

# WILDLIFE TRAVEL



**Lesvos 2015**



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#	DATE	LOCATIONS & NOTES
1	25 <sup>th</sup> April	Flight to Mytilini
2	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Molyvos castle and headland
3	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Skala Kalloni, Achladeri Woods, Liminos
4	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Petrified Forest, Sigri, Ipsilou Monastery
5	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Kavaki Headland, Petri, Petra, Eftalou
6	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Agiassos
7	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Molyvos olive groves
8	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Departure and journey home

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### Saturday 25 April

With a slightly longer than expected wait in Athens airport we arrived later than planned at the Sea Horse Hotel in Molyvos. Upon our arrival Dimitri and Stella were on hand with a quick welcome drink before we headed for a well-earned rest.

### Sunday 26 April

The previous night's rain was nowhere to be seen and a bright and sunny day greeted us as we awoke to see the picturesque harbour with its colourful fishing boats, next to which our hotel was situated.

After breakfast we set off to explore the local area of Molyvos, setting off towards the Byzantine castle perched high above the town. Growing on the walls along the way was white mignonette *Reseda alba*, nicely contrasting against the turquoise sea. As we began our ascent through the cobbled streets of Molyvos we had good views of a fantastic male eastern black-eared wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica melanoleuca*, who was being fed by a local café owner. Further uphill, huge overhanging wisteria lined the narrow streets, filling the air with scent.

Arriving at the castle, we took some time to explore its grounds, where we found lots of interesting Fabaceae, including *Trigonella balansae*, *Astragalus hamosus*, a collection of Trifoliums which included rough clover *Trifolium scabrum*, clustered clover *Trifolium glomeratum* and disk trefoil *Hymenocarpus circinnatus*. The warm sheltered courtyard was a haven for insects including *Spilostethus pandurus* and chafers. A large turpentine tree *Pistacia atlantica* dominated the courtyard in the castle.

We then set out along the outside of the castle walls, where we had a brief encounter with a lesser mole rat *Nanospalax leucodon* - a most unusual sighting of a subterranean mammal! Shortly after a little owl *Athene noctua* flew in to perch on the castle walls, allowing us spectacular views of its piercing stare. Finding a shaded spot for our picnic lunch we enjoyed the acrobatics of house martins *Delichon urbica*, swallows *Hirundo rustica*, swifts *Apus apus* and alpine swifts *Tachymarptis melba*, which were briefly joined by red-rumped swallows *Hirundo daurica*. Large cushions of *Ephedra nebrodensis* were growing on the walls and both *Sedum litoreum* and broad-leaved stonecrop *Sedum caespitosum* were seen. We also saw a number of starred agama *Stellagama stellio* on the castle walls, posturing and chasing one another, and their antics kept us entertained for some time! The area was teeming with butterflies including scare swallowtail *Papilio machaon*, large wall brown *Lasiommata maera*, small copper *Lycaena phlaeas* and swallowtail *Iphiclides podalirius*.

We returned through the streets of Molyvos, whose shops offering interesting wares were now bustling. As we stopped to look out across the sea we had good views of a purple heron *Ardea purpurea* down below us, avidly scanning the water for a potential meal.

After a break at the hotel for coffee we moved on to the headland behind the hotel. Here our attention was turned to various members of the Asteraceae family such as chamomile *Matricaria chamomilla*, rayless chamomile *Anthemis rigida*, *Glebionis coronaria*, crown daisy *Glebionis segetum* and milk thistle *Silybum marianum*. Other plants seen included *Hypocoum procumbens*, hairy pink *Petrorhagia dubia* and purple viper's bugloss *Echium plantagineum*, along with the delicate little umbellifer *Thapsia garganica*, which wasn't showing any inflorescences yet! The air at the headland was full of the song of corn bunting *Emberiza calandra*, crested lark *Galerida cristata* and eastern olivaceous warbler *Iduna pallida*, and flocks of Spanish sparrows *Passer hispaniolensis* occasionally flitted passed.

### Monday 27 April

Following breakfast we boarded our bus headed for the Kalloni Salt Pans, one of the important wetland sites of the island. Upon our arrival we looked out across the salt pans where we saw black-winged stilt *Himantopus himantopus* and pied avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*, and more distantly flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*, redshank *Tringa totanus* and black-tailed godwits *Limosa limosa* were feeding.

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Top: Limonos monastery

Left column: *Vicia grandiflora* (top) and *Vicia melanops* (bottom)

Middle column: *Capnodis tenebrionis* (top) and *Ajuga orientalis* (bottom)

Right column: *Ophrys lesbis* (top) and *Saturnia pyri* (bottom)

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Walking along the track bordering the salt pans we saw corn chamomile *Anthemis arvensis*, *Carduus arvensis*, corncockle *Agrostemma githago*, tamarisk *Tamarix gallica* and several vetches *Vicia* sp. During our walk, both marsh harrier *Circus aeruginosus* and common buzzard *Buteo buteo* wheeled across the blue sky. As we moved towards the sea we found sea medick *Medicago marina*, *Sideritis lanata* and horned dock *Rumex bucephalophorus*. We saw both common tern *Sterna hirundo* and little tern *Sterna albifrons* flit passed, and some of the group went down to the sea where a group of whiskered terns *Chlidonias hybrida* were settled on a wooden jetty.

As the sun climbed in the sky, we boarded our bus to Achladeri where we had our picnic in the shade of pine trees. Suitably refreshed we headed off to find Krupers nuthatch *Sitta krueperi*. We headed to an area we knew they were nesting, being careful not to get too close to their nest tree and after a short wait were rewarded with good views of one of the adults determinedly drumming on a branch after its next meal. As we wandered back through the woodland, Richard found a single spike of violet limodore *Limadorum abortivum*, shortly before Linda spotted a large colony deeper in the woods, which was an amazing sight.

We then travelled to our final stop at the Monastery of Limonas. After a drink, we visited the grounds of the monastery where a curtain of wisteria was alive with the hum of violet carpenter bees *Xylocopa violacea*, the sound echoing through the shaded passageway. Walking behind the monastery we saw pink hawk's-beard *Crepis rubra*, *Moenchia mantica*, Bergoni's serapias *Serapias bergoni* and spikes of holy orchid *Anacamptis sancta* in bud. Both nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* and turtle doves *Streptopelia turtur* were heard during our walk and new butterfly species encountered included orange tip *Anthocharis cardamines*, green-underside blue *Glaucopteryx alexis* and orbled red underwing skipper *Spialia orbifer*.

As we returned to the car park we saw a middle spotted woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius* bouncing through the sky and quickly realised it was nesting in one of the telegraph poles! We also had fantastic views of a male cirl bunting *Emberiza cirlus* and Persian squirrels *Sciurus anomalus* who were scampering in trees and along window ledges on one of the monastery buildings.

### Tuesday 28 April

We set off early in the morning headed for the west of the Island. The day was partly cloudy, which was encouraging as we were hoping for lower temperatures in this more exposed landscape.

Our first stop was near Antissa, to look for *Ophrys lesbis*. We located a small population, with one or two still having a flower in good condition; a result of the late season this year. We also took the occasion to add a few more new plants to our list including annual pea *Lathyrus annuus*, crimson pea *Lathyrus clymenum* and *Geropogon hybridus*. A little further and we had a second stop, where after a short search we added monkey orchid *Orchis simia* to our list.

We then boarded our bus again and continued on to the Petrified Forest where the remains of huge trees preserved following pyroclastic flows are scattered through the landscape, with intricate details such as the fissures on their trunks still visible. With the wind picking up most birds were out of sight, however we did spot two ravens *Corvus corax* flying low in the valley. We also found two great peacock moths *Saturnia pyri* sheltering in the vegetation. This impressive moth is the largest species in Europe and deserving of a closer look! Searching amongst the terraces produced a couple of new *Medicago* species and *Lupinus angustifolia*.

We then moved on to the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest in Sigrí where we had our picnic in the gardens of the museum. As we ate, a honey buzzard *Pernis apivorus* drifted over and in a quick search of the gardens some more *Medicago* species were found. Following a visit to the museum and its impressive collection of specimens from all over the world we walked down to the harbour for coffee, before setting off for the Monastery of Ipsolou. Most of us walked up into the Monastery where a monk invited us to see some of the ancient manuscripts kept in its museum. We then visited the beautifully decorated church, before walking down to join the rest of the group. Large hairy rosettes of Mediterranean sage *Salvia aethiops*, not yet in flower were clinging to the rock faces.

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### Wednesday 29 April

A few of us started the day with a walk out on to the headland to watch Cory's shearwater *Calonectris diomedea* and Yelkouan shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan*, just above the crests of the waves as they flew offshore.

There was a more leisurely start to the day as we didn't have a long journey. Our first stop was at the Kavaki headland, not far from Molyvos where we scanned an area of low scrub with our binoculars. We were rewarded with good views of Ruppell's warbler *Sylvia rueppelli*, eastern subalpine warbler *Sylvia cantillans*, Sardinian warbler *Sylvia melanocephala* and black-headed bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*. Behind us a pair of turtle doves had settled on the wires, giving us our first views of them. We also searched for plants and saw spiny golden star *Pallenis spinosa* coming into flower.

We then set off for the partly-deserted village of Petri nestled up in the hills, where we began our walk. The verges by the dirt track had been well cropped by grazing animals but there were still many flowers to be seen, such as bright red prickly poppy *Papaver argemone*, cornflower *Centaurea cyanus*, *Anthemis chia* and *Trifolium grandiflorum*. We found two Saxifrages on the rock faces as well as ivy-leaved toadflax *Cymbalaria muralis*.

Looking down from the terraces we had good views of both masked shrike *Lanius nubicus* and woodchat shrike *Lanius senator*. We had a good look at the brightly coloured Balkan green lizard *Lacerta trilineata*, and some of us also spotted a spur-thighed tortoise *Testudo graeca*, which was doing a fantastic impersonation of a boulder! A male blue rock-thrush *Monticola solitarius* was singing from a promontory above, and through the telescope the iridescent blue sheen, which gives this species its name was clearly discernable. The slopes provided a sheltered, flower-rich habitat for butterflies, including eastern festoon *Zerynthia cerisy*, scarce swallowtail and brown argus *Aricia agestis*. As we walked back to the village a short-toed eagle *Circaetus gallicus* was seen distantly.

As lunchtime was approaching we returned to the coastal village of Petra where we visited the interesting 17th century Varelzidaina's House and a nearby church with wall paintings. After lunch by the beach we travelled north up the coast to the beach at Eftalou where we saw masses of *Malcolmia flexuosa* on the beach. A nearby promontory provided a different habitat with *Thymus capitatus*, *Helichrysum*, *Phagnalon rupestre*, *Crupina crupinastrum* and small restharrow *Ononis reclinata*.

### Thursday 30 April

Our destination today was Mount Olympos in the south of the island. Our first roadside stop on the way proved very fruitful with a number of new plants including spotted rock-rose *Tuberaria guttata* and small-flowered serapias *Serapias parviflora*. We also saw *Coronilla parviflora* in its two colour forms. Further searching turned up a number of new orchids, Italian orchid *Orchis italica*, small yellow ophrys *Ophrys sicula* and *Ophrys homeri*, all the while nightingales and turtle doves providing the soundtrack. Just before boarding the bus we saw *Cynoglossum creticum* and a new *Medicago*, *M. arabica*.

Continuing our journey higher, at our next stop we found Homer's orchid *Ophrys homeri* and also *Ophrys minutula*. Seeing both together allowed us to see the differences. We also found poppy anemone *Anemone coronaria* and peacock anemone *Anemone pavonina* growing close by.

At lunchtime we reached the town of Agiassos, where we tried a selection of pastries from the local bakery for our lunch. As we sat in a sun dappled park clouds of house martins, swallows and swifts chattered and screamed above us.

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***Anemone pavonina***



***Limodorum abortivum***



**Large Wall**

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We then moved higher up the slopes and walked in to the chestnut woods. We found Provence orchid *Orchis provincialis* dotted all over the slopes, growing with green-winged orchid *Orchis morio*. Robin *Erithacus rubecula* and song thrush *Turdus philomelos* were both in full song - the first time we had heard either species during the trip. A few of us had a brief view of a short-toed tree-creeper before it flew off in to the wood. We soon found *Tulipa hageri*, toothed orchid *Orchis tridentata*, narrow-leaved helleborine *Cephalanthera longifolia*, leopard's bane *Doronicum orientale* and *Anemone pavonina* in all its glorious colours. The list was completed with *Fritillaria pontica*, whilst the Peony was still in bud. Before leaving the mountain we found two specimens of Reinhold's ophrys *Ophrys reinholdii* in good flower.

During our return journey we stopped at Megalimni where a male serin *Serinus serinus* was in full song on wires giving a good view of this delightful little finch. Following a tip-off we had a successful second stop to see a haze of *Gladiolus illyricus* growing in a field along with black garlic *Allium nigrum* and rosy garlic *Allium roseum*.

### Friday 1 May

The morning was spent exploring the lanes in the olive groves near Molyvos. We set off on foot skirting the town to join a lane passing along the edge of pine forest. A number of different Brassicaceae lined the route and we were able to compare the interesting and varied pods of each. We also saw *Hirschfeldia incana*, hedge mustard *Sisymbrium officinale*, *Bunias erugago* and *Rapistrum rugosum*. An interesting beetle belonging to the genus *Capnodis* was seen, as well as several shield bugs belonging to the genera *Eurydyma* and *Graphosoma lineatum*, and Aegean meadow brown *Maniola telmessia*. *Polypodium cambricum* was growing on a huge rock in the way, but the highlight of the day must have been *Lysimachia atropurpurea*, spotted growing on the bank by the river. We had a number of views of jays *Garrulus glandarius atricapillus* in the olive groves, enabling us to see how different the markings are in this race to those we are used to seeing at home.

The afternoon was free to explore Molyvos, and a number of us were lucky to be up on the headland when a flock of European bee-eaters *Merops apiaster* flew in - their exciting bubbling calls alerting us to their presence.

### Saturday 2 May

Our final day and the last opportunity for a pre-breakfast walk on the headland produced black-headed bunting and red-backed shrike *Lanius collurio*. Our hosts Stella and Dmitri set us a small Greek test alongside our breakfast, which we all passed with flying colours! We set off in good time to visit the Kalloni wetlands en-route to the airport. Things were quiet on the bird front other than waders including wood sandpiper *Tringa glareola* and black-winged stilt. As we decided to move on we spotted some large birds wheeling above us, which were quickly identified as both black stork *Ciconia nigra* and white stork *Ciconia ciconia* circling together providing the perfect opportunity to compare the two. Things got even better when a black stork came in to land and we spent some time watching it frenetically feeding in the water, accompanied by a little egret *Egretta garzetta*. As we drove back along the track bordering the saltpans, another stop to see a mixed flock of collared pratincole *Glareola pratincola* and white-winged tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*.

We then visited the interesting archaeological site of Mesa, where we saw a new vetch, *Vicia grandiflora*. Hearing their loud calls, we tracked down a number of Levantine frogs *Pelophylax bedriagae* in two wells. Cetti's warbler *Cettia cetti*, serin and nightingale were singing and a little owl was spotted in a nearby tree.

We had our lunch on the bay of Gera at a local taverna that served locally caught fish. With a short walk along a nearby track we spotted stripe-necked terrapin *Mauremys rivulata* in the ditch, before rounding the corner for one final treat - a field where lax-flowered orchid *Anacamptis laxiflora* was growing in profusion! Then it was time to cover the last few miles to the airport, where following check in we had time to sit on the sea wall and enjoy the last of the views, including a white wagtail *Motacilla alba* before our journey back to the UK.

Yiannis Christofides and Laurie Jackson.



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SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME		
<b>FERNS</b>			
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rusty-back Fern		X
<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody		X
<b>CONIFERS</b>			
<b>Cupressaceae</b>			
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>			X
<b>Pinaceae</b>			
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Rough Pine		X
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Black Pine		X
<b>Ephedraceae</b>			
<i>Ephedra campylopoda</i>			X
<i>Ephedra nebrodensis</i>			X
<b>DICOTYLEDONS</b>			
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>			
<i>Pistacia atlantica</i>			X
<b>Apiaceae</b>			
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>	Sea Holly		X
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel		X
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel		X
<i>Lagoecia cuminoides</i>			X
<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle		X
<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders		X
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>			X
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Mediterranean Hartwort		X
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	Knotted Hedge Parsley		X
<b>Apocynaceae</b>			
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander		X
<b>Aristolochiaceae</b>			
<i>Aristolochia hirta</i>	Hairy Birthwort		X
<b>Asteraceae</b>			
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>	Corn Chamomile		X
<i>Anthemis chia</i>	Chamomile		X
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile		X
<i>Anthemis tomentosa</i>			X
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy		X
<i>Carduus argentatus</i>			X
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Slender Thistle		X
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold		X
<i>Centaurea Benedictus</i>			X
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Cornflower		X
<i>Crepis rubra</i>	Pink Hawks-beard		X
<i>Crepis sancta</i>			X
<i>Doronicum orientale</i>	Eastern Leopard's-bane		X
<i>Filago gallica</i>			X
<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>	Goat's Beard		X
<i>Glebionis coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy		X
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Corn marigold		X
<i>Helichrysum orientale</i>			X
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	Everlasting		X
<i>Hyoseris scabra</i>			X

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SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME		
<i>Matricaria recucita</i>	Wild Chamomile		X
<i>Onopordum tauricum</i>			X
<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	Spiny Gold-star		X
<i>Phagnalon rupestre ssp graecum</i>			X
<i>Picnomon acarna</i>	Yellow Spine Thistle		X
<i>Rhagadiolius stellatus</i>			X
<i>Reichardia picroides</i>			X
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Holy Thistle		X
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow Thistle		X
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow Thistle		X
<i>Tragopogon sinuatus</i>	Goat's Beard		X
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>			X
<b>Boraginaceae</b>			
<i>Alkanna tinctoria</i>	Dyer's Alkanet		X
<i>Anchusa undulate ssp hybrid</i>	Wavy-leaved Alkanet		X
<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Blue Hound's-tongue		X
<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss		X
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Purple Vipers Bugloss		X
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not		X
<b>Brassicaceae</b>			
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>			X
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>			X
<i>Bunias erugago</i>			X
<i>Calepina irregularis</i>			X
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse		X
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>			X
<i>Malcolmia flexuosa</i>			X
<i>Matthiola incana</i>	Stock		X
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish		X
<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>			X
<i>Sisymbrium officinalis</i>			X
<b>Campanulaceae</b>			
<i>Campanula erinus</i>	Annual Bellflower		X
<i>Campanula lyrata</i>			X
<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	Venus's Looking-glass		X
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>			
<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	Entire-leaved Scabious		X
<i>Lomelosia brachiata</i>			X
<i>Lonicera etrusca</i>	Etruscan Honeysuckle		X
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>			
<i>Agrostemma githago</i>	Corn Cockle		X
<i>Moenchia mantica</i>			X
<i>Petrorrhagia dubia</i>			X
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	Four-leaved Allseed		X
<i>Silene behen</i>	Hairless Catchfly		X
<i>Silene colorata</i>	Mediterranean Catchfly		X
<i>Silene cretica</i>			X
<i>Silene dichotoma</i>	Forked Catchfly		X
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Small-flowered Catchfly		X
<i>Spergularia bocconii</i>	Greek Sea-spurrey		X

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SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME		
<b>Cistaceae</b>			
<i>Cistus creticus</i>			X
<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus		X
<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Mediterranean Rockrose		X
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rockrose		X
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>			
<i>Convolvulus elegantissimus</i>			X
<b>Crassulaceae</b>			
<i>Sedum caespitosum</i>	Broad-leaved Stonecrop		X
<i>Sedum litoreum</i>	Coastal Stonecrop		X
<i>Sedum rubens</i>	Red Stonecrop		X
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort		X
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>			
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber		X
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>			
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge		X
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge		X
<i>Euphorbia rigida</i>	Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge		X
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury		X
<b>Fabaceae</b>			
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil		X
<i>Astragalus hamosus</i>	Southern Milk Vetch		X
<i>Astragalus pelecinus</i>			X
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree		X
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disk Trefoil		X
<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>	Annual Vetchling		X
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>			X
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling		X
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Crimson Pea		X
<i>Lotus edulis</i>			X
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i>	Narrow-leaved Lupin		X
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick		X
<i>Medicago arabica</i>			X
<i>Medicago coronata</i>			X
<i>Medicago marina</i>			X
<i>Medicago monspeliaca</i>	Star-fruited Fenugreek		X
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot		X
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cock's-comb Sainfoin		X
<i>Ononis reclinata</i>			X
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	False Acacia		X
<i>Securigera securidaca</i>			X
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom		X
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Clover		X
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil		X
<i>Trifolium clypeatum</i>	Shield Clover		X
<i>Trifolium glomeratum</i>			X
<i>Trifolium grandiflorum</i>			X
<i>Trifolium pilulare</i>	Cotton-ball Clover		X
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	Reversed Clover		X
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i>			X
<i>Trifolium spumosum</i>	Bladder Trefoil		X

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	<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover		X
	<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Clover		X
	<i>Trifolium uniflorum</i>	One-flowered Clover		X
	<i>Trigonella balansae</i>			X
	<i>Vicia cretica</i>			X
	<i>Vicia grandiflora</i>	Large Yellow Vetch		X
	<i>Vicia lutea</i>			X
	<i>Vicia melanops</i>			X
	<i>Vicia bithynica</i>			X
	<i>Vicia villosa</i>			X
<b>Fagaceae</b>				
	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak		X
	<i>Quercus ithaburensis macrolepis</i>	Valonian Oak		X
	<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak		X
<b>Geraniaceae</b>				
	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill		X
	<i>Erodium moschatum</i>			X
	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill		X
	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill		X
	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill		X
	<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill		X
<b>Lamiaceae</b>				
	<i>Ajuga orientalis</i>	Eastern Bugle		X
E	<i>Ballota acetabulosa</i>			X
	<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	Large Red Dead Nettle		X
	<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	French Lavender		X
	<i>Origanum onites</i>	White Marjoram		X
	<i>Salvia aethiops</i>			X
	<i>Salvia viridis</i>			X
<b>Linaceae</b>				
	<i>Linum strictum</i>			X
	<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax		X
<b>Malvaceae</b>				
	<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Small-flowered Tree Mallow		X
<b>Oleaceae</b>				
	<i>Olea europaea</i>	Wild Olive		X
	<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>			X
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>				
	<i>Orobanche pubescens</i>			X
	<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape		X
	<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>			X
<b>Oxalidaceae</b>				
	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Procumbent Yellow Oxalis		X
<b>Papaveraceae</b>				
	<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping Fumitory		X
	<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>			X
	<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned Poppy		X
	<i>Hypecoum procumbens</i>			X
	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy		X

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<b>Plantaginaceae</b>			
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax		X
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax		X
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Stag's-horn Plantain		X
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Pale Speedwell		X
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>			
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Sea Lavender		X
<b>Polygonaceae</b>			
<i>Rumex becaphalophorus</i>	Horned Dock		X
<i>Rumex tuberosus</i>			X
<b>Primulaceae</b>			
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel		X
<i>Asterolinum linum-stellatum</i>			X
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i>	Greek Cyclamen		X
<i>Lysimachia atropurpurea</i>			X
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>			
<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone		X
<i>Anemone pavonina</i>	Peacock Anemone		X
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower		X
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Field Buttercup		X
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine		X
<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>	Fan-leaved Buttercup		X
<b>Resedaceae</b>			
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette		X
<b>Rosaceae</b>			
<i>Pyrus spinosa</i>			X
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose		X
<b>Rubiaceae</b>			
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field madder		X
<b>Salicaceae</b>			
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Black Poplar		X
<b>Santalaceae</b>			
<i>Osyris alba</i>			X
<b>Saxifragaceae</b>			
<i>Saxifraga carpetana graeca</i>			X
<i>Saxifraga hederaceae</i>	Ivy-leaved Saxifrage		X
<b>Solanaceae</b>			
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	White Henbane		X
<b>Tamaricaceae</b>			
<i>Tamarix tetrandia</i>			X
<b>Urticaceae</b>			
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pelitory of the Wall		X
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle		X

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<b>MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>			
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>			
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	Black Garlic		X
<i>Allium roseum</i>	Rose Garlic		X
<b>Araceae</b>			
<i>Dracunculus vulgaris</i>	Dragon Arum		X
<b>Asparagaceae</b>			
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	Thorny Asparagus		X
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth		X
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Grape Hyacinth		X
<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>			X
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butchers' Broom		X
<b>Iridaceae</b>			
<i>Gladiolus illyricus</i>			X
<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut		X
<b>Liliaceae</b>			
<i>Fritillaria pontica ssp substipelata</i>			X
<i>Gagea graeca</i>			X
<i>Tulipa hageri</i>			X
<b>Orchidaceae</b>			
<i>Anacamptis laxiflora</i>	Lax-flowered Orchid		X
<i>Anacamptis morio ssp caucasica</i>	Green-winged Orchid		X
<i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>	Sword-leaved Helleborine		X
<i>Limodorum abortivum</i>	Purple Limodore		X
<i>Neotinea tridentata</i>	Toothed Orchid		X
<i>Ophrys lesbis</i>			X
<i>Ophrys fusca</i>			X
<i>Ophrys sicula</i>			X
<i>Ophrys reinholdii</i>			X
<i>Ophrys homeri</i>			X
<i>Ophrys minutula</i>			X
<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid		X
<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid		X
<i>Orchis simia</i>	Monkey Orchid		X
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid		X
<i>Orchis simia</i>			X
<i>Serapias bergonii</i>			X
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>			X

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### Key to bird status codes:

**R** = Resident / **S** = Summer breeder / **P** = Passage / **W** = Winter visitor / **V** = Vagrant

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<b>Family Procellariidae (Shearwaters)</b>										
Scopoli's (Cory's) Shearwater	<i>Calonectris (d.) diomedea</i>	R					♦			
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	R					♦			
<b>Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)</b>										
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	W		♦						
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii</i>	R			♦	♦	♦		♦	♦
<b>Family Ardeidae (Herons)</b>										
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	P						♦		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	P			♦			♦		♦
Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	P			♦					
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	P		♦						
<b>Family Threskiornithidae (Ibises)</b>										
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	P				♦				
<b>Family Ciconiidae (Storks)</b>										
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	S			♦					♦
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	S								♦
<b>Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)</b>										
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	W			♦			♦		♦
<b>Family Anatidae (Swans, geese and ducks)</b>										
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	R			♦					♦
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	P			♦			♦		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	W			♦					
<b>Family Accipitridae (Hawks and Eagles)</b>										
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	S				♦				
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	S		♦			♦	♦		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	R			♦	♦	♦	♦		♦
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	P			♦					♦
<b>Family Falconidae (Falcons)</b>										
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	R		♦	♦	♦				
<b>Family Recurvirostridae (Avocets and Stilts)</b>										
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	S			♦			♦		♦
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avoetia</i>	S			♦			♦		♦
<b>Family Glareolidae (Pratincoles)</b>										
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	P			♦					♦
<b>Family Scolopacidae (Sandpipers)</b>										
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temmincki</i>	P								♦
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	P								♦
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	P			♦					
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	P								♦
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	P			♦					♦
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	P		♦						
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>				♦					

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<b>Family Laridae (Gulls)</b>										
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
<b>Family Sternidae (Terns)</b>										
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	S			♦					♦
Little Tern	<i>Sternella albifrons</i>	S			♦					♦
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	P			♦					
White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	P								♦
<b>Family Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)</b>										
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	R			♦	♦	♦	♦		♦
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	R						♦		
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	S			♦	♦	♦	♦		♦
<b>Family Strigidae (Owls)</b>										
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	R		♦						♦
<b>Family Apodidae (Swifts)</b>										
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	S		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	P		♦						
<b>Family Meropidae (Bee-eaters)</b>										
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	S							♦	
<b>Family Picidae (Woodpeckers)</b>										
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>	R			♦					
<b>Family Alaudidae (Larks)</b>										
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	R			♦	♦				
<b>Family Hirundinidae (Swallows and Martins)</b>										
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	S		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	S		♦	♦				♦	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	S		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
<b>Family Motacillidae (Pipits and Wagtails)</b>										
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	P					♦			♦
Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (flava) flava</i>	P		♦						♦
<b>Family Troglodytidae (Wrens)</b>										
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	R				♦		♦		
<b>Family Motacillidae (Flycatchers and chats)</b>										
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	R						♦		
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	S			♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	P				♦				
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe (hispanica) melanoleuca</i>	S		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	R					♦	♦		
<b>Family Turdidae (Thrushes)</b>										
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	R			♦	♦	♦	♦		♦
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	W						♦		
<b>Family Sylviidae (Sylviid Warblers)</b>										
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	S					♦			
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	R					♦		♦	
Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>	S					♦			



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<b>Family Acrocephalidae (Reed Warblers)</b>										
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	P			♦					
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	S					♦		♦	♦
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	S		♦	♦		♦	♦	♦	♦
<b>Family Cisticolidae (Cisticolid Warblers)</b>										
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	R						♦		
<b>Family Cettiidae (Bush Warblers)</b>										
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	R			♦					♦
<b>Family Phylloscopidae (Leaf Warblers)</b>										
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	P		♦						
<b>Family Paridae ( Tits)</b>										
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>	R					♦			
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
<b>Family Certhiidae (Treecreepers)</b>										
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	R						♦		
<b>Family Sittidae (Nuthatches)</b>										
Kruper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>	R			♦					
<b>Family Laniidae (Shrikes)</b>										
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	S								♦
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	S					♦			
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	S			♦	♦	♦			
<b>Family Corvidae (Crows)</b>										
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	R			♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	R				♦	♦			
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	R			♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
<b>Family Passeridae (Sparrows)</b>										
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	S		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦		♦
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
<b>Family Fringillidae (Finches)</b>										
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	R		♦			♦			
European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	R			♦		♦	♦	♦	♦
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	R		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	R				♦		♦		♦
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	W					♦			
<b>Family Emberizidae (Buntings)</b>										
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	R		♦	♦		♦	♦		♦
Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>	S			♦					
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	S					♦		♦	♦
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	R		♦	♦	♦		♦	♦	♦

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<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>									
Levantine Frog	<i>Pelophylax bedriagae</i>								♦
<b>REPTILES</b>									
Family Testudinidae (Tortoises)									
Spur-thighed (Greek) Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>					♦	♦		
Family Geoemydidae (Terrapins)									
Stripe-necked Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>								♦
Family Agamidae (Agamids)									
Starred Agama	<i>Stellagama stellio</i>		♦	♦		♦		♦	♦
Family Lacertidae (Lizards)									
Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus kitaibelii</i>						♦		
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>					♦			
Snake-eyed Lizard	<i>Ophisops elegans</i>			♦		♦	♦		
<b>MAMMALS</b>									
Persian (Caucasian) Squirrel	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>			♦					
Lesser Mole-rat	<i>Nanospalax leucodon</i>		♦						
Mouse	<i>Apodemus sp.</i>						♦		

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<b>ODONATA (DRAGONFLIES)</b>									
Odalisque	<i>Epallage fatime</i>						♦		
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>									
Family Papilionidae (Swallowtails)									
Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		♦	♦		♦	♦		
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		♦	♦	♦	♦			
Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerinthia cerisyi</i>		♦			♦	♦		♦
Family Pieridae (Whites)									
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		♦			♦			♦
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		♦						
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>					♦			
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>		♦	♦	♦				
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			♦		♦	♦		
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		♦	♦			♦	♦	
Family Nymphalidae (Admirals and Fritillaries)									
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		♦						
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
Lesser spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>				♦				
Family Satyridae (Browns)									
Aegean Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola telmessia</i>							♦	
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			♦	♦		♦	♦	♦
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		♦	♦				♦	
Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>		♦		♦	♦			
Family Lycaenidae (Blues & Coppers)									
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		♦	♦		♦	♦	♦	♦
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>			♦		♦	♦	♦	♦
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>			♦					
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		♦	♦		♦			♦

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<b>Family HesperIIDae (Skippers)</b>									
Orbed Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>			♦					
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>							♦	
<b>Family Sphingidae (Hawkmoths)</b>									
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>				♦			♦	
<b>Family Noctuidae</b>									
Silver Y	<i>Autograph gamma</i>		♦					♦	
<b>Family Saturniidae</b>									
Great Peacock	<i>Saturnia pyri</i>				♦				
<b>BUGS</b>									
<b>Family Pentatomidae (Shield bugs)</b>									
'Red' Shield Bug	<i>Eurydema sp.</i>							♦	
Striped Shield Bug	<i>Graphosoma lineatum</i>							♦	
<b>Family Lygaeinae (Ground bugs)</b>									
a ground bug	<i>Spilostethus pandurus</i>		♦						
<b>BETLES</b>									
<b>Family Carabidae (Ground beetles)</b>									
Green Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela campestris</i>							♦	
<b>Family Scarabidae (Chafers)</b>									
Garden Chafer	<i>Phyllopertha horticola</i>		♦						
White-spotted Rose Beetle	<i>Oxythyrea cinctella</i>		♦					♦	
<b>MANTIDS, GRASSHOPPERS &amp; CRICKETS</b>									
<b>Family Acrididae (Grasshoppers)</b>									
Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>		♦						
<b>Family Tettigoniidae (Bush-crickets)</b>									
Lesvos Bush-cricket	<i>Poecilimon mytelensis</i>						♦		
<b>BES</b>									
<b>Family Xylocopidae (Carpenter bees)</b>									
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		♦	♦	♦			♦	♦
<b>CENTIPEDES &amp; MILLIPEDES</b>									
<b>Family Xystodesmidae (Millipedes)</b>									
'Yellow spotted' Millipede	<i>Melaphe vestita thracia</i>				♦			♦	
<b>SPIDERS</b>									
<b>Family Sparassidae (Huntsman spiders)</b>									
<b>Family Salticidae (Jumping spiders)</b>									
'Red-backed' Jumping spider	<i>Philaeus chrysops</i>				♦				