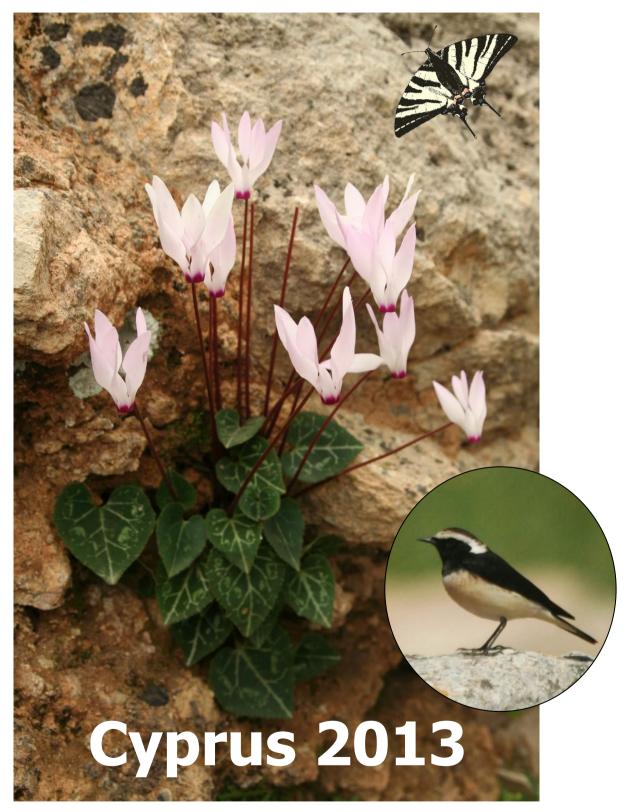
WILDLIFE TRAVEL



#	DATE	LOCATIONS & NOTES
1	11 th March	Afternoon arrival and transfer to the Aphrodite Beach Hotel.
2	12 th March	Baths of Aphrodite, walk round to Fontana Amorosa, then back to the hotel along the coast
3	13 th March	Pegeia Forest
4	14 th March	Paphos Forest: Peristerona, Stavros tis Psokas, Panagia
5	15 th March	Hillsides towards Neo Chorio and Latchi Stroumpi.
6	16 th March	Paphos. Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates. Kolossi Castle. Akrotiri area
7	17 th March	Stroumpi. Monastery of Agios Neophytos. Tombs of the Kings. Paphos headland.
8	18 th March	Droutia area
9	19 th March	Smygies to Neo Chorio and back to hotel
10	20 th March	Mandria Beach. Return to UK.

LIST OF TRAVELLERS

Leaders

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11th March. Arrival. After arriving at Paphos Airport and meeting up with Yiannis and Lambros, our driver, we transferred to the hotel at Aphrodite Beach, just north of Latchi on the eastern edge of the Akamas Peninsula, our home for the next ten nights.

12th March. Baths of Aphrodite. Today, our first introduction to the countryside and flora of Cyprus came from walking some of the coastal path around from the Baths of Aphrodite towards Fontana Amorosa, just up the coast from the hotel. But first we had to get to the 'start' of the walk! The road verges and field edges seemed designed to distract the passing botanists, and a couple of male Black Francolins were busy calling from a citrus orchard, and almost everyone managed at least a glimpse of these normally shy birds.

The botanical garden at the Baths of Aphrodite was a great introduction to some of the endemic plants of the island, including some real specialities that we won't see elsewhere on our itinerary: the impressive *Euphorbia veneris* more normally found high up in the Troodos range, and the lovely *Brassica hilarionsis*, St Hilarion's Cabbage, only found at a handful of sites on the northern, Kyrenia range, and reputedly the ancestor of the domesticated Cabbage.

From here we visited the Baths themselves, a shady pond where myth would have us believe Aphrodite bathed after her exploits, now home to just one content looking Eel and some luxuriant fig trees. Beyond the Baths, the rocky hillsides were home to plenty of flowering *Cyclamen persicum* and the Turban Buttercup *Ranunculus asiaticus*, as well as two species of *Bellevalia* and our first orchids, in the form of *Ophrys flavomarginata* and *O. elegans*. We also learned more about the interesting (for which, read 'complicated') geology of the island.

The day seemed to be a perfect one for reptile spotting: Banded Skink, a normally shy and sometimes hard to find species, was particulary in evidence today, with at least 8 individuals seen out in the open during the day; Starred Agamas also put on great show, with some very photogenic individuals hanging around on the rocks, before skitting off into their crevices and cracks. A handful each of Troodos Wall Lizard and Snake-eyed Lacertid and a couple of the tiny, golden worm-like Budak's Snake-eyed Skink completed the lizard list.

A particular feature of the day was the large numbers of dragonflies hawking overhead: we were witnessing a massive immigration of Vagrant Emperor dragonflies, coming in on the warm southerly winds from North Africa, numbering in the thousands overhead, and providing food for the local Kestrels who were picking them off quite happily.

13th March. Pegeia Forest. Today dawned bright but windy, with low-lying dust clouds being blown rapidly over the Akamas and out to sea to the North. As we headed over to the other coast, the wind calmed down

Arriving at the forest, it was as much as we could do to make it out of the car park, where we were all enjoying the orchids: *Anacamptis syriaca, Ophrys levantina, O. sicula, O. elegans* and *O. fusca* were all within ten paces of the bus, keeping the botanists and photographers busy! Walking on, we came across a surprise in the form of two very early flowering and strangely stunted spikes of *Orchis fragrans.*

Exploring deeper into the forest, the limestone outcrops here have a series of vernal rock pools, home to a special suite of plants, including the little red succulent *Telmisia microcarpa*, the water crowfoot *Ranunculus peltatus*, the floating leaves of Mudwort *Limosella aquatica* and the green 'hair' of Horned Pondweed *Zannichellia palustris*. Nearby were growing several spikes of the lovely delicate *Serapias aphrodite*, an endemic not just to Cyprus but to this tiny corner of the Akamas peninsula itself!

Butterflies were on the wing during the day, with Orange Tip, Red Admiral and Painted Lady all familiar species from home, but more exciting were the Long-tailed Blue, Cleopatra, Swallowtail and Eastern Festoon.

Back to the botany, and a patch of mossy ground with the leaves of the autumn-flowering buttercup *Ranunculus bulatus* was also home to the tiny fronds of Small Adder's Tongue *Ophioglossum lusitanicum*, a winter 'flowering' fern which we found to be abundant through similar micro-habitats right back to the bus. Towards the bus we also found several Crown Anemones in flower and a great population of *Ophrys morio*.

14th March. Troodos Foothills. Today we headed for the cool air and the endemic flora of the mountains, with Lambros safely tackling the hair pin bends of the Troodos Foothills, through the Paphos Forest.

We visited the small village of Peristerona, where we explored the rocky hillside, finding Ground Pine *Ajuga chamaepitys* and enjoyed fly-pasts by several Eastern Festoons, and visited the nearby Byzantine Museum of the Bishopric of Arsinoe, home to some spectacular icons and a 1100 year old olive tree!

Crossing from the limestone to the igneous rocks, the vegetation changed from soft fields with Carob and Almonds to a forest of *Pinus brutia* with an understorey of (endemic) Golden Oak *Quercus alnifolia* and Eastern Strawberry Tree *Arbutus andrachne*. Our first roadside stop yielded the endemic *Orchis troodii*, a big flightless grasshopper *Orchamus gracilis*, a handful of lovely Cleopatras 'hill-topping' and some tiny botanical highlights, in the form of *Ornithopus compressus* a yellow and orange flowered pea, and the even-more- tiny and almost un-noticeable *Minuartia montana*, together with the pink, endemic *Thymus integer*.

We stopped for lunch near the Mouflon enclosure at Stavros tis Psokas, passing the leaves of the endemic *Cyclamen cyprium*, the leaves of *Platanthera holmboe* (yet another endemic orchid, although this one is probably a month away from flowering) and a couple of noisy Coal Tits (an endemic Cypriot subspecies, of course) on the way.

A couple of roadside stops a little higher up revealed the distant Cyprus Cedars, and some wonderful rock plants, in the form of *Arabis purpurea, Turritis laxa* and yet another tiny flowered pea, *Vicia lathyroides.*

Finally we stopped at the village of Panagia, the birthplace of two Cypriot greats: Archbishop Makarios and Lambros, our driver! We visited the wonderfully-named Monastery of Our Lady of the Golden Pomegranate, and then checked under some superb old *Quercus infectoria* oak trees for the endemic *Scilla morrisii*

15th March. Hillsides above the hotel. The day dawned grey and windy, yet strangely warm. After breakfast we paid a visit to the orchard, and the lovely photogenic tree frogs amongst the vines and pomegranate bushes. From there, we moved on to some weedy ground above the car park, where *Linaria chalapensis*, several spikes of the pink snapdragon-like Weasel's Snout and two pretty little Convolvulus species were growing. So far so good, and we've not even made it out of the hotel grounds!

During the morning, we walked up through the lanes towards Neo Chorio and then along the ridge towards Latchi, before heading back to the hotel along the road. We found plenty of orchids along the way, amongst the abandoned olive groves and rough fields. A single small rough field was home to an amazing mix of Tongue Orchids, with four species of Serapias growing side by side: *Serapias orientalis, S. levantina, S. bergonii* and the delicate local endemic *S. aphrodite.* Down in the lowest grove we found a handful of the large, yellow *Orchis punctulata* surviving in the edges of a field, where once a very strong population grew, growing alongside the giant orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*. Ophrys orchids during the morning included *O. morio* (with the blacky-purple throat), *O. umbilicata* (with the pale pink sepals and barrel-shaped lip), *O. attica* (very like umbilicata but with green sepals), *O. flavomarginata* (very common, with the more flared lip and yellow margins) and *O. sicula* (the yellow one). A wonderful variety in a relatively small area, although how long will they all survive here, with signs of yet more development of housing in these rural villages.

Further along the ridge, our explorations (this is a new walk for us in spring) paid off, with the discovery of a new population of *Orchis punctulata* looking very fresh by the pathside!

Bird migration certainly seems to be well underway, with a ploughed field near the start of the walk playing host to a little gathering of wheatears: 5 Isabelline Wheatears and 3 Northern Wheatears, all on their way north, as were the handful of Black-headed Wagtails that flew overhead. Further along the ridge, a real surprise came in the form of a lovely male Desert Wheatear, a scarce visitor to Cyprus from the deserts of the Middle East and Central Asia. He proved to be very confiding, giving us all close views as he hopped along the path. More expected, but equally handsome, was a male Ruppell's Warbler flycatching from a bush on the way back to the hotel.

Coming down from the ridge, we explored another area of temporary pools and limestone 'pavement' just off the road. Here we were pleased to find another population of *Serapias aphrodite*, looking particularly dainty amongst the rocks here. A single spike of Pyramidal Orchid *Anacamptis pyramidalis* was also in good flower here. But perhaps the highlight of the day wasn't a locally endemic orchid or a rare migrant bird, but a fairly common inhabitant of the Cypriot countryside, albeit one that is rarely seen. Sitting next to one of the pools was a beautiful (and rather large!) Blunt-nosed Viper. Coiled up next to the water, waiting for a passing frog or bird to make the mistake of coming near, she seemed oblivious to us all gathered around here, cameras clicking. Once we all had our photos, she decided it was time to leave and uncoiled, swimming across the pool and off into a bush, having decided that Barbara wasn't going to make a good afternoon snack...

16th March. Akrotiri area. Today we set off early, heading east along the south coast of Cyprus, stopping for a quick leg-stretch to visit the birthplace of Aphrodite, the rock of Petra tou Romiou, where we also found a couple of interesting plants in the form of *Rumex cypria* (despite the name, not an endemic) and *Hymenocarpos circinatus* with its disc-like seed pods.

Heading eastwards, we came to the British Sovereign Territory, complete with cricket pitch. Here we made another short stop, no doubt illegally at the roadside, to visit the only lowland site for the Eastern Marsh Helleborine *Epipactis veratrifolia*. Unfortunately the last year or two has seen some over-enthusiastic roadside clearance work by the contractors, resulting in a mostly clean chalky cliff face, free of plants... but luckily, enough damp vegetation remains to still support several of this tall, impressive orchid. We also found *Erodium crassifolium*, a red data book plant restricted to chalk cliffs along this part of the coast.

Our next stop was the Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates, where as well as the impressive ruins, a number of migrant birds were found: a Wryneck sat on a wall before dropping out of sight and a pair of Cyprus Wheatears were trying to set up territory, busy chasing several Isabelline and Northern Wheatears and a nice male Redstart.

Lunch was at the crusader castle at Kolossi, before we travelled south along the Akrotiri peninsula. Here we stopped at the Phassouri Marsh, a large reedbed which, unfortunately, had very little open water this year: large number of Black-headed Wagtails were feeding in the damp grassland, but we could find little else. Out at the far end of the salt lake, we had more success with the plants: abundant *Serapias bergonii*, three spikes of *Ophrys apifera*, several earlyflowering spikes of *Orchis fragrans* and best of all, a population of the Cypriot endemic *Ophrys kotschyi*.

On the way home, our last drive past the salt lake revealed a single Greater Flamingo.

17th March. Paphos. A day delving into Cyprus's history, which seems almost as complicated as its geology! But first, a quick stop near the village of Stroumpi, where a small population of *Tulipa agenensis* just hangs on, on the edge of the cultivated fields: a lovely little red tulip, in a rather sad situation. And so to our history lessons... we started at the monastery and hermit's cave of Agios Neophytos, home to some very well fed cats and an unfortunate saint's skull. We then moved on to the Tombs of the Kings, where the Ptolemic rulers of the island were buried, and where the sandy, rocky upper beach revealed its particular plant specialities: *Centaurea aegialophila, Medicago marina* and the tiny *Papaver cyprium* amongst them, as well as a well-posed Schreiber's Fringe-footed Lizard and a female Desert Wheatear.

To learn more about the lifestyle (rather than death-style) of Paphos's ancient upper class, we travelled to the Paphos headland with its fantastic mosaics, roman amphitheatre and byzantine 'castle of forty columns'. Alongside the history, we enjoyed some birding. The bird highlight of the afternoon was the huge numbers of 'flava' wagtails all over the site: hundreds and hundreds of Black-headed Wagtails on their way to Turkey or the Balkans, as well as good numbers of Blue-headed Wagtail (headed to Central Europe), lots of their intergrades (known as 'dombrowskii', from Romania) and a couple of male Grey-headed Wagtails, who will be arriving in Scandinavia in a month's time. Also around the archaeological site were a couple of Tawny Pipits, a male Blue Rock Thrush, at least three Hoopoes and three pretty Cretzschmar's Buntings showing well in a bush by the path.

18th March. Droutia. With blue skies and sunshine again accompanying us for the day, we walked the lanes around the hilltop village of Droutia.

Amongst the African rocks we found the fern *Polypodium cambricum*, the lovely *Vicia cypria* and at least four Blue Rock Thrushes, sitting up on the very top of the rocks.

Orchids included some very fresh *Anacamptis laxiflora*, going-over *Himantoglossum robertianum*, a handful of the lemon yellow *Dactylorhiza romana*, a couple of spikes of *Orchis italica* and at least three species of Serapias, as well as abundant *A. syriaca* and a whole range of Ophrys: *Ophrys fusca*, *O. sicula*, *O. morio*, *O. umbilicata*, *O. flavomarginata and O. attica*. At the end of the walk we found two new Ophrys: *O. israelitica*, with its white 'W' marking and no V-shaped groove in the throat, and the lovely *O. iricolor*, with a large, velvety, fusca-like flower, but showing bright pink under the lip. Other notable flowers included *Phlomis lunarifolia*, Mandrake and *Aristolochia sempervirens*.

An adult Bonelli's Eagle soared overhead at lunchtime, causing panic amongst the local Jackdaw population. A male Woodchat Shrike was hunting from a line of bushes after lunch, while that long last uphill climb was livened up by a female Desert Wheatear in a newly-planted vineyard. At the top of the hill we found a pair of Cretzschmar's Buntings in a stoney field, and were flown past in quick succession by a Lanner (a big fast falcon) and a Roller, almost slipping past un-noticed, being chased by a Jackdaw.

19th March. Smygies and Neo Chorio. We spent the day walking gently down from the ridge of the Akamas, above the Smygies picnic site, to the hotel, stopping en route for a taverna lunch in the lovely village of Neo Chorio.

But before the walk proper, we drove a bit further up along the trail to a sunny hillside where a little searching revealed good numbers of a beautiful red tulip, as yet un-named! (There are two species of Tulipa known to occur in Cyprus, and this population fits neither of them!).

Back at the start of the walk, an outcrop of serpentine rock was the habitat for several Cypriot endemics associated this rock: *Alyssum akamasicum, Thymus integer* and *Centaurea veneris,* with a male Cyprus Wheatear singing nearby. From a viewpoint looking out over the west coast, a male Goshawk soared overhead, a nice surprise. Lower down, under the pines we found the tiny *Gladiolus triphyllus* (another endemic, of course). But the real stars of the day were the orchids. During the walk we managed to find a very respectable 25 species, including new species in the form of Dense-flowered Orchid *Orchis intacta,* some fresh *Ophrys bornmuelleri*, rather handily growing alongside the similar *O. levantina,* the endemic *O. lapethica* and a single spike of *O. mammosa.* It was also great to find a big population of *Ophrys kotschyi* growing together with *Orchis punctulata* in a new site, on our way back to the hotel.

Paphos Blues were very much in evidence around the Genista bushes, and an amazing cooperative Ocellated Skink posed for photos on the track!

20th March. Aphrodite Beach and home... All too soon, our ten days has come to an end! One last breakfast on the terrace, overlooking the Mediterranean, and we had to bid farewell to Gregoria and Tassos our wonderful hosts and headed back to Paphos and our flights home.

But first, a stop at Mandria beach gave us close up views of Swallowtail, Clouded Yellow and some new butterflies, in the form of single Lesser Fiery Copper, Small Copper and Mallow Skipper, plus a couple of Hoopoes and three Calandra Larks over the potato fields.

An uneventful flight back to the UK took us across the snow-topped mountains of Turkey and the Balkans, before arriving back in Gatwick.

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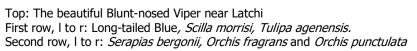
A gallery of Philip's photos from the trip can be seen at http://www.flickr.com/photos/wildlifetravel/sets/72157633020817756/













Ophrys: a rogues gallery

The largest and most confusing group of orchids is the genus *Ophrys*, the 'bee orchids'. With up to 16 species found on Cyprus (of which we found 15!) this can be a very confusing group! Luckily, they fall into several smaller 'bite size' groups which make the genus much more manageable.



Ophrys sicula the yellow one



O. bornmuelleri short 'ears',lip flared forward



O. levantina short 'ears' lip curled back



O. apifera var chlorantha white form of Bee Orchid



Ophrys umbilicata pink sepals, lip tucked under



O. attica green sepals, lip tucked under



O. flavomarginata yellow lip margin, flared forward



O. lapethica pink sepals, skinny waist



O. morio narrow, early



O. mammosa broad, late flowering



O. kotschyi unique



Ophrys fusca

small,V-groove in 'throat'



O. israelitica

large, no V-groove, white W

O. iricolor



O. elegans

large, V-groove, pink underneath

sepals swept back, goggles

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	FERNS			10th
	Adiantum capillus-veneris	Maidenhair Fern		19 th
	Anogramma leptophylla	Annual Fern		12 th
	Polypodium cambricum	Southern Polypody	On the African rocks	18 th
	Ophioglossum lusitanicum	Small Adder's Tongue	tiny	13 th
	CONIFERS			
	Cupressaceae			1.0th
	Cupressus sempervirens			13 th
	Juniperus phoenicea	Phoenician Juniper		12 th
	Ephedraceae	lainted Dine		17 th
	Ephedra fragilis	Jointed Pine		17
	Pinaceae Pinus brutia	Calabrian Pine		12 th
		Stone Pine		12 th
	Pinus pinea Cedrus brevifolia			17 th
E		Cyprus Cedar		14"
	DICOTYLEDONS			
E	Amaranthaceae		In the botanic garden	12 th
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	Anacardiaceae Pistacia lentiscus	Mastic Tree	Lised to flavour causages	12 th
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	Pistacia telebininus Pistacia atlantica			14 th
			big tree at the monastery	17
	Apiaceae Ferula communis	Giant Fennel		12 th
	Foeniculum vulgare	Fennel		12 18 th
	Lagoecia cuminoides		Looks a bit like yarrow	10 12 th
	Scandix pecten-veneris	Shepherd's Needle		12 12 th
	Smyrnium olusatrum	Alexanders		12 th
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	Boraginaceae			
	Anchusa aegyptiaca	Eastern Alkanet		12 th
	Anchusa azurea	Large Blue Alkanet		18 th
	Anchusa undulata	Undulated Alkanet		14 th
	Borago officinalis	Borage		18 th
	Buglossoides arvensis	Corn Gromwell		18 th
	Echium angustifolium	Narrow-leaved Bugloss		17 th
	Lithodora hispidula		Pink and white flowers	13 th
Ξ	Onosma fruticosa		golden-drop	19 th
	Brassicaceae			
Ξ.	Alyssum akamasicum		On the serpentinite	19 th
-	Arabis purpurea			14 th
	Arabis verna	Spring Rockcress		14 th
	Biscutella didyma			13 th
	Sinapis alba	White Mustard		12 th
	Thlaspi perfoliatum			14 th
	Turritis laxa			14 th
	Campanulaceae			
	Legousia hybrida			18 th
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	Caryophyllaceae Kohlrauschia velutina	Childling Pink		19 th
			Diale condex the constalla	19 th
	Minuartia picta		Pink under the petals	
	Minuartia montana			14 th
	Paronychia argentea			17 th
	Silene behen			18 th
	Silene colorata var bicumbens		On the beach	17 th
	Cistaceae			
	Cistus creticus		Large pink flowers	12 th
	Cistus monspeliensis	Narrow-leaved Cistus	Small white flowers, narrow leaves	12 th
	Cistus parviflorus	Small-flowered Cistus	Small pink flowers	12 th
	Cistus salviifolius	Sage-leaved Cistus	Small white flowers, wide leaves	12 th
	Cistus ladanifer		Big white flowers	12 th
	Fumana arabica	Arabian Rock-rose	deeper yellow than Helianthemum	14 th
	Fumana thymifolia	Thyme-leaved Rock-rose		19 th
E	Helianthemum obtusifolium			14 th
	Helianthemum salicifolium	Willow-leaved Rock-rose		14 th
	Tuberaria guttata	Spotted Rock-rose		14 th
	Convolvulaceae			1
	Convolvulus althaeoides	Mallow-leaved Bindweed		17 th
	Convolvulus siculus		unstalked leaves	13 th
	Convolvulus pentapetaloides		stalked leaves	15 th
	Crassulaceae			
	Crassula vailantii			13 th
\dashv	Sedum caespitosum		In flower	13 th
-	Telmissa microcarpa		Bright red	13 th
	Umbilicus rupestris	Navelwort		18 th
				10
	Ericaceae Arbutus andrachne	Eastern Strawberry Tree	Common in Paphos Forest	12 th
			Common in raphos rolest	12
	Fabaceae		white churches Aster !	1 4th
-+	Astragalus lusitanicus	Calast Data and	white shrubby Astragalus	14 th
	Calycotome villosa	Spiny Broom	flowery 'gorse', nice scent	12 th
	Ceratonia siliqua	Carob		12 th
	Cercis siliquastrum	Judas Tree		18 th
1	Genista sphacelata		spiny 'gorse', foodplant of	12 th

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	Hippocrepis monosiliquosa		a horseshoe vetch	13 th
	Hymenocarpos circinatus		round pods, on the beach by Aphrodite's rock	16 th
	Lathyrus annuus		Orangey flowers	18 th
	Lathyrus aphaca	Yellow Vetchling	no leaves	14 th
	Lathyrus blepharicarpos		red flowers	12 th
	Lathyrus gorgonei		pale orange flowers	12 th
	Lathyrus ochrus		winged stems	15 th
	Lotus halophilus		Tiny pea on the beach	17 th
	Lupinus micranthus	Dwarf Blue Lupin		15 th
	Medicago marina	Sea Medick		17 th
	Medicago polymorpha			13 th
	Ornithopus compressus			14 th
	Physanthylis tetraphylla		Inflated bladder calyx	15 th
	Scorpiurus muricatus			15 th
	Tetragonolobus purpureus	Asparagus Pea		12 th
	Trifolium argutum		Pink clover on the path	15 th
	Trifolium clypeatum	Shield Clover		12 th
	Trifolium physodes		Hedgehog clover	16 th
	Trifolium stellatum	Star Clover		13 th
	Trifolium tomentosum	Woolly Clover		13 th
	Trigonella berythea	Fenugreek		14 th
	Vicia hybrida	Hairy Yellow-vetch		12 th
	Vicia cassia		Purple and white, nr Mouflon	14 th
	Vicia cypria		White with stroke of purple	18 th
	Vicia lathyroides		Tiny blue, on roadside	14 th
	Vicia narbonense		looks like Broad Bean	14 th
	Vicia peregrina		mauve flowers, cut off leaves	13 th
	Vicia villosa		spikes of dark pink flowers	18 th
	Vicia laxiflora		small, pale purple flowers	18 th
	Vicia sativa	Common Vetch		12 th
	Fagaceae			
	Quercus coccifera calliprinos	Kermes Oak	Holly-like leaves, shrub	14 th
-	Quercus alnifolia	Golden Oak	Round leaves, shrub	14 th
	Quercus infectoria veneris	Deciduous or Royal Oak	Tree	14 th
	Geraniaceae			_
	Erodium gruinum	Long-beaked Stork's-bill	Purple flowers	14 th
	Erodium malacoides	Soft Stork's-bill	Entire leaf	12 th
	Erodium moschatum	Musk Stork's-bill	Dissected leaf	12 th
	Erodium crassifolium		On the chalk cliff, Episkopi	16 th
	Geranium colombinum			12 th
	Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill		18 th
	Geranium molle	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill		18 th
	Geranium purpureum	Little Robin		12 th
	Geranium tuberosum	Tuberous Crane's-bill		17 th
	Lamiaceae			
	Ajuga chamaepitys	Ground Pine		14 th
	Lamium amplexicaule	Henbit		14 th
	Lamium garganicum	Large Red Deadnettle		14 th
	Micromeria nervosa			15 th
	Phlomis cypria		In the botanic garden	12 th
	Phlomis lunariifolia			18 th
	Prasium majus		White flowered scrambling shrub	12 th
	Salvia fruticosa			12 th
-	Salvia verbenaca	Wild Clary	roadside	18 th
_	Salvia viridis			12 th

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	Thymus capitatus		Spiny bush	14 th
Е	Thymus integer			14 th
	Vitex agnus-castus		Looked dead	12 th
	Linaceae			
	Linum bienne	Pale Flax		19 th
	Linum nodiflorum			19 th
	Malvaceae			
	Lavatera cretica	Small-flowered Tree Mallow		15 th
	Malva nicaeenis			15 th
	Myrtaceae			d ath
	Myrtus communis	Myrtle		14 th
	Oleaceae	Olive		12 th
	Olea europaea	Wild Olive		12 th
	Olea europaea var. sylvestris			12**
	Orobanchaceae Orobanche minor	Common Broomrape		19 th
	Orobanche ramosa	Branched Broomrape		15 th
	Oxalidaceae	Brancied Broomidpe		
	Oxalis pes-caprae	Bermuda Buttercup	yellow introduced oxalis	12 th
	Papaveraceae		,	
	Papaver rhoeas	Corn Poppy		16 th
	Papaver argemone	Prickly Poppy		16 th
Е	Papaver cyprium		Tiny, on the beach	17 th
	Plantaginaceae			
	Plantago afra	Branched Plantain		18 th
	Plantago coronopus			19 th
	Plantago cretica		Fluffy flowers	16 th
	Plantago maritima			16 th
	Plumbaginaceae			
	Limonium sinuatum	Sea Lavender		17 th
	Polygonaceae			
	Rumex cypria		On the beach	16 th
	Emex spinosa			17 th
	Primulaceae			1 Oth
-	Anagallis arvensis foemina	Blue Pimpernel Cypriot Cyclamen		12 th 14 th
E	Cyclamen cyprium Cyclamen persicum	Persian Cyclamen	Leaves only, near Mouflon	14 st 12 th
	, ,	Persian Cyclamen		12
	Rafflesiaceae Cytinus hypocistis		Bright red, cistus parasite	19 th
	Ranunculaceae		bight rea, cistas parasite	19
	Anemone coronaria	Crown Anemone		13 th
	Ranuculus asiaticus	Turban Buttercup		12 th
	Ranunculus arvensis	Corn Buttercup		18 th
	Ranunculus peltatus	Pond Water Crowfoot		13 th
	Ranunculus paludosus			13 th
	Rosaceae			
	Craetagus azarolus	Mediterranean Hawthorn		18 th
	Eriobotrya japonica	Loquat		12 th
	Prunus dulcis	Almond		12 th
	Pyrus communis	Wild Pear		12 th
	Sarcopoterium spinosum	Thorny Burnet	Chicken wire bush	12 th
	Rubiaceae			
	Galium canum		downy gallium on the big boulder	12 th
	Rutaceae			
	Ruta chalepensis	Rue		17 th

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Santalaceae				
Thesium humile	Bastard Toadflax		19 th	
Scrophulariaceae				
Bellardia trixago			15 th	
Linaria chalepensis			15 th	
Limosella aquatica	Mudwort		13 th	
Misopates orontium	Weasel Snout		15 th	
Parentucellia latifolia	Southern Red Bartsia		14 th	
Veronica anagalis-aquatica	Blue Water Speedwell		18 th	
Veronica ixodes		Tiny flowers, growing on cliff	14 th	
Veronica persica		Large, blue flowers	14 th	
Veronica cymbalaria	Pale Speedwell		14 th	
Solanaceae				
Mandragora officinarum	Mandrake		18 th	
Styraceae			1 oth	
Styrax officinalis			18 th	
Tamaricaceae	Descrit Terres 11		1 Cth	
Tamarix tetragyna	Desert Tamarisk		16 th	
Zygophyllaceae			1 Oth	
Fagonia cretica		purple flowers	12 th	
MONOCOTYLEDONS				
Amaryllidaceae				
Allium neopolitanum	Naples Garlic		12 th	
Allium trifoliatum			15 th	
Araceae				
Arisarum vulgaris	Friar's Cowl		12 th	
Asparagaceae				
Asparagus acutifolius			18 th	
 Bellavalia trifoliata	Three-leaved Bellavalia		12 th	
Bellavalia nivalis	Snowy Bellavalia		12 th	
Drimia maritime	Sea Squill		12 th	
 Muscari neglectum		Going over	14 th	
Ornithogalum pedicellare			12 th	
Scilla morrisii		Below the oak trees	14 th	
Iridaceae			. – 14	
Gladiolus italicus	Field Gladiolus		12 th	
Gladiolus triphyllus			19 th	
Moraea sisyrinchium	Barbary Nut		13 th	
Romulea ramiflora	Sand Crocus		13 th	
Liliaceae			10	
Gagea graeca		White flowers = Lloydia	12 th	
Gagea peduncularis			13 th	
Tulipa agenensis			17 th	
Tulip indet.			19 th	
Smilacaceae	Cariller		1 Oth	
Smilax aspera	Smilax		12 th	
Xanthorroeaceae			1 Oth	
Asphodelus ramosus	Common Asphodel		12 th	
Asphodelus fistulosus			12 th	
Zanichelliaceae			1.0#	
 Zanichellia palustris	Horned Pondweed		13 th	

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Orchidaceae		Notes	5000	19th
Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal Orchid		15 th	х
Anacamptis syriaca		Like Green-winged Orchid	13 th	Х
Anacamptis laxiflora	Loose-flowered Orchid		18 th	
Himmantoglossum robertianum	Giant Orchid		15 th	Х
Dactylorhiza romana	Roman Orchid		14 th	Х
Epipactis veratrifolia	Eastern Marsh Helleborine		16 th	
Orchis fragrans	Bug Orchid		13 th	
Orchis intacta	Dense-flowered Orchid		19 th	Х
Orchis italica	Naked Man Orchid		12 th	Х
Orchis punctulata	Punctate Orchid		15 th	Х
Orchis quadripunctata	Four-spotted Orchid		19 th	Х
Orchis troodii	Troodos Orchid		14 th	
Platanthera (chlorantha) holmboei	Holmboe's Butterfly Orchid	Leaves only	14 th	
Serapias aphrodite	Aphrodite Serapias		13 th	Х
Serapias orientalis	Eastern Serapias		15 th	Х
Serapias levantina	Levant Serapias		15 th	Х
Serapias bergonii (laxiflora)	Long-lipped Serapias		13 th	Х
Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid		16 th	
Ophrys apifera var. chlorantha			19 th	Х
Ophrys elegans			12 th	Х
Ophrys mammosa			19 th	Х
Ophrys morio			13 th	Х
Ophrys attica		Formerly Ophrys attica	15 th	Х
Ophrys flavomarginata			12 th	Х
Ophrys kotschyi			16 th	Х
Ophrys lapethica			19 th	Х
Ophrys umbilicata			15 th	Х
Ophrys bornmuelleri			19 th	Х
Ophrys levantina			13 th	Х
Ophrys fusca		V-shaped throat	13 th	Х
Ophrys iricolor		red under lip	18 th	
Ophrys sicula			12 th	Х
Ophrys israelitica		U-shaped throat	18 th	Х

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Family Ardeidae (Hero	ons)									
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta						Х			
Family Phoenicopterid							_	i and	i and	
Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus ruber						Х			
Family Anatidae (Swa	ns, geese and ducks)									
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos						Х			
Family Accipitridae (H	awks and Eagles)									
Bonelli's Eagle	Hieraaetus fasciatus								Х	
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo		Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	Х							Х	
Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis									Х
Family Falconidae (Fa	-						Ļ			
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Lanner	Falco biarmicus								Х	
	heasants and Partridges)	I	\.·							
Black Francolin	Francolinus francolinus	Н	X	н	H	X	Н		H	н
Chukar	Alectoris chukar		Н	Н	Х	Х			Х	Η
Family Rallidae (Rails							X	4		
Coot	Fulica atra						Х			
Family Laridae (Gulls) Slender-billed Gull								4		
Yellow-legged Gull	Larus genei Larus michahellis	x	Х	Х	Х	Х	X X	Х	Х	х
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Family Columbidae (P Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X
Family Apodidae (Swit		~	~	χ	~	χ				χ
Swift	Apus apus		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Pallid Swift	Apus pallidus						+		х	
Alpine Swift	Apus melba						+	Х	Х	
Family Upupidae (Hoo	poes)									
Ноорое	Upupa epops	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х		Х
Family Coraciidae (Ro	llers)									
Roller	Coracias garrulous								Х	
Family Picidae										
Wryneck	Jynx torquilla						Х			Х
Family Alaudidae (Lar	ks)									
Skylark	Alauda arvensis							Х		
Crested Lark	Galerida cristata					Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Short-toed Lark	Calandrella brachydactyla							Х		
Calandra Lark	Melanocorypha calandra									
	Swallows and Martins)						lp -			
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia						<u> </u>	X	<u> </u>	X
House Martin	Delichon urbica	Х	X	X	Х	X	Х	X	X	Х
Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo daurica	v	X	X	v	X		X	X	<u></u>
Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family Motacillidae (P						V	V	V	V	V
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis Motacilla alba			v	v	X	X	X	Х	X
White Wagtail				Х	Х	Х	X X	X X	─	Х
Blue-headed Wagtail Black-headed Wagtail	Motacilla (flava) flava Motacilla (flava) feldegg		-		-	Х	X		+	
Diack-neaueu waytall	molacilla (llava) leiüegg		1	1	1	^	^	Х		1

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Family Troglodytidae (Wi	rens)									
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes cypriotes				Н					
Family Turdidae (Thrushe										
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus						Х			
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	
Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	Х				Х	Х		Х	
Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe				Х	Х	Х	Х		
Isabelline Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Desert Wheatear	Oenanthe deserti					Х		Х	Х	
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe (hispanica) melanoleuca	Х	Х				Х	Х	Х	
Cyprus Wheatear	Oenanthe cypriaca						Х	Х		Х
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius							Х	Х	
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family Sylviidae (Warble										
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х
Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca		Х			Х				
Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Ruppell's Warbler	Sylvia rueppelli					Х				
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	Н	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti	Н	Х	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Х	Н
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	
Family Paridae (Tits)										
Coal Tit	Parus ater cypriotes				Х					
Great Tit	Parus major	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family Laniidae (Shrikes)										
Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator								Х	
Family Corvidae (Crows)										
Magpie	Pica pica	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х
Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family Sturnidae (Starlin		X	V	V	V	V	V			-
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			
Family Passeridae (Sparr				1		V	1	V	1	V
Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispanicus	V				Х		Х		Х
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family Fringillidae (Finch	Fringilla coelebs		V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Chaffinch	5	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	X	X	X
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina		~	~	X	~	V	X	X	X
Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х
Serin	Serinus serinus	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
Family Emberizidae (Bun								V	V	
Cretzschmar's Bunting	Emberiza caesia		1	1	1	1	1	Х	Х	1

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AMPHIBIANS										
Green Toad	Bufo viridis					Х			Х	
Savigny's Tree Frog	Hyla savignyi	Х	Н	Н	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
REPTILES										
Family Agamidae (Agam										
Starred Agama	Laudakia stellio		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family Gekkonidae (Geo										
Kotschy's Gecko	Mediodactylus kotschyi			Х		Х				
Family Lacertidae (Lizar	ds)									
Snake-eyed Lacertid	Ophisops elegans		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Schreiber's Fringe-footed Lizard	Acanthodactylus schreiberi							Х		
Troodos Wall Lizard	Lacerta troodica		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family Scincidae (Skink	5)									
Banded Skink	Mabuya vittata		Х						Х	Х
Budak's Snake-eyed Skink	Ablepharus budaki		Х	Х		Х			Х	Х
Ocellated Skink	Chalcides ocellatus									Х
Family Colubridae (Colu	brid Snakes)									
Large Whip-snake	Coluber jugularis		D		Х		Х	Х		
Family Viperidae (Vipers	5)									
Blunt-nosed Viper	Macrovipera lebetina					Х				
BUTTERFLIES										
Family Papilionidae (Sw					_	_				
Swallowtail	Papilio machaon syriacus			Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	
Eastern Festoon	Zerinthia cerisyi		Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	
Family Pieridae (Whites					_	_				
Large White	Pieris brassicae		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Small White	Pieris rapae	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Eastern Bath White	Pontia edusa						Х		Х	
Orange Tip	Anthocaris cardamines phoenissa		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х
Clouded Yellow	Colias croceus		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Cleopatra	Gonopteryx cleopatra taurica		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	T	T	Ī

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Family Nymphalidae (Admirals and Fritillaries)										
Painted Lady	Vanessa cardui			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Red Admiral	Vanessa atalanta	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Family Satyridae (Bro	wns)										
Southern Speckled Wood	Pararge aegeria aegeria					Х	Х				
Large Wall	Lasiommata maera								Х	Х	T
Family Lycaenidae (Bl	ues & Coppers)										
Long-tailed Blue	Lampides boeticus			Х	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х
Paphos Blue	Glaucopsyche paphos		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х
Small Copper	Lycaena phlaeas										Х
Lesser Fiery Copper	Lycaena thersamon										Х
Family Hesperiidae (S	kippers)										
Mallow Skipper	Carcharodus alcaea										Х

	OTHERS		
e	Cyprus Mouflon	Ovis musimon orientalis	In the enclosure, Stavros tis Psokas
	Eel	Anguilla anguilla	Baths of Aphrodite
	Vagrant Emperor	Hemianax eppiphiger	The common large dragonfly: large numbers hawking overhead
	Lesser Emperor	Anax parthenope	1 female at Pegeia Forest; 1 at Phassouri Reedbeds; 1 male near Neo Chorio
	Hummingbird Hawk Moth	Macroglossum stellatarum	1 at Baths of Aphrodite, 1 at Pegeia Forest
E	Cyprus March Moth	Ocnogyna cypriaca	Caterpillars in 'tents' on the floor, Pegeia
	Pine Processionary Moth	Thaumetopoea pityocampa	Caterpillars in webs in the pine trees
	Hornet	Vespa crabro	Adult hibernating under bark on the dead oak, 14th
	Violet Carpenter Bee	Xyolcopa violacea	The flying black olive
	Green Praying Mantis	Sphodromantis viridis	On the hotel drive, 16 th
	Egyptian Grasshopper	Anacridium aegyptium	The large, grey locust: eg, Pegeia
	Migratory Locust	Schistocerca gregaria	The large locust on the path at Mandria, 20th
	Stick-insect Grasshopper	Acrida hungarica	The large, green grasshopper at Pegeia
E	a grasshopper	Pezotettix cypria	The small, endemic grasshopper seen at lunch, 12 th
	a grasshopper	Orchamus gracilis	The large, flightless grasshopper on 14 th . Virtually endemic, only known from Cyprus and two specimens in Lebanon
e	a jewel beetle	Julodis armeniaca cypria	An endemic subspecies: the big, glossy green beetle, 12 th
	Giant Centipede	Scolopendra cingulata	Poisonous bite, under rocks
	a tarantula	Chaetopelma gracile	Under corrugated iron by the roadside, 15 th
	a jumping bristletail	Silvestrichilis trispina	A male at our lunchspot, 18th
	Wasp Spider	Argiope bruennichi	In the hotel garden, 19 th