common
<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>Leontodon tuberosus</i>	Tuberous Hawkbit	Common
<i>Onopordon cypricum</i> •	Cyprian Cotton Thistle	Locally common. Agia Varvara
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	Shrubby Cudweed	Common. Rocky places
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i> var. <i>cypricus</i> •	Shrubby Ptilostemon	Frequent on hillsides. Peristerona
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Frequent
<i>Symphytotrichum squamatum</i> ‡		Tracksides. Weedy places
<i>Taraxacum aphrogenes</i> •	A Dandelion	Locally common. Rocky beaches
<i>Taraxacum cypricum</i>	A Dandelion	Stavros tis Psokas
<i>Taraxacum hellenicum</i>	A Dandelion	Agios Georgios
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i> ‡	Spiny Cocklebur	Occasional weed
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> ‡	Cocklebur	Occasional weed
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Alnus orientalis</i>	Eastern Alder	Damp valleys in mountains
Bignoniaceae		
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> ‡	Jacaranda	Planted
<i>Tecoma capensis</i> ‡		Planted
<i>Tecoma stans</i> ‡		Planted
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	Tracksides. Latchi
<i>Cordia myxa</i> ‡		Mandria. Agios Georgios
<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	Common near coasts
<i>Heliotropium hirsutissimum</i>	Heliotrope	Frequent
<i>Lithdora 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
Cannabaceae	Hackberry and Hop Family	
<i>Celtis tournefortii</i>		Kritou Tera
Capparaceae	Caper Family	
<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	Caper	Common
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle	Common
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Dianthus strictus</i> subsp. <i>troodi</i> •	A Pink	Local on limestone rocks
<i>Paronychia argentea</i>	Silvery Paronychia	Common on coast
<i>Silene fruticosa</i>	Woody Catchfly	Cliffs. Agios Georgios

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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
<i>Convolvulus oleifolius</i>	Olive-leaved Bindweed	Akamas
<i>Ipomea indica</i> ‡	Morning Glory	Common
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Petrosedum sediforme</i>	Pale Stonecrop	Occasional in phrygana
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Occasional on rocks
Cucurbitaceae	White Bryony Family	
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	Common
<i>Lagenaria siceraria</i> ‡	Bottle Gourd	Agia Varvara
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Pteroccephalus multiflorus</i> subsp. <i>multiflorus</i> •		Occasional in phrygana
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry Tree	Frequent in mountains
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree	Garden. Episkopi
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Andrachne telephioides</i>		Roadside. Pafos forest
<i>Chorozophora tinctoria</i>		Agia Varvara
<i>Euphorbia dimorphocaulon</i>		Frequent
<i>Euphorbia chamaesyce</i>	Small Spurge	Common. Tracksides
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Common. Tracksides
<i>Euphorbia hypericifolia</i> ‡		Weed of cultivation
<i>Euphorbia peplis</i>	Purple Spurge	Mandria beach
<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>Acacia saligna</i> ‡	Blue-leaved Wattle	Common
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>	Spiny Broom	Common
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	Common
<i>Faidherbia albida</i> ‡	Apple Ring Acacia	Skoulli
<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
<i>Ononis spinosa</i> subsp. <i>leiosperma</i>	A Spiny Restharrow	Phrygana

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Fagaceae	Oak Family	
<i>Quercus coccifera</i> subsp. <i>calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak	Common
<i>Quercus ilex</i> ‡	Holm Oak	Planted
<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. Rockyplaces
<i>Clinopodium incana</i>		Rocky places
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Dead-nettle	Occasional
<i>Micromeria myrtifolia</i>		Rocky phrygana
<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>		Frequent. Rocky places
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> ‡	Basil	Cultivated
<i>Origanum cordifolium</i> •		Planted. Stavros tis Psokas
<i>Origanum majorana</i> subsp. <i>tenuifolium</i> •	Wild Marjoram	Phrygana. Latchi
<i>Phlomis cypria</i> subsp. <i>occidentalis</i> •		Troodos mountains
<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 divaricatum</i> subsp. <i>canescens</i> •		Phrygana. Peristerona
<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
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	Frequent. Riverbeds
Lauraceae	Laurel Family	
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay	Cultivated
Lythraceae	Purple-loosestrife Family	
<i>Lythrum junceum</i>	False Grass-poly	Ditch. Smygies
<i>Punica granatum</i> ‡	Pomegranate	Cultivated
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva multiflora</i>	Small Tree Mallow	Roadsides
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Common
Meliaceae	Persian Lilac Family	
<i>Melia azedarach</i> ‡	Indian Bead Tree	Widely planted.
Moraceae	Fig Family	
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Common
<i>Ficus elastica</i> ‡	Rubber Plant	Planted
<i>Morus alba</i> ‡	White Mulberry	Planted

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Myrtaceae <i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle Family Myrtle	Occasional in maquis
Nyctaginaceae <i>Bougainvillea xbuttiana</i> ‡	Bougainvillea Family Bougainvillea	Cultivated
Oleaceae <i>Olea europaea</i> <i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Olive Family Wild Olive Mock Privet	Frequent in phrygana Troodos. Rare
Orobanchaceae <i>Odontites linkii</i> subsp. <i>cypricus</i> •	Broomrape Family	Smygies
Oxalidaceae <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> ‡	Wood-sorrel Family Bermuda Buttercup	Common weed
Papaveraceae <i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Poppy Family Yellow Horned-poppy	Mandria beach
Plantaginaceae <i>Plantago coronopus</i> subsp. <i>commutata</i> <i>Plantago maritima</i> subsp. <i>crassifolia</i>	Plantain Family Buck's-horn Plantain Sea Plantain	Widespread Mandria beach
Platanaceae <i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Plane Tree Family Oriental Plane	River valleys
Plumbaginaceae <i>Limonium sinuatum</i> <i>Limonium virgatum</i> <i>Plumbago europaea</i>	Thrift Family Winged Sea Lavender Common Leadwort	Common. Beaches Common. Beaches Occasional
Polygonaceae <i>Polygonum aviculare</i> <i>Polygonum equisetiforme</i>	Dock Family Knotgrass Horsetail Knotgrass	Waste places. Roadsides Waste places. Beaches
Portulacaceae <i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	Purslane Family Common Purslane	Frequent
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 cytheraeus</i>	Buttercup Family Maiden's Bower Autumn Buttercup	Maquis Locally common
Rhamnaceae <i>Rhamnus lycioides</i> subsp. <i>graeca</i> <i>Ziziphus lotus</i>	Buckthorn Family A Buckthorn	Phrygana Paphos Archaeological Park
Rosaceae <i>Cotoneaster nummularius</i>	Rose Family	Planted. Stavros tis Psokas

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<i>Crataegus azarolus</i>	Mediterranean Hawthorn	Occasional in maquis
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i> ‡	Loquat	Cultivated
<i>Pyrus syriaca</i>	Syrian Pear	Frequent
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	Bramble	Common
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Common in phrygana
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Asperula cypria</i> •	A Woodruff	Dry hillsides
<i>Galium canum</i>	A Bedstraw	Occasional on cliffs.
<i>Rubia lauræ</i> •	A Madder	Smygies
<i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Madder	Frequent
Rutaceae		
<i>Ruta chalepensis</i>	Fringed Rue	Occasional in phrygana
Sapindaceae		
<i>Acer obtusifolium</i>	Syrian Maple	Mountains. Paphos Forest
<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> ‡		Occasional. Naturalised
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Scrophularia peyronii</i>		Paphos Archaeological Park
<i>Verbascum levanticum</i>	Levant Mullein	Cliffs. Episkopi
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullein	Common
Simaroubaceae	Tree-of-heaven Family	
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> ‡	Tree-of-heaven	Frequent
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
<i>Datura innoxia</i> ‡	Downy Thorn Apple	Episkopi
<i>Lycium schweinfurthii</i>		Paphos Archaeological Park
<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i>	Mandrake	Frequent
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i> ‡	Shrub Tobacco	Paphos Archaeological Park
<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> ‡	Silver-leaf Nightshade	Mandria beach
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	Common
<i>Solanum villosum</i>	Hairy Nightshade	Common
<i>Withania somnifera</i>	Indian Ginseng	Paphos Archaeological Park
Styracaceae	Storax Family	
<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	Storax	Frequent
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix tetragyna</i>	A Tamarisk	Paphos Archaeological Park
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<i>Ulmus canescens</i>	Grey Elm	Paphos Forest
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall	Common
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	Occasional weed
Verbenaceae	Verbena Family	
<i>Lantana camara</i> ‡	Lantana	Common
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i> ‡	Creeping Vervain	Aphrodite Beach

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<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Vervain	Frequent. Tracksides
Veronicaceae <i>Misopates orontium</i>	Speedwell Family Weasel Snout	Common
Violaceae <i>Viola alba</i>	Violet Family	Stavros tis Psokas
Vitaceae <i>Vitis vinifera</i> var. <i>sylvestris</i>	Vine Family Wild Vine	Occasional in maquis
Zygophyllaceae <i>Fagonia cretica</i> <i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Caltrop Family Fagonia Maltese Cross	Phrygana. Asprokremmos Dam Waste places and beaches
MONOCOTYLEDONS		
Amaryllidaceae <i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> <i>Allium nigrum</i> <i>Narcissus obsoletus</i> <i>Narcissus tazetta</i> <i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Daffodil Family Wild Leek Broad-leaved Leek Late Daffodil Polyanthus Daffodil Sea Daffodil	Common Field margin. Kritou tera Locally common Akamas. Locally common Mandria beach. Rare
Araceae <i>Arisarum vulgare</i> <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> ‡	Arum Family Friar's Cowf Taro	Common Cultivated
Arecaceae <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> ‡ <i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> ‡ <i>Washingtonia filifera</i> ‡	Palm Family Canary Palm Date Palm Washington Fan Palm	Planted Planted Planted
Asparagaceae <i>Asparagus acutifolius</i> <i>Asparagus horridus</i> <i>Bellevalia nivalis</i> <i>Drimys aphylla</i> <i>Hyacinthella millingenii</i> • <i>Muscari parviflorum</i> <i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i> <i>Prospero autumnale</i> <i>Pseudomuscari inconstictum</i> <i>Scilla morrisii</i> • <i>Sternbergia lutea</i>	Asparagus Family Mediterranean Wild Asparagus Sea Squill Autumn Grape Hyacinth A Star-of-Bethlehem Autumn Squill Sternbergia	Common Frequent. Lowlands Agios Georgios Common Smygies Common Latchi Common Akamas Baths of Aphrodite Planted. Peristerona
Asphodelaceae <i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i> <i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Asphodel Family Hollow-stemmed Asphodel Branched Asphodel	Frequent Common
Colchicaceae <i>Colchicum pusillum</i>	Meadow Saffron Family	Trackways. Pegeia forest

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Commelinaceae <i>Commelina coelestis</i> ‡	Spiderwort Family Blue Spiderwort	Latchi
Iridaceae <i>Crocus veneris</i> • <i>Gladiolus italicus</i> <i>Gladiolus triphyllus</i> • <i>Romulea tempskyana</i>	Iris Family Cyprus Crocus Field Gladiolus Three-leaved Gladiolus A Sand Crocus	Hillsides. Kritou Tera Fields. Akamas Occasional Rock pools. Latchi
Juncaceae <i>Juncus acutus</i>	Rush Family Sharp Rush	Coast
Orchidaceae <i>Ophrys</i> spp. <i>Orchis anatolica</i> <i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Orchid Family Anatolian Orchid Autumn Lady's Tresses	Pine forest. Troodos. Spotted leaf Locally common
Poaceae <i>Achnatherum miliaceum</i> <i>Arundo donax</i> ‡ <i>Catapodium rigidum</i> <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> <i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i> <i>Phragmites australis</i> <i>Setaria pumila</i> <i>Setaria viridis</i> <i>Setaria verticillata</i> <i>Triplachne nitens</i>	Grass Family Smilo Grass Giant Reed Fern-grass Bermuda-grass Common Thatching Grass Common Reed Yellow Bristle-grass Green Bristle-grass Rough Bristle-grass	Frequent Common Agios Georgios Common Common Wet places Occasional. Waste places Occasional. Waste places Frequent. Waste places Mandria beach
Posidoniaceae <i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Neptune-grass Family Neptune-grass	Sub-marine
Smilacaceae <i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax Family Smilax	Common

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

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
2	Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>			✓					
3	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i> var. <i>domestica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓					
5	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	✓							
7	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						✓	✓	
8	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	✓							
9	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓					
10	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		✓		✓				
12	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>						✓		
13	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			✓					
14	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					✓		✓	

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15	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				✓				
16	Cyprus Scops Owl	<i>Otus cyprius</i>			✓					
17	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
18	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓					
19	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
20	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>						✓		
23	Great Tit	<i>Parus major aphroditae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
25	Cetti’s Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>						H	H	
26	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>							✓	
27	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					✓	✓		
28	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>						✓		
29	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
30	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
31	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓			✓			
32	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>					✓	✓	✓	
33	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>							✓	
34	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
35	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
36	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			✓					
37	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Finsch’s Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>			✓					
39	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓		✓					
41	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
42	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
43	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓		✓	H	✓	
44	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓					
45	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
46	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓				✓	

Mammals (• = endemic to Cyprus; ‡ = introduced; E = Evidence of)

1	Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	✓					✓	✓	
2	Cyprus Red Fox •	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i> subsp. <i>indutus</i>			E					
3	Cyprus Mouflon ‡	<i>Ovis gmelini</i> subsp. <i>ophion</i>						✓		

Reptiles

1	Starred Agama •	<i>Stellagama stellio</i> subsp. <i>cyprica</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
2	Turkish Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i> subsp. <i>turcicus</i>				✓				
3	Kotschy’s Gecko •	<i>Cyrtopodion kotschy</i> subsp. <i>fitzingeri</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>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Budak’s Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus budaki</i> subsp. <i>budaki</i>				✓		✓		
8	Ocellated Skink	<i>Chalcides ocellatus</i> subsp. <i>ocellatus</i>				✓				

Amphibians

1	Cyprus Water Frog •	<i>Pelophylax cypriensis</i>			✓					
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Butterflies

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓						
2	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	
3	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>			✓						
4	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓							✓	
6	African Grass Blue	<i>Zizeeria knysna</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓	
7	Grass Jewel	<i>Chilades trochylus</i>							✓		
8	Lang’s Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓					✓	
10	Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>		✓							
11	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>					✓				
13	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>		✓							
14	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>				✓				✓	
15	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>								✓	
16	Millet Skipper	<i>Pelopidas thrax</i>								✓	

Moths

1	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>						✓		✓	
2	Eastern Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea wilkinsoni</i>							✓		
3	Speckled Footman	<i>Coscinia cribraria</i>	✓								

Dragonflies

1	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	✓								
2	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
3	Migrant Hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>			✓						

Grasshoppers and Mantids

1	Scarlet Band-winged Grasshopper	<i>Oedipoda miniata</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓		
2	Slender Blue-winged Grasshopper •	<i>Sphingonotus caeruleans</i> subsp. <i>insularis</i>						✓			
3	Common Cone-headed Grasshopper	<i>Acrida ungarica</i>		✓		✓			✓		
4	Eurasian Pincer Grasshopper	<i>Calliptamus barbarus</i>				✓					
5	Cyprian Maquis Grasshopper •	<i>Pezotettix cypria</i>						✓			
6	Escalera's Grey Bush-cricket	<i>Platycleis escalerae</i>								✓	
7	Slender Stone Grasshopper •	<i>Orchamus gracilis</i>						✓			
8	A Conehead Mantis	<i>Empusa fasciata</i>						✓	✓		

Other Insects

1	Oriental Hornet	<i>Vespa orientalis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
2	European Paper Wasp	<i>Polistes dominula</i>			✓						
3	Fire Bug	<i>Pyrrhocoris apterus</i>				✓					
4	American Cockroach	<i>Periplaneta americana</i>		✓							
5	Devil's Coach Horse	<i>Ocypus olens</i>								✓	
6	Pistacia gall aphid	<i>Baizongia pistaciae</i>				✓					

Spiders

1	European Garden Spider	<i>Araneus diadematus</i>								✓	
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2	A Scorpion •	<i>Mesobuthus cyprius</i>				✓					

Crustaceans

1	Cyprus Freshwater Crab •	<i>Potamon potamios</i> subsp. <i>cyprius</i>					✓			
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Miscellaneous

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