

Western Greece

Tuesday 29 April – Thursday 8 May 2008

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Diary

Tuesday 29th April 2008

Sunny

I arrived in Athens to be met by a smiling group, Gareth and George. We drove into Athens and George drove us on a circular route so Gareth could point out the main attractions. On arrival at Hotel Parthenon, we walked through the recently pedestrianised area set up by Melina Mercouri, whose statue we passed. Our luggage was soon with us. We had a delicious dinner in the hotel, and afterwards we walked to see the Acropolis floodlight nearby.

Wednesday 30th April 2008

Sunny

We had breakfast at 7.00 and at 8.00 we took the Acropolis Metro to the next station.

We saw the reproductions of statues from the Parthenon as well as the layers of strata cut through by the building of the Metro. We were able to admire the spacious layout of the station and the museum cases with objects found in the excavations.

We arrived at the National Palace and watched the guard. A dog decided to accompany us through the National Botanical Gardens. We found a variety of birds in the gardens including Ring-necked Parakeets, which have been there since Roman times. We returned to the hotel, passing some Royal Guard soldiers practising their marching steps. Our guide Christina took us to the Acropolis via the Herod Atticus gate, which was a quiet way to explore the area. We saw Hoopoes, Swifts and Sardinian Warblers. On the way back from the Parthenon, we went down through the Sacred Way to the Agora and the Agora Museum and found butterflies and birds in the gardens planted in the Agora, by the archaeologists with typical examples of Mediterranean plants. We learnt about the olive and its economic status and how the state controlled olives in Ancient Greece.

We had lunch in the Plaka area and left at 1.30 to drive to Arta. We stopped briefly at Corinth Canal and then drove along the north coast of the Peloponnese. We crossed over on the new bridge, which is like 4 silver Yachts. The "Charilaos Trikoupis" bridge is named after the Prime Minister who thought of it in 1889 and visited the visitor centre which explained how the bridge had been built and then we looked at an exhibition of ancient bridges of Greece, a few of which we planned to visit during our tour. We drove on in sunshine through the mountains and down to the Amvrachikos Gulf and past the famous bridge at Arta to our hotel (340KM). We had dinner in the hotel.

Thursday 1st May

Sunny and hot

We had an early morning walk and returned to breakfast and departed at 9.00am which was to be the pattern for the next few days. We spent the morning on the Avleri spit and saw plenty of good birds. We drove to the end using the bus as a hide, and took some walks as we returned. We found Common Terns, Slender billed Gull, and two Loggerhead Turtles, which had sadly died during the winter, judging by the size of the barnacles on one of them, they were very old. We had lunch by the boats on the river and

spent the afternoon at Petra Marshes, where we walked to the wet meadows. Great Reed Warblers called everywhere and at the meadows there were Glossy Ibis, Spoonbills and Ruff and Wood Sandpipers. We returned to the hotel, where it was hot enough for a swim in the pool. We had dinner in the hotel again and held the checklist before we retired to hear Scops Owl and see fireflies in the garden from our balconies.

Friday 2nd May 2008

Sunny and hot.

On our morning walk we found a Common Toad and a Penduline Tits nest but no sign of the owners. We went to the Rodia Wetland Centre and had a presentation by Christa about the Amvrakikos Gulf and its management, bought cards and souvenirs and we went out to see the Roman olive press where we also saw Black-headed Bunting. In the centres boat we went down the river passing Common Sandpiper, Black winged Stilt and Little Egret. On the lagoon we found 4 Black-necked Grebe very close to the boat. We stopped at the Monastery of Ag. Sofia and explored the church and surroundings and found a very large snake at the waterside. Over at the Fisherman's Hut we found a variety of Terns and Gulls and Dalmatian Pelicans cruised overhead, and a Peregrine put everything to flight. We had an interesting fish lunch. Back at Rogia we visited the Water Buffalo, which manage the reed beds. In the afternoon we went on to St Catherine's Hill, where we walked to the viewpoint through flowers and very busy Black Potter Bees, who were building their nests. Lizards, butterflies and bush crickets were also spotted amongst the floral display.

We returned to Filokia and walked round to see the Penduline Tits nest but they were still away. We held the checklist before leaving at 7.15 for Arta bridge which we walked over to our taverna for dinner. Another very fine spread with a special desert. On our return we walked in the garden and examined the fireflies and listened for the Scops Owl.

Saturday 3rd May 2008

Sunny AM. Overcast PM

After the usual morning walk, we departed for the Louros river and the Amvrakikos Gulf. We saw a Little Bittern briefly and Dalmatian Pelicans well and then we called in at Rogia Castle, rather quiet due to herbicide but we did see Spotted Flycatcher and some butterflies on the lower slopes. We continued on to the Louros river, the Roman Aqueduct and St George's Springs where we saw Grey Wagtail on the river and enjoyed a picnic under the ancient plane trees. On arrival in Ioannina we were able to explore Ali Pasha's fortress and visit the Museum before taking the boat out to Nisa Island where we had a coffee break before walking clockwise round the island, bird watching as we went and had great views of Great Crested Grebes with young, Ferruginous Duck, Little Bittern, and we even saw a Nightingale. We cruised back to Ioannina, before heading off into the Zagori to find our guesthouse in the Village of Vitsa. We were soon welcomed and settled into another delicious meal of home cooking. We retired to sleep with Nightingales singing outside.

Sunday May 4th 2008

Sunny intervals.

We took an early morning walk and after breakfast we set off to explore the Pindus National Park, by first visiting the new information centre. This set the scene by maps and a slide show and then we went up to Monodendri and walked through the village and out to the Monastery and the viewpoint. We saw Kestrels, Raven and heard Nightingale and Blackcap and saw several butterflies. We had coffee in the square and some went to see the Handicraft Weaving Centre, which is world famous. Higher up at the Oxia viewpoint we walked amongst the stone towers while Gareth and George organised the lunch picnic. At the Oxia viewpoint we looked down into the Vikos Gorge and saw Kestrels, as well as tulips, fritillaries and star of Bethlehem. We returned down to Vitsa and went for an exploration walk around the village and down to Vitsa steps. We found the local version of Green winged orchid *Orchis morio picta*, 4 spot orchids and some fabulous Lady Orchids. We held the checklist and then we ate another spread of Maria's home cooking.

Monday 5th May 2008

Sunny intervals. Heavy shower

We had a morning walk through Vitsa and back to Selini Guest House. After another fine breakfast we set off to the Aaos river gorge just south of Konitsa. A garage stop also produced 2 Bonelli's Eagles and a Booted Eagle. At the Aaos we walked over our first ancient bridge and explored the gorge. We then visited the old Voidomatis bridge and we found two dipper with young and a Grey Wagtail was building a nest in the bridge. There was a Woodchat Shrike in the nearby meadow. We then drove deep into the Zagori and zigzagged up to Megalo Papingo, where we had a lovely lunch in the sunshine in Kalliope's garden. In the afternoon we walked towards Micro Papingo crossing the ancient bridge and we visited the WWF visitors centre. We stopped at the Voidomatis meadow at the Aresti bridge on our return where we found anemones, orchids and lots of dippers. After another excellent dinner there was heavy rain in the night.

Tuesday 6th May 2008**Cloudy and rain**

We walked along the road and had views of White Wagtail and Green Woodpecker. At least eight nightingales were holding territory as well as Blackcaps. After breakfast we set off to explore bridges and found Red-rumped Swallow and Grey Wagtails at Ag. Minos and plenty of *Orchis picta*. We walked over the Bear's Bridge and the Kokkori bridge where we found Crag Martins but no water in the river. A shower sent us up to Kipi to the local Folklore museum and we had coffee before we were able to explore the Kipi bridge, Chiffchaffs called and Red-rumped Swallows flew over. We then drove high into the mountains to the Sarakatsani Summer pastures. We had a picnic there near their thatched huts and the recent rain had brought out a Fire Salamander. We finished just in time before the rain returned so we wended our way back to Vitsa for a break. Before dinner some had time for a short walk in the village. There was more rain in the night.

Wednesday 7th May 2008**Sunny, cool wind**

A final morning walk found a flock of Golden Orioles calling and we saw them just as we left at 9.00 and called at Ioannina for shopping and at Dodona we had a walk through the flower filled site passing the stadium, theatre and the oracle site, with a variety of butterflies as well as Golden Oriole and Cuckoo. We had lunch near Arta in the Louros valley and continued on south to the new bridge. We stopped at Nafpaktos and had a quick walk to the harbour, seeing the statue to Cervantes and some pale Swifts flew by. At Galaxidi the Lesser Kestrels hunted over the town and roosted on the Church. We got to Delphi at 7.30. We had dinner, held a checklist and retired to sleep.

Thursday 8th May 2008**Sunny, cool wind**

We left at 9.00 and went to visit the site at Delphi. We walked up to the stadium, passing the Temple of Apollo and the theatre. On the way we found Blue Rock Thrush, Black-eared Wheatear and Rock Nuthatch.

We continued on to the museum to see the Charioteer as well as the other finds and then visited the Tholos and Gymnasium. We had lunch at a Taverna near Arachova and then set off for the airport, which took 2.15 hours and checked in. We had a pleasant flight and arrived early. We said our farewells and found Terminal 5 easy to use.

We had seen over 105 species of birds, learnt much about Greek history, enjoyed some wonderful views and weather and excellent company in a fantastic beautiful but little known area of Greece.

BIRDS

Mallard	1-2 seen around Amvrakikos gulf and Lake Pambotis.
Ferruginous Duck	2 males on Pambotis Lake on 3 rd May.
Little Grebe	Heard on 1 st May near Petra marsh and pairs May 3 rd on Lake Pambotis.

Great Crested Grebe	1 off Avleri spit, Salaora 1 st May and 50+ on Lake Pambotis Ioannina 2 nd May including pairs with young.
Black-necked Grebe	4 in Amvrakikos Gulf on 2 nd May.
Greater Flamingo	Only one this year which flew past the Hotel on 30 th April.
White Stork	1-2 seen daily from May 1 st around Amvrakikos Gulf. Two on the way back to Athens at Petrol stop.
Glossy Ibis	Flock of up to 12 Petra marsh 1 st May.
Spoonbill	20 at Petra marsh 1 st May
Little Bittern	Single seen in the reeds at Louros river on 3 rd May.
Grey Heron	Single on 1 st May and 2 on 2 nd May in Amvrakikos Gulf.
Little Egret	Flocks of 10 –20 on 1 st & 2 nd May. Singles on 7 th May.
Squacco Heron	80+ on migration, all near Petra marsh 1 st and 2 nd May and Lake Pambotis 3 rd May.
Dalmatian Pelican	10-25 seen at Amvrakikos Gulf nesting at two sites.
Great Cormorant	2+ on 1 st May roosting in Amvrakikos Gulf and 2 on Lake Pambotis on 3 rd May.
Lesser Kestrel	6+ on 3 rd May and 5 th May on Ioannina Law courts. 8+ seen over Galaxidi and perched on the church there on 7 th May.
Kestrel	Seen daily, but only singles.
Peregrine	One on 2 nd May over Amvrakikos Gulf.
Marsh Harrier	Up to 2 on May 1 st around Amvrakikos Gulf
Sparrowhawk	Singles seen on 7 th May.
Buzzard	Common 2+ recorded on daily.
Golden Eagle	2 over Megalo Papingo on 5 th May.
Bonelli's Eagle	2 in the Pindos Mts on 5 th May.
Booted Eagle	Singles on the 5 th and 7 th May.
Moorhen	Singles at Amvrakikos Gulf and Lake Pambotis.
Coot	Seen on 1 st May at Rodia with young and 3 rd May at Ioannina on Pambotis Lake with young.
Oystercatcher	Three at Avleri causeway on 1 st May.
Black-winged Stilt	10+ pairs daily Amvrakikos Gulf 1 st May and 1 st May.
Little Ringed Plover	One on 1 st May at Avleri causeway.
Kentish Plover	4 at Rodia on 30 th April and 4 on 1 st May at Avleri causeway.
Little Stint	3 at Avleri spit on 1 st May.
Ruff	10 at Petra marshes on 1 st May
Wood Sandpiper	6 at Petra Marshes on 1 st May.
Common Sandpiper	2+ on 2 nd May at Rodia and 2 on 2 nd May on Nisi island in Lake Pambotis.
Turnstone	4 and a 20+ flock on Avleri causeway on 1 st May.
Yellow-legged Gull	Common except in the mountains.

Black-headed Gull	10 on 2 nd May and 50+ on Lake Pambotis.
Slender billed Gull	One off Avleri causeway on 1 st May.
Mediterranean Gull 1	on 2 nd May on Avleri causeway and 1 on 3 rd May at Lake Pambotis.
Common Tern	Several seen on 1 st -3 rd May at Amvrakikos Gulf.
Little Tern	25+ on 1 st May at Avleri causeway and several seen on 2 nd May at the Fishermen's centre and on 3 rd at Louros river.
Whiskered Tern	Single on 1 st May at Fisherman's centre.
White-winged Black Tern	20+ at Fisherman's centre on 1 st May.
Black Tern	One on 1 st May seen at Fisherman's centre.
(Rock) Feral Pigeon	Common in towns. No true rock dove types in the mountains.
Turtle Dove	Heard and seen on 29 th and 30 th April.
Collared Dove	Common seen daily.
Cuckoo	Heard from 4 th May from Vitsa, Dodoni and Delphi.
Scops Owl	heard from 1 st May at Hotel Byzantino, Arta and in Vitsa and Delphi.
Little Owl	heard on 4 th May in Epirus.
Alpine Swift	1+ seen over Athens from the Parthenon on the 30 th April.
Swift	Daily, small numbers in the lowlands. Not seen in the mountains.
Pallid Swift	Several pale swifts seen at Nafpaktos a known site for this species.
Hoopoe	4+ seen at the Agora and heard 30 th April. Heard at Delphi on 8 th May.
Ring-necked Parakeet	Several in the Botanical Gardens in Athens on 30 th April.
Syrian Woodpecker	Heard near Vitsa on morning walks 4 th -6 th May.
Green Woodpecker	Seen well on the morning walks at Vitsa 4 th -7 th May.
Woodchat Shrike	One on 1 st May at Byzantine Hotel and 1 at Voidomatis bridge on 5 th May.
Golden Oriole	Heard daily from 4 th May at Vitsa. Small flock heard and seen with 5 males on 7 th May as we left Selini Guesthouse.
Jay	Common seen daily in the Epirus Mts.
Magpie	Common seen daily except high in the Mts.
Jackdaw	20 in gorge as we travelled on 30 th and then only seen in the mountains.
Hooded Crow	Common recorded daily.
Raven	Seen 4 th and 6 th May in Epirus.
Sombre Tit	Seen near the Oxia meadow picnic site on 4 th and at Gyftokampos.
Great Tit	Common seen almost daily.
Blue Tit	Small numbers seen in the Epirus mountains.
Penduline Tit	A newly built nest near Hotel Byzantino on 2 nd and 3 rd .
Swallow	Common recorded daily.

Crag Martin	5+ in the gorges with the Kokkorou and Plakira bridges and over Delphi.
House Martin	Common recorded daily.
Red-rumped Swallow	Pairs seen between 4 th and 6 th in Epirus.
Long-tailed Tit	Small flock on Vitsa morning walk on 5 th May
Crested Lark	Seen on 3 rd May near Ioannina airport.
Woodlark	Heard at Oxia 4 th May.
Fan-tailed Warbler	Seen at Avleri causeway on 1 st May. Single on 2nd May at the Fisherman's centre.
Cetti's Warbler	Heard commonly at Arta, Amvrakikos, and Ioannina, but not in the mountains.
Great Reed Warbler	Several holding territories at Petra marsh on 1 st May and in the reedbeds on Nisi island and 3 rd May.
Reed Warbler	Seen in the reedbeds on Nisi island on 3 rd May.
Chiff-chaff	Heard on 4 th at Oxia and 6 th at Kipi bridge.
Blackcap	Common in Epirus Mts.
Common Whitethroat	Heard in Athens and at Dodoni.
Subalpine Warbler	Recorded in the Epirus Mts, at Oxia viewpoint and a male seen well on 8 th May at Delphi.
Sardinian Warbler	Seen and heard on territories 30 th April in Athens and at Kipi bridge on 6 th May.
Wren	Heard in the mountains from St George's Springs onwards.
Rock Nuthatch	At least 3 pairs seen at Delphi archaeological site.
Nuthatch	Heard at Vitsa on 5 th May.
Blackbird	Common seen almost daily.
Song Thrush	Seen on 6 th May at Ag. Minas.
Mistle Thrush	Singing at the picnic at Sarakatsani meadows on 6 th May.
Robin	Seen and heard on the walk to the monastery looking over the Vikos Gorge and at Vitsa.
Nightingale	Heard daily everywhere singing and seen at Vitsa on the early morning walks.
Black Redstart	Seen around Monodendri on 3 rd May.
Black-eared Wheatear	Pair at Rodia Monastery on 2 nd May.
Blue Rock Thrush	Seen at Delphi on 8 th May.
Spotted Flycatcher	2+ on 2 nd - 4 th May.
Dipper	Pair with young on Voidomatis and 6+ at Aresti bridge on 5 th May.
House Sparrow	Common recorded daily in small flocks and nesting in building.
Tree Sparrow	Seen in the garden at Hotel Byzantino.
Spanish Sparrow	One in Stork's nest at Petra 2 nd May.
Grey Wagtail	Several at St George's Springs on May, and on the rivers in the mountains.
White Wagtail	2 on 6 th May at Vitsa.

Chaffinch	Common from 3 rd May.
Greenfinch	Common recorded daily.
Goldfinch	Common recorded daily.
Corn Bunting	A few around the Amvrakikos Gulf.
Cirl Bunting	Several near Vitsa.
Black-headed Bunting	Two at Roman Olive Press on 2 nd May.

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES

Fire Salamander	<i>Salamandra salamandra</i>	A nocturnal species but we found brought out by the rain at the Sarakatsani summer camp on 6 th .
Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>	Large females on 2 nd , 5 th and 6 th May.
Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>	Seen near Hotel Byzantino in reeds in ditch on 2 nd and 3 rd May.
Agile Frog	<i>Rana dalmatina</i>	One seen on 6th May at Sarakatsani meadows.
Marsh Frog	<i>Rana ridibunda</i>	Common, Amvrakikos marshes.
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>	Young one sadly dead at Louros river on 3 rd .
Loggerhead Turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	2 dead on the Avleri Spit.
Dalmatian Algyroides		Seen on 3 rd to 5 th on walls and rocks in Epirus.
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>	Seen on 3 rd mainly juveniles.
Common Wall Lizard	<i>Lacerta vivipara</i>	Common in Epirus Mts.
Dalmatian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis melisellenis</i>	Seen in the Epirus Mts.
Nose-horned Viper		One seen well on 5th
Dice Snake		Small snakes dead on the road were thought to be this species.
Grass Snake		One large snake near the Monastery on the Rodia.

BUTTERFLIES

Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	Seen on 1 st and 2 nd May.
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	Seen everyday until 6 th .
Southern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia polyxena</i>	Seen on 4 th at Monodendri.
Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	Common seen daily.
Large White		Seen on 2 nd and 3 rd .
Black-veined White		Seen on 7 th at Dodoni.
Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>	Seen on 5 th May at Voidomatis river.
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>	Seen on 1 st and 3 rd and 4 th .
Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	Seen from 3rd May – 5 th May.
Eastern Orange-tip		Seen on 4 th at Monodendri.
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>	Common seen daily.

Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	Seen on 4 th , 5 th and 8 th .
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeus</i>	Seen at Monodendri and Dodoni.
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Seen on 30 th , 1 st and 5 th .
Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>	Daily from 2 nd to 5 th .
Glanville Fritillary		Several recorded on 7th May at Dodoni
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	Seen on 7th May at Dodoni.
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	Seen on 1 st and 5 th .
Meadow Brown		Seen on 4 th .
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Seen almost daily.
Peacock		1 st and 2 nd
Cleopatra		Seen on 4 th May
Green Hairstreak		Seen on 4 th May
Adonis Blue		Seen on 7 th May at Dodoni.

MOTHS

Cream spot Tiger Moth		Seen on 1 st May.
Pine processionary moth caterpillars		Common in tents on pines.
Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>	on 4 th May.
Hummingbird Hawk Moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>	Seen on 4 th and 5 th May.

DRAGONFLIES

Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ishnura elegans</i>	Seen on 3 rd May.
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Agrion virgo</i>	Seen on 3 rd May.
Broadbodied Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>	Seen on 3 rd May

FLIES

Bee Fly	<i>Bombylius major</i>	Seen on 2 nd , 4 th and 6 th .
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BEES & WASPS

Black Potter Bee	<i>Chalicodoma parietina</i>	Seen at St Catherine's hill.
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>	Common.
Honey Bee	<i>pis mellifera</i>	Common.

BUGS

Italian Sheildbug	<i>Graphosoma italicum</i>	Seen on St Katherine's Hill.
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SCARABS & CHAFERS

Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia aurata</i>	Seen on 5 th May.
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BEETLES

Jewelled Pollen Beetle		Seen on 1 st and 2 nd May.
Pollen Beetle	<i>Oxyethera funestra</i>	Seen on 1 st and 2 nd
Giant Ground Beetle	<i>Caribius coriaceus</i>	Hotel Byzantino gardens.
Devil's Coach Horse	<i>Ocypus olens</i>	One on 8 th at Delphi.

FIREFLIES

Fireflies	<i>Luciola lusitanica</i>	Seen in the gardens at Hotel Byzantino, nr Arta on 1 st and 2 nd May.
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ASCALAPHIDS

Ascalaphid sp.		A blue ascalaphid was seen on 6 th on the bridges tour.
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SNAILS & SLUGS

Roman Snail		Seen several times but particularly at St George's Springs.
Garden Snail		Common.

FISH

Mosquito Fish (Introduced)		Amvrakikos Gulf
Sea Bream		Amvrakikos Gulf
Sea Bass		Amvrakikos Gulf
Gilt Head	<i>Sparus auratus</i>	Amvrakikos Gulf
Grey Mullet	<i>Nugil cephalus</i>	Amvrakikos Gulf
Carp		Amvrakikos Gulf
Trout		Trout Farm at St George's Springs
Eel	<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Amvrakikos Gulf
Murex sp	<i>Murex brandaris/trunculus</i>	Plenty of shells on Avleri causeway
Green sea urchin	<i>Psammechinus microtuberculatus</i>	Lots of shells on Avleri causeway.

PLANT LIST

Numbers refer to Grey-Wilson & Blamey "Mediterranean Wild Flowers"

Numbers with G&B refer to "Flowers of Greece & the Balkans" Oleg Polunin.

<i>Pinaceae</i>	Pine Family	
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Aleppo Pine	1
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine	3
<i>Abies cephalonica</i>	Greek Fir	8 host to <i>Viscum album subsp abieti</i>
<i>Araucariae</i>		
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	Norfolk Island Pine (introduced)	
<i>Cupressaceae</i>	Cypress Family	
<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	11
<i>Cupressus sempervirens var. horizontalis</i>		11a
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	15
<i>Ephedraceae</i>	Joint Pine Family	
<i>Ephedra fragilis</i>	Joint Pine	20
<i>Fagaceae</i>	Oak Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	23
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	24
<i>Quercus aegilops</i>	Valonia Oak	28
<i>Quercus pubescens</i>	Downy Oak	31
<i>Salix pedicellata</i>	Med Willow	35
<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Hop Hornbeam	37
<i>Ulmus canescens</i>	Mediterranean Elm	38
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Southern Nettle Tree	39
<i>Moraceae</i>	Mulberry Family	
<i>Morus alba</i>	White Mulberry	41
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	42
<i>Urticaceae</i>	Nettle Family	
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	Roman Nettle	48
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory of the Wall	50

Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea Family	
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	Bougainvillea Purple	110
<i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i>	Bougainvillea Red	111
Phytolaccaceae	Pokeweed Family	
<i>Phytolacca dioica</i>	Ombu (introduced)	113
Aizoaceae	Aizoon Family	
<i>Caprobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot Fig (introduced)	115
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Saponaria calabrica</i>	Calabrian Soapwort	155
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	157
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	158
<i>Kohlruschia prolifera</i>	Proliferous Pink	189
Nymphaeaceae	Waterlily family	
<i>Nymphae alba</i>	White Water lily	196 G&B
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Helleborus cyclophyllus</i>	Circle-leaved Green Hellebore	203
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Traveller's Joy	206
<i>Anemone pavonina</i>	Peacock Anemone	212
<i>Nigella arvensis</i>	Love-in-a mist	225
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a mist	231
<i>Ranunculus gracilis</i>	Slender Buttercup	247
<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>	Jersey Buttercup	249
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	252a
<i>Delphinium peregrinum</i>	Violet Larkspur	258
<i>Delphinium staphisagria</i>	Med Delphinium	261
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	283
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow horned Poppy	293
Fumariaceae	Fumitory Family	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	Ramping Fumitory	303
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	306
Cruciferae	Cress Family	
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Woad	310

<i>Malcolmia maritima</i>	Virginia Stock	316
<i>Arabis verna</i>	Spring Rockcress	322
<i>Aubrieta deltoidea</i>	Aubrieta	324
<i>Matthiola sinuata</i>	Sea Stock	326
<i>Matthiola fruticulosa</i>	Sad Stock	328
<i>Matthiola longpetala</i>	Long petaled Stock	330?
<i>Alyssum saxatile</i>	Yellow Alyssum	333
<i>Alyssum corymbosum</i>	Tall Yellow Alyssum	334
<i>Labularia maritime</i>	Sweet Alison	336
<i>Aethionome saxatile</i>	Burnt Candytuft	340
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock	359
<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard	360
<i>Eruca vesicaria</i>	Eruca (Rocket)	361
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	396
<i>Platanaceae</i>	Plane Tree Family	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	400
<i>Pittosporaceae</i>	<i>Pittosporum</i> Family	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Pittosporum	402
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<i>Saxifraga taylori</i> G&B		405b
<i>Rosaceae</i>	Rose Family	
<i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i>	Burnet Rose	405
<i>Poterium serrucorsum</i>	Med Salad Burnet	410
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	420
<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	421
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	Bramble	428
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat	429
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	Quince	
<i>Leguminosae</i>	Pea Family	
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	430
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob	431

<i>Acacia cyanophylla</i>	Mimosa/Blue leaved Wattle	439
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	481
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	488
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	508
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch	524
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	525
<i>Vicia pannonica</i>	Hairy Vetch	526
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	527
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	531
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	Red Vetchling	544
<i>Lathyrus clymenum</i>	Fodder Pea	550
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	553
<i>Lathyrus nissolia</i>	Grass Vetchling	554
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Wild Pea	555
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	594
<i>Medicago arborea</i>	Tree Medick	598
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Large Disk Medick	599
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	605
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Subterranean Clover	605aG&B
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Trefoil	658
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover	662
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i>	Dorycnium	676
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disk Trefoil	692
<i>Coronilla valentina subsp glauca</i>	Crown Vetch	695
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese Wisteria	725
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
Geranium macrorrhizum	Rock Cranesbill	647 G&B
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dovesfoot Cranesbill	741
<i>Erodium chium</i>	Erodium chium	751
<i>Erodium malicoides</i>	Soft or Mallow leaved Storksbill	752
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Storksbill	761
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	Tree Euphorbia	792

<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge	801
<i>Euphorbia characias subsp. wulfenii</i>	Mediterranean Spurge	819
Rutaceae	Rue Family	
<i>Citrus limon</i>	Lemon Tree	832
<i>C. sinensis</i>	Orange	836
Meliaceae	Persian Lilac Family	
<i>Melia azederach</i>	Indian Bead Tree	843
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family	
<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>	Nicean Milkwort	849
Aceraceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer sempervirens</i>	Acer	857
<i>Acer obtusatum</i>	Acer	858
Anacardiaceae	Pistacio Family	
<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree (Terebinth)	861
<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree	865
<i>Paliurus spina-Christi</i>	Christ's Thorn	881
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Med Buckthorn	885
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Pale Mallow	897
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	898
Cistaceae	Rockrose Family	
<i>Cistus creticus</i>	Cretan Cistus	962
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	965
<i>Helianthemum tummularium</i>	Common Rockrose	996
Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family	
<i>Tamarix tetragyna</i>	Tamarisk	1024
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Bryonia cretica</i>	Cretan Bryony	1033
<i>Eucalyptus globus</i>	Eucalyptus	1060
Punicaceae	Pomegranate Family	
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate	1064
Umbelliferae	Carrot Family	
<i>Smyrniolum olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	1087

<i>Smyrniium perfoliatum</i>	Perfoliate Alexanders	1088
<i>Bupleurum rotundifolium</i>	Thorow-wax	1116
<i>Malabaila aurea</i>	Golden Malabaila	G&B
<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel	1141
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	1149
<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>	Orlaya	1166
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Anagallis arvensis var. caerulea</i>	Blue Pimpernel	1198
<i>Jasmine fruticans</i>	Wild Jasmine	1239
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	Manna Ash	1245
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	Phillyrea	1247
<i>Olea europaea</i>	Olive	1248
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Centaurium maritimum</i>	Seaside Centaury	1255
Apocynaceae	Oleander Family	
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	1256
<i>Vinca herbacea</i>	Herbaceous Periwinkle	1264
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	1300
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	Wild Madder	1305
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides sub tenuissimus</i>	Sea Convolvulus	1331a
Boraginaceae	Borage Family	
<i>Onosma erecta</i>	Golden Drop	1362
<i>Cerinthe major</i>	Honeywort	1367
<i>Alkanna orientalis</i>	Yellow Alkanet	1370
<i>Echium parviflorum</i>	Small-flowered Bugloss	1388
<i>Procopiana cretica</i>	Procopiana	1390
<i>Symphytum ottomanum</i>	Ottoman Comfrey	1394
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	1395
<i>Cynoglossum cherifolium</i>	Med. Houndstongue	1404
<i>Anchusa undulata</i>	Undulate Anchusa	1406
<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet	1409

<i>Anchusa variegata</i>	Anchusa	1415
<i>Labiatae</i>	Mint Family	
<i>Ajuga orientalis</i>	Oriental Bugle	1421
<i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	Jerusalem Sage	1455
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit Deadnettle	1478
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Common Thyme	1508
<i>Solanaceae</i>	Potato Family	
<i>Hyoscyamus albus</i>	Henbane	1555
<i>Scrophulariaceae</i>	Figwort Family	
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Shrub Tobacco	1582
<i>Scrophularia peregrina</i>	Nettle-leaved Figwort	1586
<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Verbascum	1601
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	1621
<i>Cymbalaria microcalyx</i>	Cymbalaria	1630
<i>Veronica acinifolia</i>	French Speedwell	1642
<i>Veronica hederifolia</i>	Ivy-leaved Speedwell	1645
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	Pale Speedwell	1646
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Yellow Bartsia	1651
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	1652
<i>Orobanchaceae</i>	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	1655
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	Bean Broomrape	1675
<i>Globulariaceae</i>	Globularia Family	
<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	Spiny Acanthus	1692
<i>Plantaginaceae</i>	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	1701
<i>Valeriana asarifolia</i>	Valerian	1721
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	1723
<i>Campanulaceae</i>	Bellflower Family	
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	1735
<i>Pterocephalus perennis</i>	Perennial Pterocephalus	1742
<i>Campanula patula</i>	Slender Bellflower	1757
<i>Campanula rupestris</i>	Rock Campanula	1765

<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	Large Venus Looking Glass	1778
Compositae	Daisy Family	
<i>Bellis annual</i>	Annual Daisy	1791
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Daisy	1793
<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>	Shaving-brush Bush	1831
<i>Anthemis chia</i>	Common Anthemis	1869
<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	1870
<i>Chrysanthemum coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy	1895
<i>Galactites tomentosa</i>	Galactites	1971
<i>Onopordon illyricum</i>	Illyrian Scotch Thistle	1973
<i>Onopordon bracteatum</i>	Onopordon sp	1976
<i>Onopordon argolicum</i>	Onopordon sp	1977
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	1982
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Salsify/ Med. Goatsbeard	2055
<i>Crepis rubra</i>	Pink Hawksbeard	2070
Posidoniaceae	Posidonia family	
<i>Posidonia oceanica</i>	Posidonia Sea weed	2085
Liliaceae	Lily Family	
<i>Asphodelus aestivus</i>	Common Asphodel	2089
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Yellow Asphodeline	2092
<i>Fritillaria greaca ssp thessala</i>	Greek Fritillary	2154
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem	2171
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	Tassel Hyacinth	2201
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	Common Grape Hyacinth	2206
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax	2222
<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic	2225
<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus	2307
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Large Cuckoo Pint	2361
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords and Ladies/Cuckoo Pint	2362
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Orchis morio ssp.picta</i>	Med. Green-winged Orchid	2403
<i>Orchis tridentata</i>	Toothed Orchid	2407

<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	2412
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	4 Spot Orchid	2419
<i>Ophrys lutea</i>	Yellow Bee Orchid	2423
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i>	Early Spider Orchid	2428
<i>Ophrys sphegodes ssp helenae</i>	<i>Epirus Orchid</i>	
<i>Ophrys spruneri</i>	Greek Spider Orchid	2429
<i>Ophrys scolopax</i>	Woodcock Orchid	2436
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Small-flowered Tongue O.	2452
Gramineae	Grass Family	
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking Grass	2460
<i>Lagurus ovatus</i>	Harestail Grass	2473
Pteridophyta	Ferns	
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern	2522

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