

WILDLIFE TRAVEL

Cyprus 2012



Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

#	DATE	LOCATIONS & NOTES
1	20 th March	Afternoon arrival and transfer to the Aphrodite Beach Hotel.
2	21 st March	Pegeia Forest
3	22 nd March	Baths of Aphrodite, walk round to Fontana Amorosa, then back to the hotel along the coast
4	23 rd March	Paphos Forest: Peristerona, Stavros tis Psokas
5	24 th March	Stroumpi. Monastery of Agios Neophytos. Paphos headland and Tombs of the Kings
6	25 th March	Droutia
7	26 th March	Hillsides towards Neo Chorio
8	27 th March	Paphos. Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates. Kolossi Castle. Akrotiri.
9	28 th March	Smygies to Neo Chorio and back to hotel
10	29 th March	Return to UK.

Leaders

Yiannis Christofides: Cyprus
Philip Precey: Wildlife Travel

minerva9@cytanet.com.cy
philip.precey@wildlifebcn.org

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

20th 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.

21st March. Pegeia Forest. 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.

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!

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! We also found a lovely little grass which turned out to be *Echinaria capitata*, a plant only recorded twice before in Cyprus and a new species for Yiannis!

Our reptile list got off to a wonderful start when we came upon a lovely Mediterranean Chameleon making its way across the track in front of us (or, indeed, in amongst us!) and a Kotschy's Gecko sat under exactly the same rock as 12 months ago!

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 Cleopatra, Swallowtail and Eastern Festoon.

Birds were unfortunately rather few and far between, the highlight being a brief male Eastern Subalpine Warbler.

22nd March. Baths of Aphrodite. Today was spent walking some of the coastal path around from the Baths of Aphrodite towards Fontana Amorosa, just up the coast from the hotel.

The botanical garden at the Baths of Aphrodite was a great introduction to some of the endemic plants of the island, including the shrubby Amaranth-relative *Bosea cyprica* and a couple of impressive Euphorbias. 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.

The rocky hillside was home to plenty of flowering *Cyclamen persicum* and the Turban Buttercup *Ranunculus asiaticus*, showing off its sepals to differentiate from yesterday's Crown Anemone *Anemone coronaria*. We also learned more about the interesting (for which, read complicated) geology of the island.

Birds were still rather sparse, but did include a lovely female Masked Shrike, apparently fresh in as she fed along the roadside hedge, and a female Blue Rock Thrush. Some new butterflies for the trip came in the form of Clouded Yellow and Paphos Blue, while we were able to compare Troodos Wall Lizard and Snake-eyed Lacertid and enjoy a very friendly Praying Mantis.

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

23rd 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 enjoyed good views of a Great Spotted Cuckoo and fly-pasts by a Long-legged Buzzard and a young Bonelli's Eagle, and visited the nearby Byzantine Museum of the Bishopruc 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 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*, the first of many noisy Coal Tits (an endemic Cypriot subspecies, of course) and some tiny botanical highlights, in the form of *Ophioglossum lusitanicum* and *Minuartia montana*, while along the roadside we began to pass patches of two more endemics, both pink: *Thymus integer* and *Arabis purpurea*.

We stopped for lunch near the Mouflon enclosure at Stavros tis Psokas, passing the leaves of the endemic *Cyclamen cyprium* on the way. A walk through the woodland a bit higher up revealed *Romulea tempskyana*, *Teesdalia coronopifolia* and the leaves of *Platanthera holmboei*, yet another endemic orchid, although this one is probably a month away from flowering. At our final stop, we viewed the distant Cyprus Cedars before heading back to the lowlands.

24th 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 about 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 extraordinary wall paintings, some very well fed cats and an unfortunate saint's skull. We then moved on, via a bakery stop, to the Paphos headland with its fantastic mosaics, roman amphitheatre and byzantine 'castle of forty columns'. Alongside the history, we enjoyed some birding, including a couple of Tawny Pipits, a handful of wheatears (including a brief Isabelline and a female Cyprus Wheatear at her nest site in a pile of rocks, who unfortunately refused to come back out and show herself), a male Blue Rock Thrush and a lovely Hoopoe. And finally to the Tombs of the Kings, where the sandy, rocky upper beach revealed its particular plant specialities, three endemics *Centaurea aegialophila*, *Malcolmia nana* and *Papaver cyprium* amongst them.

25th 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 memorable *Vicia cypria* and some *Aristolochia sempervirens*, alongside a very large and somewhat angry Large Whip Snake. Birds including three lovely Cretzschmar's Buntings, with their peachy-orange and powder blue plumage, a male Black Redstart and a male Cyprus Wheatear holding territory.

Orchids included the first spikes of *Anacamptis laxiflora* as well as abundant *A. syriaca* and *Ophrys fusca*, along with *O. sicula*, *O. morio*, *O. umbilicata*, *O. flavomarginata* and *O. attica*. Other memorable flowers included *Phlomis lunarifolia*, Mandrake and the charmingly named endemic thistle *Onopordum cyprium*, which reputedly gives donkeys terrible wind... Our first Common Swift of the trip (and of the year) flew overhead screaming, a small group of female Black Redstarts flitted about some farm buildings near the top and a Long-legged Buzzard drifted past.

26th March. Hillsides above the hotel. Another morning of blue skies and sunshine. During the morning, we walked up through the lanes towards Neo Chorio, finding 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 growing side by side: *Serapias orientalis*, *S. levantina*, *S. borgonii* and the delicate local endemic *S. aphrodite*. Down in the lowest grove we were greeted by the sad sight of a bulldozer parked on what was once a wonderful stand of the large, yellow *Orchis punctulata*. A handful of individual plants survived in the edges, growing alongside the giant orchid *Himantoglossum robertianu* but for how long they will survive here is another question... Ophrys orchids during the morning included several *O. asiatica* (with the orangey-brown throat), abundant *O. morio* (with the blacky-purple throat), *O. umbilicata* (with the pale pink sepals and barrel-shaped lip), *O. flavomarginata* (with the more flared lip and yellow margins) and *O. sicula* (the yellow one).

Aside from the orchids we compared several species of *Medicago*, found a lovely bank of *Ranunculus asiaticus* and another couple of beautiful *Lathyruses* (the pale orange *L. gorgoni* and the deep red *L. cicero*).

A calling male Black Francolin near the start of the walk and a couple of Alpine Swifts overhead at lunch were the bird highlights for today.

27th March. Akrotiri area. Heading east again, we first had a quick pitstop in Paphos, as Lambros went to fill the bus with petrol. In a small field, we found gone-over *Anacamptis collina*, a 'Black Widow' spider and a wonderful young Large Whip Snake under a board.

Unfortunately the heavy rains of the winter meant that access was impossible to our first scheduled stop at the base of the dam at Asprokremnos Reservoir, although we did see a pair of Chukar along the track (and some very dangerous dogs!).

Heading westwards past the British Sovereign Territory, our next stop was the Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates, where as well as the impressive ruins 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. A male Cyprus Wheatear was around the ruins, while the surrounding scrub was home to some nice plants, notably the purple *Fagonia cretica*, the little yellow *Fumana thymifolia* and the endemic golden-drop *Onosma fruticosa*.

Lunch was at the crusader castle at Kolossi, before we heading south along the Akrotiri peninsula. Here we stopped at the Phassouri Marsh, where birding highlights included four fly-over Marsh Sandpipers, a Squacco Heron, a male Ferruginous Duck and a big female Marsh Harrier. Further south, amongst the saltmarsh-like vegetation of Akrotiri Gravel Pits, we found interesting plants in the form of *Zygophylla alba* and *Thymelea hirsuta*. Attention was grabbed away from the plants, however, when Peter spotted three large birds flying in the distance. It looked like they were gaining height and were going to fly away, but luckily they turned, came lower and landed just over a ridge from us. Using the bus as a not-very-inconspicuous hide, we drove up to the ridge and enjoyed some amazing views of three Demoiselle Cranes: beautiful birds, feeding on the insects in the saltmarsh vegetation as they refuelled on their way north to the dry steppes of Kazakhstan. Definitely worth the drive!

28th 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.

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

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 with this rock: *Alyssum akamasicum*, *Thymus integer*, *Asperula cypria* and *Centaurea veneris*. Lower down, under the pines we found the tiny *Gladiolus triphyllus* (another endemic, of course), and some lovely mauve *Vicia peregrina*, while Yiannis got very excited about a patch of *Linum nodiflorum*. But the real stars of the day were the orchids. During this short walk we managed to find an amazing 27 species (5 species more than the same walk last year, and there are at least four more species present that we couldn't track down), including new species in the form of some fresh *Ophrys bornmuelleri*, rather handily growing alongside the similar *O. levantina*, the endemic *O. lapethica*, a patch of *O. mammosa* just coming into flower and some *Orchis quadripunctata* unfortunately well past their best...

Birds took a back seat once again (the migration this year really hasn't picked up yet), but we did see a singing male Cretzschmar's Bunting near the start of the walk and two lovely Cyprus Wheatears on territory amongst the pines. Several singing Serin posed on the tops of the pine trees and a handful of lovely Red-rumped Swallows came over later on.

Paphos Blues were very much in evidence around the Genista bushes, and a couple of Cyprus Freshwater Crabs were present in the small spring-fed stream halfway down.

29th March. Aphrodite Beach and home... All too soon, our ten days has come to an end! After a quiet morning around the hotel, and one last meeting of the computer club, we bid farewell to Gregoria and Tassos our wonderful hosts and headed back to Paphos and our flights home.

A gallery of Philip's photos from the trip can be seen at
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/wildlifetravel/sets/72157629688867753/>

CYPRUS 2012: some highlights

A gallery of photos from this trip can be seen at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wildlifetravel/sets/72157629688867753/>



Top: The beautiful Demoiselle Cranes at Akrotiri

First row, l to r: *Acrida hungarica*, the un-named Tulip, *Ranunculus asiaticus*

Second row, l to r: *Orchis troodj*, *Gladiolus triphyllus* and "that thistle" *Onopordum cyprium*, all endemic to Cyprus

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 14 if you include the buds of *Ophrys apifera* in the hotel flower beds!) 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
dark 'throat', narrow, early



O. mammosa
dark 'throat', broad, late flowering



Ophrys fusca



O. israelitica



O. elegans

V-groove in 'throat', yellow margin

no V-groove in throat, white W

sepals swept back, goggles

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

E = endemic species. e = endemic sub-species

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes	Seen
FERNS				
	<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	Maidenhair Fern		22 nd
	<i>Polypodium cambricum</i>	Southern Polypody	On the African rocks	25 th
	<i>Ophioglossum lusitanicum</i>	Small Adder's Tongue		23 rd
Selaginellaceae: clubmosses				
	<i>Selaginella denticulata</i>	Mediterranean Clubmoss		22 nd
CONIFERS				
Cupressaceae				
	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>			28 th
	<i>Juniperus phoenicea</i>	Phoenician Juniper		21 st
Ephedraceae				
	<i>Ephedra fragilis</i>	Jointed Pine		28 th
Pinaceae				
	<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Calabrian Pine		21 st
	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine		25 th
E	<i>Cedrus brevifolia</i>	Cyprus Cedar		23 rd
DICOTYLEDONS				
Aceraceae				
	<i>Acer obtusifolium</i>			23 rd
Amaranthaceae				
E	<i>Bosea cypria</i>		Botanic Gardens	22 nd
Anacardiaceae				
	<i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	Mastic Tree		21 st
	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Turpentine Tree		23 rd
	<i>Pistacia atlantica</i>			24 th
Apiaceae				
	<i>Bunium ferulaceum</i>			28 th
	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot		25 th
	<i>Ferula communis</i>	Giant Fennel		23 rd
	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel		24 th
	<i>Lecokia cretica</i>		looks like Alexanders	23 rd
	<i>Opopornax hispidus</i>			25 th
	<i>Scandix pecten-veneris</i>	Shepherd's Needle		21 st
	<i>Scaligeria cretica</i>		Sanctuary of Apollo	27 th
	<i>Smyrniium olusatrum</i>	Alexanders		22 nd
	<i>Tordylium aegyptiacum</i>			26 th
Apocynaceae				
	<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander		28 th
Aristolochiaceae				
	<i>Aristolochia sempervirens</i>	Dutchman's Pipe		22 nd
Asteraceae				
	<i>Anthemis amblyolepis</i>			25 th
	<i>Anthemis palaestina</i>			26 th
	<i>Anthemis rigida</i>	Rayless Chamomile	Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Anthemis tomentosa</i>		Beach at Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Autumn Daisy		25 th
	<i>Carduus argentatus</i>		a mini melancholy thistle	25 th
	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>		very spiky thistle	25 th
	<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	Field Marigold		21 st
	<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>		Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Centaurea hyalolepis</i>			22 nd
	<i>Centaurea veneris</i>		On Serpentine at Smygies	28 th
	<i>Clamidophora tridentata</i>		Fleshy, salt marsh	27 th
	<i>Cynara cordigera</i>		Artichoke-thing	21 st

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes	Seen
	<i>Filago contracta</i>		(was Evax) Cudweed	21 st
	<i>Filago eriosphaera</i>		Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>			22 nd
	<i>Glebionis coronarium</i>	Crown Daisy		22 nd
	<i>Helichrysum conglobatum</i>			21 st
	<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>		Vesta curry plant	24 th
	<i>Inula crithmoides</i>			27 th
	<i>Leontodon tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Hawkbit		21 st
E	<i>Onopordum cyprium</i>		Donkey fart thistle	25 ^t
	<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>			26 th
	<i>Phagnalon rupestre</i>		Shaving brush flower	21 st
	<i>Rhagadiolius stellatus</i>			26 th
E	<i>Senecio glaucus cyprius</i>		Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Tragopodon sinuatus</i>	Goat's Beard		22 nd
Boraginaceae				
	<i>Anchusa aegyptiaca</i>	Eastern Alkanet	creamy yellow flowers	24 th
	<i>Anchusa azurea</i>	Large Blue Alkanet		22 nd
	<i>Anchusa undulata</i>	Undulated Alkanet		25 th
	<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage		25 th
	<i>Cynoglossum creticum</i>	Cretan Hound's-tongue		26 th
	<i>Echium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved Bugloss	bright red flowers	24 th
	<i>Echium italicum</i>	Pale Bugloss		25 th
	<i>Lithodora hispidula</i>			21 st
E	<i>Onosma fruticosa</i>		golden drop	27 th
Brassicaceae				
E	<i>Alyssum akamasicum</i>			28 th
E	<i>Arabis purpurea</i>			23 rd
	<i>Biscutella didyma</i>			21 st
	<i>Eruca sativa</i>	Wild Rocket		25 th
	<i>Sinapis alba</i>	White Mustard		21 st
E	<i>Malcolmia nana</i>		Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Teesdalia coronopifolia</i>			23 rd
	<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>			23 rd
	<i>Turritis laxa</i>		On bare rocks	23 rd
Caryophyllaceae				
	<i>Kohlrauschia velutina</i>	Childling Pink		23 rd
	<i>Minuartia hybrida</i>			24 th
	<i>Minuartia picta</i>		With red stripe on back	28 th
	<i>Minuartia montana</i>		Tiny plant on the roadside	23 rd
	<i>Paronychia argentea</i>		Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Silene colorata</i>		Tombs of the Kings	24 th
Cistaceae				
	<i>Cistus creticus</i>		Large pink flowers	22 nd
	<i>Cistus monspeliensis</i>	Narrow-leaved Cistus		21 st
	<i>Cistus parviflorus</i>	Small-flowered Cistus	Small pink flowers	22 nd
	<i>Cistus salviifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus		21 st
	<i>Cistus ladaniifer</i>		Botanic gardens. Big flowers	22 nd
	<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Arabian Rock-rose		25 th
	<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Rock-rose	Sanctuary of Apollo	27 th
E	<i>Helianthemum obtusifolium</i>			23 rd
	<i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i>	Willow-leaved Rock-rose		21 st
	<i>Tuberaria guttata</i>	Spotted Rock-rose		23 rd

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes	Seen
Convolvulaceae				
	<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Big pink flowers	24 th
	<i>Convolvulus coelesyriacus</i>			22 nd
	<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>		Small blue flowers	26 th
Crassulaceae				
	<i>Crassula valantii</i>			21 st
	<i>Sedum sediforme</i>		Sanctuary of Apollo	27 th
	<i>Sedum caespitosum</i>			21 st
	<i>Telmisssa microcarpa</i>		bright red swollen leaves	21 st
	<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort		23 rd
Ericaceae				
	<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	Eastern Strawberry Tree		22 nd
Euphorbiaceae				
	<i>Euphorbia dimorphocaulon</i>			21 st
	<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Dwarf Spurge		21 st
	<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	Sun Spurge		24 th
	<i>Euphorbia thompsonii</i>		Botanic gardens	22 nd
E	<i>Euphorbia veneris</i>		Botanic gardens	22 nd
Fabaceae				
	<i>Astragalus lusitanicus</i>		Roadside in the Troodos	23 rd
	<i>Calycotome villosa</i>	Spiny Broom	Spiny 'gorse' in flower	21 st
	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob		21 st
	<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree		27 th
	<i>Genista sphacelata</i>		Spiny 'gorse', not in flower yet	21 st
	<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	Yellow Vetchling	Yellow	21 st
	<i>Lathyrus blepharicarpos</i>		Orangey-red, with eyelashes	22 nd
	<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Red Vetchling	Dark red	26 th
	<i>Lathyrus gorgonei</i>		Peachy orange	26 th
	<i>Lathyrus ochrus</i>		Pale yellow	26 th
	<i>Lupinus micranthus</i>	Dwarf Blue Lupin		23 rd
	<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>		flat spiral	26 th
	<i>Medicago scutellata</i>		3D spiral	26 th
	<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>		large spiky spiral	26 th
	<i>Medicago minima</i>		small spiky spiral	26 th
	<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>			26 th
	<i>Ononis reclinata</i>		Tombs of the Kings	24 th
	<i>Physanthyllis tetraphylla</i>			26 th
	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Wild Pea		25 th
	<i>Scorpiurus muricatus</i>			25 th
	<i>Tetragonolobus purpureus</i>	Asparagus Pea		21 st
	<i>Trifolium campestre</i>			23 rd
	<i>Trifolium clypeatum</i>	Shield Clover		22 nd
	<i>Trifolium scutatum</i>			26 th
	<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover		23 rd
	<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	Woolly Clover		23 rd
	<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow-vetch		21 st
	<i>Vicia cypria</i>		white flowers with purple stripe	25 th
	<i>Vicia narbonense</i>			23 rd
	<i>Vicia peregrina</i>		Mauve flowers & notched leaves	28 th
	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch		21 st
Fagaceae				
	<i>Quercus coccifera calliprinos</i>	Kermes Oak		23 rd
E	<i>Quercus alnifolia</i>	Golden Oak		23 rd
	<i>Quercus infectoria veneris</i>	Deciduous or Royal Oak		23 rd

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes	Seen
Geraniaceae				
	<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	Long-beaked Stork's-bill		22 nd
	<i>Erodium malacoides</i>	Soft Stork's-bill		22 nd
	<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Musk Stork's-bill		25 th
	<i>Geranium colombinum</i>			21 st
	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill		25 th
	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill		26 th
	<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	Little Robin		22 nd
	<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill		22 nd
	<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>	Tuberous Crane's-bill		25 th
Lamiaceae				
	<i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i>	Ground Pine		28 th
	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit		25 th
	<i>Lavendula stoechas</i>			23 rd
	<i>Micromeria nervosa</i>			23 rd
E	<i>Origanum majorana</i>			22 nd
E	<i>Phlomis cypria</i>		Botanic Gardens	22 nd
	<i>Phlomis lunariifolia</i>			25 th
	<i>Prasium majus</i>			21 st
	<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>			23 rd
	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Clary		22 nd
	<i>Salvia viridis</i>		Small	26 th
	<i>Teucrium kotschyianum</i>			23 rd
	<i>Thymus capitatus</i>			24 th
E	<i>Thymus integer</i>			23 rd
Linaceae				
	<i>Linum bienne</i>	Pale Flax		21 st
	<i>Linum nodiflorum</i>		Smygies: fried egg plant	28 th
	<i>Linum strictum</i>	Upright Yellow Flax		28 th
Malvaceae				
	<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	Small-flowered Tree Mallow		25 th
	<i>Malva parviflora</i>			26 th
	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow		27 th
Meliaceae				
	<i>Melia azedarah</i>	Persian Lilac		28 th
Myrtaceae				
	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle		28 th
Oleaceae				
	<i>Olea europea</i>	Olive		21 st
	<i>Olea europea var. sylvestris</i>	Wild Olive		23 rd
Orobanchaceae				
	<i>Orobanche minor</i>			22 nd
Oxalidaceae				
	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda Buttercup		21 st
Papaveraceae				
	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy		22 nd
	<i>Papaver argemone</i>	Prickly Poppy		26 th
	<i>Papaver cyprium</i>			24 th
Plantaginaceae				
	<i>Plantago afra</i>	Branched Plantain		26 th
	<i>Plantago coronopus</i>			26 th
	<i>Plantago cretica</i>			27 th
	<i>Plantago maritima</i>		Salt marsh	27 th
	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>			25 th

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes	Seen
Plumbaginaceae				
	<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>	Sea Lavender		24 th
Primulaceae				
	<i>Anagallis arvensis foemina</i>	Blue Pimpernel		21 st
E	<i>Cyclamen cypricum</i>	Cypriot Cyclamen	Leaves only	23 rd
	<i>Cyclamen persicum</i>	Persian Cyclamen		22 nd
	<i>Samolus valerandi</i>	Brookweed		22 nd
Ranunculaceae				
	<i>Adonis annua</i>	Pheasant's Eye		22 nd
	<i>Anemone coronaria</i>	Crown Anemone	no carpels	21 st
	<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i>	Turban Buttercup	carpels	22 nd
	<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Corn Buttercup		25 th
	<i>Ranunculus bullatus</i>		Leaves only	21 st
	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>			24 th
	<i>Ranunculus peltatus</i>	Pond Water Crowfoot		21 st
	<i>Ranunculus paludosus</i>			21 st
Rosaceae				
	<i>Craetagus azarolus</i>	Mediterranean Hawthorn	yellow fruits, good for jam!	25 th
	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat		27 th
	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond		23 rd
	<i>Pyrus communis</i>	Wild Pear		25 th
	<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	Thorny Burnet	Chicken wire plant	21 st
Rubiaceae				
E	<i>Asperula cypria</i>			23 rd
	<i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Madder	climbing plant	27 th
	<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder		21 st
Scrophulariaceae				
	<i>Limosella aquatica</i>	Mudwort		21 st
	<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Weasel Snout		26 th
	<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia		21 st
Solanaceae				
	<i>Solanum mammosum</i>		The weird 'cow udder' fruits	21 st
	<i>Mandragora officinarum</i>	Mandrake		25 th
Styraceae				
	<i>Styrax officinalis</i>			25 th
Thymelaeaceae				
	<i>Thymelea hirsuta</i>		saltmarsh, droopy	27 th
Zygophyllaceae				
	<i>Zygophyllum album</i>		saltmarsh, orange swollen	27 th
	<i>Fagonia cretica</i>		Purple flowers	27 th
MONOCOTYLEDONS				
Amaryllidaceae				
	<i>Allium neapolitanum</i>	Naples Garlic		21 st
	<i>Allium trifoliatum</i>			27 th
	<i>Allium junceum</i>		Tiny, not in flower	27 th
Araceae				
	<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's Cowl		21 st
Asparagaceae				
	<i>Bellavalia trifoliata</i>	Three-leaved Bellavalia		22 nd
	<i>Bellavalia nivalis</i>	Snowy Bellavalia		21 st
	<i>Drimia maritime</i>	Sea Squill		21 st
	<i>Muscari neglectum</i>			24 th
E	<i>Ornithogalum pedicellare</i>			21 st

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes	Seen
Iridaceae				
	<i>Gladiolus italicus</i>	Field Gladiolus		22 nd
E	<i>Gladiolus triphyllus</i>			28 th
	<i>Moraea sisyrinchium</i>	Barbary Nut		21 st
	<i>Romulea tempskyana</i>			23 rd
	<i>Romulea ramiflora</i>			25 th
Liliaceae				
	<i>Gagea graeca</i>		White, aka Lloydia graeca	21 st
	<i>Gagea peduncularis</i>		Yellow	21 st
	<i>Tulipa agenensis</i>			24 th
	<i>Tulip indet.</i>		On the hillside near Smygies	28 th
Smilacaceae				
	<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Smilax		21 st
Xanthorhoeaceae				
	<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	Common Asphodel		21 st
	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>			22 nd
Zanichelliaceae				
	<i>Zanichellia palustris</i>	Horned Pondweed		21 st
Orchidaceae				
	<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	in bud, just coming out	27 th
	<i>Anacamptis collina</i>	Fan-lipped Orchid	<i>Orchis collina</i> , long over	27 th
	<i>Anacamptis syriaca</i>		<i>Orchis syriaca</i>	21 st
	<i>Anacamptis laxiflora</i>	Loose-flowered Orchid	<i>Orchis laxiflora</i>	25 th
	<i>Himmantoglossum robertianum</i>	Giant Orchid	<i>Barlia robertiana</i>	25 th
	<i>Dactylorhiza romana</i>	Roman Orchid		23 rd
	<i>Orchis coriophora</i>	Bug Orchid	rosettes only, on roadside	28 th
	<i>Orchis intacta</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	21 st
	<i>Orchis italica</i>	Naked Man Orchid		22 nd
	<i>Orchis punctulata</i>	Punctate Orchid		26 th
	<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Going over, just 2 flowers left	28 th
E	<i>Orchis troodii</i>	Troodos Orchid	<i>Orchis anatolica</i> ssp. <i>troodii</i>	23 rd
E	<i>Platanthera (chlorantha) holmboei</i>	Holmboe's Butterfly Orchid	Rosettes only	23 rd
E	<i>Serapias aphrodite</i>	Aphrodite Serapias		21 st
	<i>Serapias orientalis</i>	Eastern Serapias		25 th
	<i>Serapias levantina</i>	Levant Serapias		26 th
	<i>Serapias bergonii (laxiflora)</i>	Long-lipped Serapias		23 rd
	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	In bud in the garden	29 th
	<i>Ophrys elegans</i>		<i>O. argolica</i> ssp. <i>elegans</i>	21 st
Ophrys: mammosa group				
E	<i>Ophrys asiatica</i>		<i>O. sintensii</i>	21 st
	<i>Ophrys mammosa</i>			28 th
	<i>Ophrys morio</i>		<i>O. transhyrcana</i>	21 st
Ophrys: umbilicata group				
	<i>Ophrys attica</i>			25 th
	<i>Ophrys flavomarginata</i>			23 rd
E	<i>Ophrys lapethica</i>			28 th
	<i>Ophrys umbilicata</i>			25 th
Ophrys: bornmuelleri group				
	<i>Ophrys bornmuelleri</i>			28 th
	<i>Ophrys levantina</i>			21 st
Ophrys: fusca group				
	<i>Ophrys fusca</i>			21 st
	<i>Ophrys sicula</i>		<i>O. lutea</i> ssp. <i>galilaea</i>	21 st
	<i>Ophrys israelitica</i>			28 th

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
Family Podicipedidae (Grebes)											
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>								X		
Family Ardeidae (Herons)											
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>								X		
Squacco Heron									X		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	X									
Family Anatidae (Swans, geese and ducks)											
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	A male at Phassouri Marsh, 27th									
Family Accipitridae (Hawks and Eagles)											
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>				X						
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>					X			X		
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				X		X		X		
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>								X		
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			X	X		X				
Family Falconidae (Falcons)											
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family Phasianidae (Pheasants and Partridges)											
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>		H	H		H		H	H	H	
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family Rallidae (Rails and Crakes)											
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>								X		
Family Gruidae (Cranes)											
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>	A beautiful party of three at Akrotiri on 27th									
Family Recurvirostridae (Avocets and Stilts)											
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>								X		
Family Charadriidae (Plovers)											
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>								X		
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>								X		
Family Scolopacidae (Sandpipers)											
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>								X		
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>								X		
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa</i>								X		
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>								X		
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>								X		
Family Laridae (Gulls)											
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)											
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		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	
Family Cuculidae (Cuckoos)											
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>				X						
Family Strigidae (Owls)											
Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops cyprius</i>						H			H	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		X	X							
Family Apodidae (Swifts)											
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>						X	X			
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>							X			
Family Upupidae (Hoopoes)											
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					X			X		X
Family Alaudidae (Larks)											
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			X							

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	Notes										Seen
Family Hirundinidae (Swallows and Martins)													
	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		X	X	X	X			X		X	
	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family Motacillidae (Pipits and Wagtails)													
	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>					X						
	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>			X		X	X			X		
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		X				X			X		
Family Turdidae (Thrushes and Chats)													
	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		X				X				X	
	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			X		X	X			X		
	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		X			X						
	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					X			X	X		
	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>					X						
E	Cyprus Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe cyprica</i>					X	X			X	X	
	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			X		X						
	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>									X		
	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Family Sylviidae (Warblers)													
	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			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									
	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>										X	
	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family Paridae (Tits)													
e	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater cyprites</i>					X						
	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family Laniidae (Shrikes)													
	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>											A newly-arrived female along the coast road, 22nd
Family Corvidae (Crows)													
	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		X	X	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	X	
Family Sturnidae (Starlings)													
	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>										X	
Family Passeridae (Sparrows)													
	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispanicus</i>		X	X				X				
	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Family Fringillidae (Finches)													
	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		X	X	X	X					X	
	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			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	
Family Emberizidae (Buntings)													
	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>						X				X	
	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		

Total: 78 species

Cyprus species lists and trip report, 20th-29th March 2012

	ENGLISH NAME	LATIN NAME	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
AMPHIBIANS												
	Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>		X				X		X		
	Savigny's Tree Frog	<i>Hyla savignyi</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
REPTILES												
Family Agamidae (Agamids)												
	Starred Agama	<i>Laudakia stellio</i>		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Family Chamaeleonidae (Chameleons)												
	Mediterranean Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo chamaeleon</i>	One in the middle of the track at Pegeia, 21st									
Family Gekkonidae (Geckos)												
	Kotschy's Gecko	<i>Mediodactylus kotschyi</i>		X			X					
Family Lacertidae (Lizards)												
	Snake-eyed Lacertid	<i>Ophisops elegans</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Troodos Wall Lizard	<i>Lacerta troodica</i>			X	X			X		X	
Family Scincidae (Skinks)												
	Banded Skink	<i>Mabuya vittata</i>					X	X			X	
	Budak's Snake-eyed Skink	<i>Ablepharus budaki</i>							X	X	X	
Family Colubridae (Colubrid Snakes)												
	Large Whip-snake	<i>Coluber jugularis</i>						X		X		
BUTTERFLIES												
Family Papilionidae (Swallowtails)												
	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon syriacus</i>		X			X	X	X	X		
	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerinthia cerisyi</i>		X	X			X	X	X		
Family Pieridae (Whites)												
	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		X				X	X	X	X	
	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>							X	X		
	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>						X				
	Cyprus Orange Tip	<i>Anthocaris cardamines phoenissa</i>		X				X	X	X	X	
	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			X		X	X	X	X	X	
	Cyprus Cleopatra	<i>Gonopteryx Cleopatra taurica</i>			X	X	X	X		X		
Family Nymphalidae (Admirals and Fritillaries)												
	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			X	X		X	X	X	X	
	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			X	X						
Family Lycaenidae (Blues & Coppers)												
	Paphos Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche paphos</i>			X	X		X	X		X	
	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>						X				
OTHERS												
e	Cyprus Mouflon	<i>Ovis musimon orientalis</i>	In the enclosure at Stavros tis Psokas									
	Eel	<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	At least one enjoying Aphrodite's bath									
	Vagrant Emperor	<i>Hemianax eppiphiger</i>	The large dragonfly seen a few times during the trip									
	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	One on 21 st									
	March Moth	<i>Alsophila aescularia</i>	The massed clumps of caterpillars									
	Pine Processionary Moth	<i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i>	The nests of caterpillars in the pine trees									
	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>	The flying black olive									
	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>	Seen several times, the big grey locust									
	a grasshopper	<i>Acrida hungarica</i>	The stick-insect grasshopper, 26 th and 27 th									
	a jumping bristletail	<i>Silvestrichilis trispina</i>	Several males in the grassland near Neo Chorio, 26 th									
E	A longhorn beetle	<i>Agapanthia nicosiensis</i>	Pegeia Forest									
	Giant Centipede	<i>Scolopendra cingulata</i>	under flat stones									
	Cyprus Freshwater Crab	<i>Potamion potamios</i>	3+ in the spring-fed stream, 28 th									