

# WILDLIFE TRAVEL

Cyprus 2011



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#	DATE	LOCATIONS & NOTES
1	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Late evening arrival, and transfer to the Aphrodite Beach Hotel.
2	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Baths of Aphrodite, walk round to Fontana Amorosa, then back to the hotel along the coast
3	9 <sup>th</sup> March	am. Walk inland from the hotel, towards Neo Chorio. pm. Free
4	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Monastery of Agios Neophytos. Tombs of the Kings. Paphos headland
5	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Kritou Terra
6	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Pegeia Forest
7	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Droutia
8	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Smygies to Neo Chorio and back to hotel
9	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Foothills of the Troodos Mountains: Stavros tis Psokas & Panagia
10	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Asprokramnos Dam. Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates. Hala Sultan Tekke, Larnaka Salt Lake. Return to UK.

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**7<sup>th</sup> March. Arrival.** After arriving at Paphos Airport a little later than expected, and meeting up with Lambros, our driver, Yiannis and Philip, 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.

**8<sup>th</sup> March. Baths of Aphrodite.** After the thunderstorms and heavy rainfall of the day before, today dawned bright and warm enough to enjoy our first breakfast out on the patio, overlooking the Mediterranean and Chrysochou Bay, with Cetti's Warbler and Sardinian Warbler singing from the bushes and our first Red-rumped Swallow zipping past.

Today was spent walking some of the coastal path around from the Baths of Aphrodite to Fontana Amorosa, just up the coast from the hotel (while dodging some very heavy rain showers).

The botanical garden at the Baths of Aphrodite was a great introduction to some of the endemic plants of the island, including the purple Caltrop *Fagonia cretica* and a couple of impressive spurge. From here we visited the Baths themselves, a shady pond where myth would have us believe Aphrodite bathed after her exploits, now home to three content looking Eels!

During the day we found our first orchids, in the form of the purple and white *Anacamptis syriaca*, the endemic *Ophrys elegans*, *Ophrys flavomarginata* and the gone-over spikes of *Anacamptis collina*. We also learned more about the interesting (for which, read 'complicated') geology of the island.

Birds included a male Eastern Subalpine Warbler, a Peregrine who came through before the final rain shower of the afternoon, a brief fly-past by an Alpine Swift and an equally brief Kingfisher.

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**9<sup>th</sup> March. Hillsides above the hotel.** Another day of (successfully!) dodging the showers. During the morning, we walked up through the lanes towards Neo Chorio, finding plenty of new orchids along the way, amongst the abandoned olive groves and rough fields. Down in the lowest grove was a wonderful stand of the large, yellow *Orchis punctulata* growing alongside the giant orchid *Himantoglossum robertianum*. New *Ophrys* orchids included *O. alasiatica* (with the orangey-brown throat), *O. morio* (with the blacky-purple throat), *O. umbilicata* (with the pale pink sepals and barrel-shaped lip) and *O. sicula* (the yellow one).

The birds were mostly hiding out of the wind, with just a couple of Sardinian Warblers, a pair of Spanish Sparrows and a Corn Bunting or two showing themselves.

In the afternoon, some of us had a wander back along the road and through the fields towards the Baths of Aphrodite. We found a nice stand of *Ophrys israelitica* and enjoyed views of a pair of Alpine Swifts overhead and a male Eastern Subalpine Warbler.

**10<sup>th</sup> March. Paphos.** A day exploring Cyprus's history. 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), moved on to the Tombs of the Kings (with a fly past from a Hoopoe) and then spent the afternoon on the Paphos headland, with its fantastic mosaics, roman amphitheatre and byzantine 'castle of forty columns'.

We avoided the worst of the weather, but the late spring meant there were very few migrants around to keep the birders entertained, and the special plants of the coastal habitats were mostly not yet out...

**11<sup>th</sup> March. Kritou Terra.** Shuffling the itinerary around, we finally made it to Kritou Terra, originally planned as our introductory walk!

Exploring the lanes, fields and hillsides around the village, we found some late flowering *Narcissus tazetta*, a wonderful patch of the deep purple *Fritillaria persica* at one of only two known sites for the species in Cyprus, a hedge of the endemic, privet-like *Bosea cypria*, a wonderful yellow-berried form of Ivy and some new orchids in the form of *Ophrys levantina* and *Orchis italica*, the latter prompting Yiannis to proclaim the presence of a very big naked man in the bushes...

The birds weren't to be ignored either, the two highlights for the day being a very handsome male Black Francolin displaying to two females near Latchi, and a sub-adult Bonelli's Eagle which came over very low, obviously checking us out just as much as we were him.

**12<sup>th</sup> March. Pegeia Forest.** At last, blue skies! Arriving at the forest, we hadn't even made it out of the car park before we were all enjoying the orchids: *Anacamptis syriaca*, *Ophrys levantina*, *O. sicula*, *O. elegans* and a new species in the form of *O. fusca* were all within ten paces of the bus!

The limestone outcrops here have a series of vernal rock pools, home to a special suite of plants, including *Telmisia microcarpa*, the water crowfoot *Ranunculus peltatus* and the Horned Pondweed *Zannichellia palustris*, the latter a new plant for Yiannis!

We had an excellent day for lizards: Budak's Snake-eyed Skink slithering through the pine needles, Snake-eyed Lacertid and Troodos Wall Lizard sunning themselves, a couple of superb Starred Agamas on the cliff face and, back at the hotel, a Mediterranean Chameleon!

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Butterflies were also on the wing for the first time, with Orange Tip, Red Admiral and Painted Lady familiar species from home, but more exciting were the Cleopatra, Swallowtail, Large Wall and Paphos Blue.

Birds were rather few and far between again, but did include a fly past by the same Bonelli's Eagle as yesterday!

**13<sup>th</sup> 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 (sandstone with low-grade metamorphosis, so we learned!), we found some more temporary rock pools, home to *Crassula vallanti*, *Sedum caespitosum* and a tiny population of the water starwort *Callitriche brutia*. Amongst the rocks we found *Gagea julia*, with several flowers on each plant and slightly narrower petals than the fewer-flowered and commoner *G. peduncularis*. Our lunch stop was a field with some spectacular bright-red *Anemone coronaria*.

Birds were rather few and far between, but a big surprise was the appearance on three occasions of a splendid adult Bonelli's Eagle, perhaps the other half of a pair in the Akamas area? We also had distant views of a Long-legged Buzzard, hovering over the valley and two comical Little Owls sat on a new window ledge!

**14<sup>th</sup> 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.

At the start of the walk, an outcrop of serpentine was the habitat for several Cypriot endemics associated with this rock: *Alyssum akamasicum*, *Thymus integer*, *Asperula cypria* and *Centaurea veneris*. But the real stars of the day were the orchids. During this short walk we managed to find an amazing 22 species (plus an unopened Serapias!), including five new species for the trip: the Dense-flowered Orchid *Neotinea maculata* and three Ophrys; *O. bornmuelleri*, *O. attica* and two endemics, *O. lapethica* and a single spike of the wonderful *O. kotschyi* at a new site right on the road verge.

Birds took a back seat once again (the migration this year really hasn't picked up yet), but we did see yet another Bonelli's Eagle (this bird an immature with rather tatty wings), a Peregrine, singing Serin posed on the top of a pine tree and a couple of lovely Red-rumped Swallows.

**15<sup>th</sup> March. Troodos Foothills.** After the walking of the past few days, it was perhaps a relief to spend much of the day on the bus, 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 found two species of *Buglossoides* growing alongside each other in a rough field, and visited the Byzantine Museum of the Bishopruc of Arsinoe, home to some spectacular icons and a 1100 year old olive tree!

Further up, our first roadside stop yielded the endemic *Orchis troodii* (our 24<sup>th</sup> and final orchid species) and the local subspecies of Coal Tit. Later, we walked around the Mouflon enclosure at Stavros tis Psokas, viewed the distant Cyprus Cedars and sampled the bizarre Soutzoukou at the winery in Panagia.

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**16<sup>th</sup> March. South Coast.** All too soon, our ten days has come to an end and we have to depart for the long journey east to Larnaka and our flights home.

Bidding farewell to Jennifer and Susan, as well as Gregoria our wonderful host, we travelled first to the base of the dam at Asprokremnos Reservoir. Here we finally caught up with Cyprus Warbler, an endemic species which has been pushed out of the Akamas Peninsula by the recent arrival of Sardinian Warblers. We also found Cyprus Marsh Frogs in the small pool, as well as close fly-bys by single Swallowtail and Eastern Festoon, Cyprus's two biggest butterflies.

Next stop was the Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates, where as well as the impressive ruins we found more singing Cyprus Warblers, a male Northern Wheatear and a flighty Hoopoe.

Finally, we had a short walk along the southern edge of the salt lake at Larnaka and visited the Hala Sultan Tekke mosque, last resting place of the Prophet's aunt after an unfortunate incident with a donkey. Out on the water we had good, if rather distant views of several thousand Greater Flamingos and good numbers of Slender-billed Gulls. Other firsts here included Little Egret, Green Sandpiper and some Spotted Redshanks which landed out amongst the flamingos! We also, finally, found an ice cream van... just in time!

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E = endemic species. e = endemic sub-species

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes	Seen
<b>Ferns</b>				
	<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Baths of Aphrodite	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rusty-back Fern		15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	on the African rocks	13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Equisetaceae: horsetails</b>				
	<i>Equisetum ramosissimum</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Selaginellaceae: clubmosses</b>				
	<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss		9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>GYMNOSPERMS</b>				
<b>Ephedraceae</b>				
	<i>Ephedra fragilis</i>	Jointed Pine		14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cupressaceae</b>				
	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>			12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Pinaceae</b>				
	<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Calabrian Pine		12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine	Umbrella Pine	13 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Cedrus brevifolia</i>	Cyprus Cedar		15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ANGIOSPERMS: DICOTYLEDONS</b>				
<b>Fagaceae</b>				
	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	Prickly, holly leaves	11 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Quercus alnifolia</i>	Golden Oak		15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Quercus infectoria veneris</i>	Deciduous or Royal Oak	Big tree	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Juglandaceae</b>				
	<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut		11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Moraceae</b>				
	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Baths of Aphrodite	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Urticaceae</b>				
	<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle		11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Callitrichiaceae</b>				
	<i>Callitriche brutia</i>	a water starwort	in the pools on the African rocks	13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Polygonaceae</b>				
	<i>Emex spinosa</i>		Tombs of Kings	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Amaranthaceae</b>				
E	<i>Bosea cypria</i>		Privet-like shrub	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>				
	<i>Minuartia hybrida</i>			15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Minuartia picta</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Minuartia montana</i>		New plant on the layby	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Paronychia argentea</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Silene aegyptiaca</i>		pink, under vines	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Silene colorata</i>		Tomb of the Kings	10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion		11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>				
	<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	Paphos	10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's Bower		15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	Bright yellow	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>		leaves, flowers autumn	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	bigger than at home	11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>	Pond Water Crowfoot		12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>		yellow buttercup	12 <sup>th</sup>

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<b>Fumariaceae</b>				
	<i>Fumaria densiflora</i>			13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Fumaria judaica</i>			11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Papaveraceae</b>				
	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Brassicaceae</b>				
E	<i>Alyssum akamasicum</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Arabis purpurea</i>		Pink brassica	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Biscutella didyma</i>			12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse		12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Clypeola jon-thlaspi</i>		Tiny yellow brassica	13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Wild Rocket		9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	Road verges	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>			15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Resedaceae</b>				
	<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette		12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Crassulaceae</b>				
	<i>Crassula valantii</i>		in pools on African rocks	13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Sedum caespitosum</i>			13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Telmisssa microcarpa</i>		red, in temporary pools	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort		11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Platanaceae</b>				
	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane		15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Rosaceae</b>				
	<i>Craetagus azarolus</i>	Mediterranean Hawthorn		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Craetagus monogyna</i>	Common Hawthorn		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond		9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Rubus sanctus</i>		a bramble	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet		15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Chicken wire bush	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Fabaceae</b>				
	<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	Bean Trefoil		9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Astragalus lusitanicus</i>			15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Calycotome villosa</i>	Spiny Broom		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Genista sphacelata</i>			8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lathyrus annuus</i>		pale orangey, with veins	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling		9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lathyrus blepharicarpos</i>	Eyelash Vetchling	Red	10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Red Vetchling	Brick red	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lathyrus gorgonei</i>		Orange	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>		The big one	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lupinus micranthus</i>	Dwarf Blue Lupin		15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Tomb of the Kings	10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Wild Pea		13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>	Asparagus Pea		12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Trifolium clypeatum</i>	Shield Clover		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>		Pink, tiny	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Vicia faba</i>	Broad Bean		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow-vetch		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Vicia cassia</i>		Purple and white vetch	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Vicia peregrina</i>		lilac	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch		9 <sup>th</sup>

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<b>Oxalidaceae</b>				
	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup	Roadverges	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Geraniaceae</b>				
	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill		13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill		9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Soft Stork's-bill	Mallow leaved	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill		13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin		9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill		13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Crane's-bill		11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Zygophyllaceae</b>				
	<i>Fagonia cretica</i>		Botanic Gardens	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Linaceae</b>				
	<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax		14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>				
	<i>Euphorbia arguta</i>		Serrated leaves	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Euphorbia dimorphocaulon</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge	Road verges	9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Euphorbia thompsonii</i>		Botanic Gardens	8 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Euphorbia veneris</i>		Botanic Gardens	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Aceraceae</b>				
	<i>Acer obtusifolium</i>		Maple, orange leaves	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Anacardiaceae</b>				
	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Schinus molle</i>	Pepper Tree		11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>				
	<i>Rhamnus oleifolius</i>			11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Malvaceae</b>				
	<i>Malva nicaeensis</i>			12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Violaceae</b>				
	<i>Viola alba</i>		food plant of Cardinal butterfly	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cistaceae</b>				
	<i>Cistus creticus</i>			8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Cistus		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Rock-rose		12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i>	Willow-leaved Rock-rose		12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose		14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>				
	<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	Bryony		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Myrtaceae</b>				
	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle		10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Araliaceae</b>				
	<i>Hedera helix</i>		'normal' ivy	11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Hedera helix var. poterium</i>		Yellow berried form	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Apiaceae</b>				
	<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	Roadsides	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel		13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lecokia cretica</i>		Furry seed capsules	11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Ericaceae</b>				
	<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry Tree		14 <sup>th</sup>

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<b>Primulaceae</b>				
	<i>Anagallis arvensis foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel		8 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Cyclamen cyprium</i>	Cypriot Cyclamen	Leaves only: red underside	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	Persian Cyclamen		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>				
	<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Sea Lavender		10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Oleaceae</b>				
	<i>Olea europea</i>	Olive		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Olea europea var. sylvestris</i>	Wild Olive		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Rubiaceae</b>				
E	<i>Asperula cypria</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Madder		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>				
	<i>Convolvulus coelesyriacus</i>		Tombs of the Kings	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Boraginaceae</b>				
	<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>	Eastern Alkanet	Creamy yellow flowers	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet		13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Anchusa strigosa</i>		Prickly leaves	11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Anchusa undulata</i>	Undulated Alkanet		13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Buglossoides arvensis</i>	Corn Gromwell	arable weed	11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Buglossoides tenuifolius</i>		pale blue flowers, arable weed	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Cretan Hound's-tongue		14 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lithodora hispidula</i>		Pink and white flowers	8 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Onosma fruticosum</i>		golden drop	14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lamiaceae</b>				
	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Lamium moschatum</i>		white leaves	11 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Phlomis cypria</i>		Botanic garden	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Prasium majus</i>			8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>			8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary		10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Thymus capitatus</i>		Botanic gardens	8 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Thymus integer</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Solanaceae</b>				
	<i>Mandragora officinarum</i>	Mandrake	Tombs of the Kings	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>				
	<i>Linaria chalapensis</i>			13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel Snout		10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>			12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Wavy-leaved Mullein		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Pale Speedwell		12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Asteraceae</b>				
	<i>Anthemis palaestina</i>		pulled apart mayweed	13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Anthemis plutonia</i>		on the track in the trees	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Autumn Daisy		11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold		10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>		Tombs of the Kings	10 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Centaurea veneris</i>			14 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Crepis sancta</i>		Small yellow composite	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>			10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Glebionis coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	=Chrysanthemum	8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Helichrysum conglobatum</i>			10 <sup>th</sup>

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	<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>		Vesta curry plant	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Leontodon tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Hawkbit	Large yellow composite	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>		Shaving brush flowers	8 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Senecio glaucus cyprius</i>			10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow Thistle		15 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Tragopodon sinuatus</i>	Goat's Beard		10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ANGIOSPERMS: MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>				
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>				
	<i>Allium neopolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>		a small pheasants-eye narcissus	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Asparagaceae</b>				
	<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>			9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Asparagus horridus</i>		big thorns	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Hyacinthaceae</b>				
	<i>Bellavalia trifoliata</i>	Three-leaved Bellavalia		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Bellavalia nivalis</i>	Snowy Bellavalia		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Drimia maritime</i>	Sea Squill		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Muscari neglectum</i>			12 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Ornithogalum pedicellare</i>			8 <sup>th</sup>
E	<i>Scilla morrisii</i>		bluebell, Baths of Aphrodite	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Liliaceae</b>				
	<i>Fritillaria persica</i>			11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Gagea fibrosa</i>		Tiny	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Gagea julia</i>		Many flowers per plant	13 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Gagea peduncularis</i>		Common, few flowers per plant	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Xanthorhoeaceae</b>				
	<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Common Asphodel		8 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>			8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Smilacaceae</b>				
	<i>Smilax aspera</i>			8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Iridaceae</b>				
	<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus		9 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut	little blue iris, opens for lunch	10 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Romulea tempskyana</i>		purple	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Romulea ramiflora</i>		small, white	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Zanichelliaceae</b>				
	<i>Zanichellia palustris</i>	Horned Pondweed	The green 'hair' in the temporary ponds	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Araceae</b>				
	<i>Arum hygrophilum</i>			11 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl		8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Orchidaceae</b>				
	<i>Anacamptis collina</i>	Fan-lipped Orchid	<i>Orchis collina</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Anacamptis syriaca</i>		<i>Orchis syriaca</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Himantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	<i>Barlia robertiana</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman Orchid		13 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Ophrys elegans</i>		<i>O. argolica ssp. Elegans</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> X
E	<i>Ophrys alasiatica</i>		<i>O. sintensii</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Ophrys morio</i>		<i>O. transhyrcana</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Ophrys attica</i>			14 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Ophrys flavomarginata</i>			8 <sup>th</sup> X
E	<i>Ophrys kotschyi</i>			14 <sup>th</sup> X
E	<i>Ophrys lapethica</i>			14 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Ophrys umbilicata</i>			9 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Ophrys bornmuelleri</i>			14 <sup>th</sup> X
	<i>Ophrys levantina</i>			11 <sup>th</sup> X

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	<i>Ophrys fusca</i>			12 <sup>th</sup>	X
	<i>Ophrys sicula</i>		<i>O. lutea ssp galilaea</i>	9 <sup>th</sup>	X
	<i>Ophrys israelitica</i>			9 <sup>th</sup>	X
E	<i>Orchis troodii</i>	Troodos Orchid	<i>Orchis anatolica ssp. troodii</i>	15 <sup>th</sup>	
	<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid		11 <sup>th</sup>	X
	<i>Orchis intacta</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	14 <sup>th</sup>	X
	<i>Orchis punctulata</i>	Punctate Orchid		9 <sup>th</sup>	X
	<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid		13 <sup>th</sup>	X
E	<i>Serapias aphrodite</i>	Aphrodite Serapias	Newly described	12 <sup>th</sup>	
	<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Autumn Lady's Tresses	Leaves only	12 <sup>th</sup>	X

## *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 13) 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



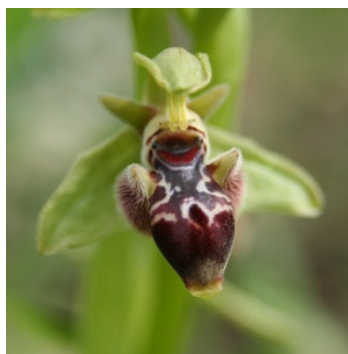
*O. bornmuelleri*  
short 'ears', lip flared forward



*O. levantina*  
short 'ears' lip curled back



*Ophrys umbilicata*  
pink sepals, lip tucked under



*O. attica*  
green sepals, lip tucked under



*O. flavomarginata*  
yellow margin to lip, flared forward



*O. lapethica*  
skinny waist



*Ophrys alasiatica*  
brown 'throat', pale lip margin



*O. morio*  
purple-black 'throat'



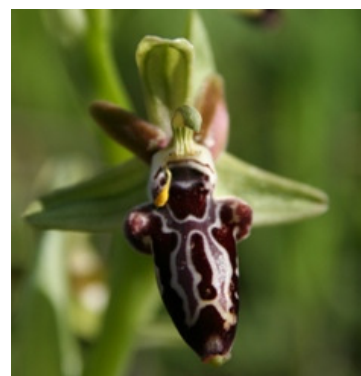
*O. elegans*  
sepals swept back, goggles



*Ophrys fusca*  
V-groove in 'throat', yellow margin



*O. israelitica*  
no V-groove in throat, white W



*O. kotschyi*  
unique!

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<b>Family Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)</b>											
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>										X
<b>Family Ardeidae (Herons)</b>											
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>										X
<b>Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)</b>											
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>										X
<b>Family Anatidae (Swans, geese and ducks)</b>											
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>										X
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>										X
<b>Family Accipitridae (Hawks and Eagles)</b>											
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>					X	X	X	X		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>				X				X	X	X
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>							X			
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					X	X	X			
<b>Family Falconidae (Falcons)</b>											
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		X				X		X		X
<b>Family Phasianidae (Pheasants and Partridges)</b>											
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>				H						
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>		X	H		X	H	X	X	X	H
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		H		X	H	X	X	H	X	X
<b>Family Rallidae (Rails and Crakes)</b>											
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>										X
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>										X
<b>Family Scolopacidae (Sandpipers)</b>											
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>										X
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>										X
<b>Family Laridae (Gulls)</b>											
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>										X
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>										X
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>				X						
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
(Baltic) Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i>				X	X					
Audouin's Gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>				X			X			
<b>Family Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)</b>											
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Strigidae (Owls)</b>											
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>							X			
e Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops cyprius</i>		H					H			
<b>Family Apodidae (Swifts)</b>											
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		X	X							X
<b>Family Upupidae (Hoopoes)</b>											
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				X	X					X
<b>Family Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)</b>											
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		X								
<b>Family Alaudidae (Larks)</b>											
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			X	X	X		X	X		X

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<b>Family Hirundinidae (Swallows and Martins)</b>												
	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		X						X		
	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Motacillidae (Pipits and Wagtails)</b>												
	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		X	X	X			X		X	X
	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		X	X						X	
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Turdidae (Thrushes and Chats)</b>												
	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		X	X	X		X	X	X		
	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				X						X
	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>				X						
	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>					X			H		
	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Sylviidae (Warblers)</b>												
	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>					X					
	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E	Cyprus Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanothorax</i>										X
	Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia (cantillans) albistriata</i>		X	X							
	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		X		X		H	X	X	H	H
	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		X		X	X	X	X	X	H	X
	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>								X		
<b>Family Paridae ( Tits)</b>												
e	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater cypriotes</i>									X	
	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Corvidae (Crows)</b>												
	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
e	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius glaszneri</i>									X	
	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
<b>Family Sturnidae (Starlings)</b>												
	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			X	X						
<b>Family Passeridae (Sparrows)</b>												
	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispanicus</i>		X	X		X					
	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Fringillidae (Finches)</b>												
	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			X	X	X	X		X	X	
<b>Family Emberizidae (Buntings)</b>												
	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		X	X	X	X		X	X		X

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<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>												
	Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>						X	X			
	Savigny's Tree Frog	<i>Hyla savignyi</i>						X	X	X	X	
E	Cyprus Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax cf. bedriagae</i>										X
<b>REPTILES</b>												
<b>Family Agamidae (Agamids)</b>												
	Starred Agama	<i>Laudakia stellio</i>						X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Chamaeleonidae (Chameleons)</b>												
	Mediterranean Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo chamaeleon</i>						X	X			
<b>Family Gekkonidae (Geckos)</b>												
	Kotschy's Gecko	<i>Mediodactylus kotschyi</i>						X				
<b>Family Lacertidae (Lizards)</b>												
	Snake-eyed Lacertid	<i>Ophisops elegans</i>		X				X	X	X	X	X
E	Troodos Wall Lizard	<i>Lacerta troodica</i>						X	X	X	X	X
<b>Family Scincidae (Skinks)</b>												
	Budak's Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus budaki</i>						X	X		X	

<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>												
<b>Family Papilionidae (Swallowtails)</b>												
	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon syriacus</i>						X				X
e	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerinthia cerisyi cypria</i>								X		X
<b>Family Pieridae (Whites)</b>												
	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>										X
	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocaris cardamines phoenissa</i>		X				X	X		X	X
	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>									X	
	Cleopatra	<i>Gonopteryx cleopatra taurica</i>						X	X		X	X
<b>Family Nymphalidae (Admirals and Fritillaries)</b>												
	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>				X		X	X			X
	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		X				X	X		X	
<b>Family Satyridae (Browns)</b>												
	Large Wall	<i>Lasioommata maera</i>						X				
<b>Family Lycaenidae (Blues &amp; Coppers)</b>												
E	Paphos Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche paphos</i>						X	X		X	X
	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>					X					

<b>OTHERS</b>												
e	Cyprus Mouflon	<i>Ovis musimon orientalis</i>	In the enclosure at Stavros tis Psokas									
	Vagrant Emperor	<i>Hemianax eppiphiger</i>	The common dragonfly during our trip									
	Hummingbird Hawk Moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>	Seen several times									
	March Moth	<i>Alsophila aescularia</i>										
	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>										
	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>										
	Red-winged Grasshopper	<i>Acrotylis insubricus</i>										
	Green Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela campestris</i>										
	Eel	<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	3 enjoying Aphrodite's bath									