

Greek Rhodope

An Alpine Garden Society Trip

A Greentours Tour Report

23rd – 30th April 2016

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Day 1 April 23rd to Volakos

We met up at the airport and picked up our minibus and drove out from the city as the sun shone warmly on the northern Greek landscapes. Even quite close to Thessaloniki we found the rural areas to be rather beautiful though there was little time for stopping as were late for lunch! Eventually we pulled up in a sleepy looking village and found a restaurant and enjoyed some excellent Souvlaki.

Then it was past lakes and hills until we reach the flat valleys below Drama. Now the landscapes to our north were becoming quite dramatic! The word of course comes from here and presumably arose from the scenery. The great blocks of Falakron and Orvilas promised much to come whilst the green valleys in between would have made anyone want to settle and live here. We stopped to photograph a wonderful display of Corn Poppies and found a great range of rather colourful weed species in the same field. Now we rose up into more natural habitats. Time was pressing as we wanted to get to the hotel good and early after such an early start from the UK so we chose only one roadside stop. This was to admire both purple and yellow forms of the lovely *Iris reichenbachiana*. Growing with them were plenty of other nice flowers including *Ornithogallum expansum*. Then it was up to the ski resort of Volakos, on the sunlit western flanks of Mount Falakron, and to our lovely hotel, the Aloni, where Aggelos, Maria, Panos and little Dimitri welcomed us warmly.

Day 2 April 24th Mount Falakron

The route up to the mountain starts right from the village and so we had only driven five minutes or so before we were out of the minibus and botanising on the roadside! After acquainting ourselves with *Helleborus cyclophyllus* we moved up the road a little and started to enjoy all sorts of good plants on the marble road cutting. The local endemic *Saxifraga friderici-augusti* loves this marble and the little glaucous rosettes were topped by drooping panicles of dusky red flowers. *Genista lydia* and *Astragalus monspessulanus* made little yellow, blue and pink carpets on the rocks and we also saw yellow and brown-flowered *Chamaecytisus supina*. Cuckoos called loudly and continuously from the beech trees on the slopes here. We looked at the understorey where Ian W soon found us some fine Sword-leaved Helleborines and here also were the seedheads of Birdsnest Orchid, and the leaves of *Lilium rhodopaeum*.

We drove on up to a little meadow which descended into open and magnificent beech forest. Here the turf was alive with beautiful flowers. Both yellow and magenta forms of *Dactylorhiza romana* grew amongst patches of *Viola perinensis* whilst the seeheads of *Pulsatilla halleri* showed what a picture this spot must have been a week or so ago. Nevertheless there was much to enjoy with striking blue groups of *Gentiana verna* open in the cool sunlight along with groups of fresh yellow *Primula veris*. The striking lousewort *Pedicularis friderici-augusti* had pink flowers in whorls, each flower nestled in a white woolly calyx. A fine sight here was abundant *Fritillaria drenovskii*, the little brown and orange bells common amongst *Ranunculus sprunerianus*.

A little higher and we stopped to see the only recently known hybrid between the two saxifrages we were to find higher on the slopes, sadly this was over, but we enjoyed the mats of *Globularia cordifolia* around it.

We took a picnic lunch above the treeline, we were now at around 1600m, and then spent the next couple of hours exploring a botanical heaven. Rocks were plastered with two saxifrages, the lovely red *Saxifraga sempervivum* and the striking mats of *Saxifraga ferdinandi-coburgi* splattered with yellow blooms. A flock of Alpine Choughs noisily flew over and there were Northern Wheatears and the odd Black Redstart. In the gullies we found *Frangula rupestris* and *Cotoneaster nebrodensis*. However it was the open slopes covered with a spectacular display of *Dactylorhiza romana*, *Pedicularis friderici-augusti* and *Viola perinensis* that really took the biscuit. Further upslope we found *Gageas fistulosa* and *Gagea minima*.

We moved up to the last spot of the day. Here we were met by Panos and the landrover which took us up a rough road to almost 2000m, almost the top of Falakron. By now the weather was starting to look dodgy, the cloud was whisking past us and exposed spots were windy, but we managed to stay dry and the cloud only really closed in just as we left. There were snow patches on the north-facing slopes around us and near them we found a paradise for *Erythronium dens-canis*. There were many hundreds in bloom. Growing with them were many *Crocus veluchensis* though few were open in the cloudy weather. There were marvellous patches of *Corydalis solida* subspecies *incisolobata* and acres of *Scilla bifolia* glowing even without the sun. The views down to the Kato Nestos valley and towards the Bulgarian border to the north were sublime with wooded hills hardly broken by agriculture stretching all the way from the reservoir below to the border. Water Pipits and Shorelark braved the cool wind. Back among the flowers we started finding a yellow crocus, *Crocus chrysanthus*, and there were bright patches on the rocks where an *Alyssum* and *Draba lasiocarpa* bloomed. Walking back down to the vehicle conditions started to worsen and mist swept in and it became decidedly cool, nevertheless we were still wowed by the amazing show of *Viola perinensis*. There were clumps on the shattered marble of the trackside that had wall to wall flowers, tight bunches with no room to see the leaves. But it was the sheer abundance over acres of mountainside that was really impressive with the mostly bare soils at this altitude coloured purple over large areas with this pretty species.

Then it was back to the Aloni where we enjoyed pastitsio and then had our first session at the checklist – we'd seen lots of beautiful plants today!

Day 3 April 25th Simida and Despatis River

After enjoying the Aloni's excellent breakfast spread we were on our way at nine, the sun shining beautifully, with just a little cloud down in the valleys. This area is strikingly green and after the overnight rain it positively shone. A male Red-backed Shrike sat perfectly right by the road as we stopped next to it.

We headed north, dropping into the Kato Valley where we met the Nestos River where it had widened into a reservoir. A stop on the bridge was entertaining for watching the very busy Cormorants fishing, and an Osprey with Mount Falakron for a background. Then we started to rise up into the hills that rise gently to the Bulgarian border. It wasn't long though before we stopped and found ourselves amongst lots of orchids. Most spectacular amongst these were the Lady Orchids with a goodly number of very large and very tall specimens nestling under the hazels and oaks. With them were a few Birdsnest Orchids and White Helleborines and with diligent searching Celia and Ian spotted a little bee orchid *Ophrys cornuta*. Also under the trees here were several *Arum orientale* and the lovely *Scutellaria altissima* in fine blue and white flower.

We made many stops over the next couple of hours as we rose through thermophilous oak woodland into a mixed woodland of birch, pine and beech. The lovely dark red *Silene atropurpurea* was a spectacular plant that we saw much of during the day. Wherever we went there were 'brooms' with *Cytisus* and *Chamaecytisus hirsutus* noted. There were great stands of pretty *Ajuga genevensis* often growing with even greater stands of the local form of Green-winged Orchid, *Orchis picta*. On roadside banks there were both *Saxifraga carpetana* and *Saxifraga rotundifolia* as well as a little *saxifraga tridactylites*. Butterflies were numerous with many blues, Speckled Woods and Clouded Yellows. Beetles were everywhere too with rose chafers shimmering green as they flew and brilliant blue-hued ground beetles a frequent sight. Lizards scurried hither and thither with Balkan Green Lizards the most noticeable. Cuckoos called all the time and Hoopoes were heard and seen too.

We took a walk along a track into the birch forest, a unique presence in Greece, this being the only significant area of birch forest. We noted the lovely red *Pulmonaria rubra* and also *Viola canina* and *Viola reichenbachiana*. By streams grew *Chrysosplenium alternifolium* and the Townhall Clock *Adoxa moschatellina*. As we drove back down to the valleys a Black Vulture sailed over us and we also stopped for a lovely stand of a *Stachys*.

We met Panos for lunch. He cooked us potato and mushrooms, sausage and egg, and they had made a salad and there was yoghurt too, and even a little strong alcohol! It was an excellent lunch enjoyed in beautiful surroundings. Indeed just thirty metres away were rocky bluffs covered in a superb display of *Haberlea rhodopaea*. This stunning gesnerid was in perfect flower. On the shaded slope below *Liliums* were in bud and there were spreads of *Ajuga reptans*, *Polygonatum odoratum* and also *Dentaria bulbifera*. *Geranium macrorrhizum* formed patches on the cliffs.

We took a walk up the valley. Plants were limited to what we'd seen already but the butterflies were excellent. We saw Wood Whites, Common Glider, Powdered Brimstone, Green Hairstreak, Small Copper, Hungarian Skipper, Dingy Skipper, Little Blue and Adonis Blue. A Black Stork flew over as we walked down.

We drove back up the valley and spent an hour wandering some more orchidy slopes. Here there were unbelievable numbers of *Orchis morio/picta*, thousands either side of the road, and here were

good numbers too of Toothed Orchids and Lady Orchid. Many spikes of Violet Limodore were about to bloom. *Ononis pusilla* was new. A heavy rain storm brewed over Falakron. As we drove back we encountered a flock of Turtle Doves. Tonight's meal featured a superb pasta dish with cheese and wild boar.

Day 4 April 26th Mount Pangeio

It was a bit of surprise this morning when we woke to rain. Not just rain. There was snow lying just outside the hotel. Apparently there had been an almighty thunderstorm about 4.30 in the morning (I'd missed it) which had dumped the snow, it later turning to rain in Volakos. However as we left the warm hotel we found that the snow was indeed lying not far above us. So we changed plans and headed down to the coast! Or rather Mount Pangeio which rises directly from the coast. In fact it is a high mountain, but more of that later!

We made several stops in the first section of the mountain in the Mediterranean scrub. Here we found *Ophrys mammosa* to be really widespread. It was in magnificent form and there were hundreds of plants. Here and there we found the pretty *Ophrys reinholdii* too. There was a very striking large-flowered *Serapias orientalis* in a meadow by the road and another had *Serapias bergonii*. Under the Turkey Oak woodlands were Sword-leaved Helleborines. Other nice species here included a bewildering array of vetches and medicks and the lovely *Aristolochia rotunda*. The Turkey Oaks soon gave way to a beautiful beech forest where we saw just one *Quercus ilex* too.

Suddenly we spotted a red globe on the bank above the road – a peony. Needless to say we were soon out of the vehicles and up the bank to admire our find, and pleased to see quite a few more under the beech trees. Wandering along further we found one or two more in good open flower. Little were we to know what lay in store for us up the slope! Meanwhile we enjoyed our first *Fritillaria pontica* as well as *Symphytum ottomanum* and a nice *Lamium*. A hundred metres up and we found ourselves amongst a marvellous show of a few hundred peonies in full open bloom. They looked wonderful with the beech trees, and the limestone pavement. Nearby were Birdsnest Orchids. However all this was eclipsed when a couple of hundred metres away we found thousands of *Paeonia peregrina* flowering thickly in a clearing. They were so thick on the ground! We wandered amongst them photographing the spectacle, individual blooms, groups of them, and each other amongst this sensational display. Some rudimentary quadrating suggested there were at least 15,000 blooms in this clearing! We bought our lunch over. Green Lizards posed amongst them and a snake slithered away. Chiffchaffs and Cirl Buntings sang above them. We found a group of pink *Anemone coronaria* and there were some fine *Verbascum rupestris* and striking *Euphorbia verrucosa*.

We continued up the mountain. Some superb *Ornithogalum nutans* prompted a stop and soon after we explored a great slope where there some surprises in store. There were just a few orchids, but they were all new to us on this trip – first there was some *Orchis provincialis*, then a little *Orchis quadripunctata* and then we even managed to find a couple of spikes of *Orchis pauciflora*. Further up the slope *Fritillaria pontica* held sway with some very fine large green and brown bells. *Aristolochia elongata* proved common here and we also saw Common Swallow-wort.

Eventually we reached the tree line which on this mountain is at about 1700m. Suddenly it was open craggy landscapes. We explored this high area for a while. Birds noted up here included

Ortolan Bunting, Linnets, Black Redstarts and a pair of Rock Partridges that arced away from us. Along road cuttings we started noting a great display of *Saxifraga sempervivum* and higher we found the yellow *Saxifraga ferdinandi-coburgi*. Just one or two *Fritillaria drenowskii* were seen and a little *Androsace villosa* and *Hippocrepis glauca*. By the road was a great display of the stock *Matthiola fruticulosa* in vibrant pink flower as well as the elegant white-topped *Iberis saxatilis*. Little patches of pansies were the endemic *Viola grisebachii*, known only from this mountain.

We had to go – it was already late. We'd had such a marvellous day that we'd been unable to tear ourselves away from the mountain. So it was seven-thirty by the time we rolled up at the Aloni, Aggelos and Maria were beginning to wonder where we were!

Day 5 April 27th Orvilos

It was a beautiful sunny morning on which we said farewell to Aggelos and Panos our wonderful hosts at the Aloni. We had really enjoyed our stay with these most accommodating of hosts. We drove up the hill looking back on a sunlit Volakos, Falakron shimmering still with the previous morning's snow speckle.

We headed west stopping by an old church and taking a short wander in the woods where we acquainted ourselves with the weird and wonderful and almost completely over *Lathraea rhodopaea*, a very strange relative of the Toothwort. We did find one just starting to flower and one or two more in flower. With it was *Dentaria bulbifera* and lots of Yellow Archangel. There were some impressive Sweet Chestnuts here.

We drove through some sulime scenery on the way to Orvilos, there not being too many people about. Green forests and maquis stretched to the horizon though as we neared Orvilos things became drier and rather barren-looking. We explored tracks near the reservoir (Black Stork flying over) trying to find a way up, spotting a Roe Deer as we did so. We found some great specimens of *Iris reichenbachiana* with both plum and yellow forms in fine bloom. There were orchids too with many Toothed Orchids and a scatter of already familiar species. The mats of *Globularia cordifolia* were quite beautiful and also the yellow mounds of *Genista depressa*. Also noted were fine plants of *Matthiola fruticulosa*, some *Linum elegans* and lots of seedheads of *Pulsatilla*! Cirl Bunting was seen. Butterflies were numerous on these dry slopes with Berger's Clouded Yellows abundant and there were a good number of European Swallowtails too. We drove down and onto another track finding a big group of mud-puddling butterflies that included Green-underside Blues and Scarce Swallowtail as well as Queen of Spain Fritillary. The trip up this track didn't prove productive but as we started down a Green Woodpecker flew across the track then, as we watched fresh Deer tracks on the road (they hadn't been there when we came up some minutes before!) a large male Wild Cat sauntered across the road!

We descended to take lunch at a bench by the river. Here Weaver's Fritillaries and Green Hairstreaks joined us. We found Otter footprints in the little stream. Next we stopped at some ponds where frogs were the main thing. There were hundreds of them! There were also some fine Odonates with at least four damselfly species and also Wide-bodied Chaser and an Emerald. Aristolochias and Walnut had both suffered from recent frost! Sombre Tit was seen and further down the road Black-headed Yellow Wagtail. Eastwards we drove until Cecelia said 'cat' A pause as I continued driving then 'I think it really was a Wild Cat' ... I turned around perhaps not

overly optimistic but within seconds we'd see the Wild Cat sauntering along the road edge. Another rapid 3-point turn down the road (the motorcyclist was not pleased) and we were soon watching the cat, a female, walk across the road. She didn't rush, and reaching the far side she stopped to look at something and only gradually moved out of sight, giving us a great view of her tail and back end. We got out of the vehicle on the off chance we might see her and amazingly Cecelia came face to face with her under a bush. They exchanged looks for a good while then I came over and the cat moved just a little but this time both Cecelia and I watched her as she moved very slowly through the dead leaves and plants in the woodland, we were barely 3m from her. We were able to get a number of photos over the next couple of minutes before she melted silently into the forest... wow!

Then it was on to Drama where we stopped for icecreams and then another hour and a bit eastwards to our hotel spotting male and female Golden Oriole and female Red-backed Shrike on the way. We pulled into 'the castle' at around six and settled into our own little castles.

Day 6 April 28th Haidou Forest

This morning we met up with Eirini and Alexander just near to the hotel. Eirini works for the Rhodope National Park and she, Alex and both Peter and Georgios were to spend the day driving us around and guiding us to various superb spots in the forests in the general region of Haidou.

We would our way up the hairpins into the higher reaches of the national park to a viewpoint where Eirini oriented us with a description of the landscape and locations we could see – and we could see a lot! We learnt that the national park covers a staggering two million acres. We continued to a village where we all switched to the jeeps. These took us through perhaps fifteen kilometres of totally beautiful forest. We were accompanied on our drive by two dogs who ran all the way! One was superbly wolf-like, the other, his more exuberant companion kept encouraging the old boy on. We learnt that one of these dogs had joined the runners in last years 'iron man' event here – and had run the entire 160km course! We meanwhile enjoyed the everchanging forest with beech, spruce, pine, willow, aspen and silver birch changing places and making a different pastiche of green every few metres.

Eirini called a halt and took us down into the forest on foot. We were soon shown a boulder where *Soldanella rhodopaea* was growing, but sadly it had finished. She showed us a few more spots where the plant lived but in all of them it was over. She also found one in bud! After a while Celia spotted a perfect flower lying on the ground and threaded it back onto its bloom – it looked great. We were happy! But then after a little more searching we found another flower on a mossy boulder, and then two more, and then, a whole load of plants with perhaps forty still in bloom. We all gathered here and enjoyed this rare and beautiful plant for a while. Walking back to the car somebody spotted more on a roadside bank – in fact there were very many with around a hundred still in good flower. We drove back to the village stopping for the lovely *Viola demetria* only to find better plants of this at the village and indeed for the rest of the day.

We took our picnic in a cafeteria where our host allowed Eirini and Alexander to make us tea and coffee. Refreshed we headed out again, this time to an unusual landscape where on a plateau we came across a peaty stream flowing down between large granitic rocks. Eirini showed us diminutive *Drosera rotundifolia* plants. *Anemone nemorosa* was common as was *Ranunculus serbicus*.

We found the large orange flowered *Geum coccineum* and Tormentil! There was a delicate little *Muscari* which we cannot put a name to. As we drove out Red Admirals, Painted Ladies and one or two Silver-washed Fritillaries landed on the road. Our last stop of the day was by a slope covered in *Lilium rhodopaeum*. They were for the most part some distance from flowering, however one or two would be opening in just a few days.

Then it was down to the lowlands and to the Nemesis. Here we said farewell to our excellent local guides and then, after a break, we sat down for dinner – venison.

Day 7 April 29th Nestos

We awoke to dull rainy weather, the kind you see regularly in the English shires! In other words it wasn't about to change quickly. However today we were mostly in the lowlands so conditions were not too bad. The rain was light as we made a couple of stops along the road that rises up over the pass south of the hotel. The roadside cutting was alive with flowers. Most prominent were tufts of pale yellow *Onosma heterophyllum* and there were very fine plants too of *Iberis carnosula* with purplish flat-topped blooms.

The top of the pass didn't look too hospitable so we decided to come back later however we'd barely started descending before some fine roadside Monkey Orchids caused us to halt. The *Polygalas* here were so richly coloured.

Down in the lowlands it was still raining so we headed out to the coast and low dunes that stretch to the rivermouth. Common and Sandwich Terns flew along the coast, the sea was like glass. We pulled up next to some fine Yellow-horned Poppies. Medicagos and clovers, all new to us, were speckled across the sand between clumps of Sea Daffodil leaves. We found some fabulous Silkvine with lovely brown and yellow flowers draped across the *Quercus hartwissiana*, a curious oak with rather giant leaves.

The rain was now stopping so we headed inland taking a track to the river. This proved brilliant for birds. We saw perhaps a dozen Red-footed Falcons, a Purple Heron and a White Stork. There was a Bee-eater perched on a wire and a couple of Hoopoes. We drove along the river embankments for many kilometres, the poplar plantations dominating with their wispy seeds drifting along the track. We stopped for a Syrian Woodpcker and then had a good but short look at a Golden Jackal.

After lunch amid the trees we headed back to the entrance to the Nestos Gorge. We spent the afternoon walking up this fantastically scenic river valley, high cliffs rose on every side and the river looking magnificent, the wide sand bars backed by tall trees. Golden Orioles called all the time and Nightingales sang. Crag Martins whizzed along the cliff faces and a Short-toed Eagle drifted over. Cirl Buntings, Subalpine Warblers and Blue Rock Thrushes were seen. The weather kept the butterflies down but there was a wealth of fascinating insect life, especially Orthoptera and bugs. The flora was a wonder. The path is hewn into the side of the cliff in places so there are species that like cliffs, and then on the slopes a wonderful mix of Mediterranean flora. Tassel Hyacinths and Pyrenean Star of Bethlehem (Bath Asparagus) lined the track. *Iris reichenbachii* was over, but the *Ophrys oestriifera* was in fine form. Fabulous *Verbascum rupestris* hung its delicate sprays from the cliffs alongside a *Stellaria* and *Dianthus gracilis*. We saw lots of tall *Campanula*

lingulata and *Linaria genistifolia* as well as *Scabiosas* and *Streptoramphus tuberosus*. There was tiny *Campanula delicatula*, little tufts of *Polygala supina* and lots of *lamiaceae*. *Scutellaria albida* was a pretty sight, and we enjoyed four species of broomrape – lilac *mutelli*, showy *crenata*, abundant purplish-brown *pubescens* and also *alba*, the Thyme Broomrape. There were Mastic Trees, Olives and lovely pink-flowered Judas Trees. A marvellous place – and with an ice-cream waiting for us at the end of the walk!

It was time to head back to the hotel but not before we'd stopped at the viewpoint on the pass. This was a great spot with atmospheric views with cloud and fog hanging in shrouds across the landscape. Unfortunately the rain was coming on again! We still had time to enjoy rocks covered in gorgeous groups of *Achillea ageratina*. The iris was here in flower and there was a very large *Cerastium* and also *Saxifraga strobryni*. Then it was down to the hotel with some time to relax before we had a most delicious evening meal

Day 8 April 30th Departure

We had a seven o'clock breakfast and departed a little after eight, the hotel showering us with gifts of jam and liquor! We went over the pass much more quickly this time, the landscape looked stunning after the rain – we passed from fog to sun at regular intervals. Descending to the plain we caught the motorway to Thessaloniki. This was almost empty until we reached the city and were soon to the airport in good time.

Systematic List Number 1

Flora

Pteridophyta

<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort	scattered
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback Fern	widespread
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Irish Spleenwort	Pangeio
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall Rue	widespread
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Falakron
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady-fern	Panageio
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder-fern	widespread
<i>Dryopteris expansa</i>		Orvilas
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	Pangeio
<i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i>	Oak Fern	Haidou
<i>Notholaena marantae</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	Common Polypody	Simida
<i>Polystichum aculeatum</i>	Hard Shield-fern	Simida
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	widespread

Equisetaceae

<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail	Orvilas
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Cupressaceae

<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	Italian Cypress	nears Nestos
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	Quite common on Falakron
<i>Juniperus excelsa</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Juniperus oxycedrus</i>	Prickly Juniper	below Volakos
<i>Juniperus sabina</i>		Falakron

Ephedraceae

<i>Ephedra foemina</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Ephedra distachya</i>		Beach by Nestos Delta

Pinaceae

<i>Picea abies</i>		common Haidou
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	Corsican Pine	Nestos
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Black Pine	Orvilas
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Stone Pine	Nestos
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>		frequent at mid-altitudes

Monocotyledons

Amaryllidaceae

<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea Daffodil	leaves on the each at the Nestos Delta
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Araceae

<i>Arum italicum</i>	Italian Lords-and-Ladies	Nestos Delta
<i>Arum orientale</i>		widespread

Cyperaceae

Many seen, not identified

Dioscoraceae

Tamus communis Black Bryony widespread

Iridaceae

Crocus chrysanthus Falakron
Crocus veluchensis common Falakron
Iris germanica below Volakos
Iris reichenbachii scattered throughout

Liliaceae

Allium sphaerocephalon Nestos Gorge
Asparagus acutifolius Nestos
Asparagus officinalis Nestos
Asphodeline lutea Yellow Asphodel scattered throughout
Asphodeline taurica in bud on Pangeio
Asphodelus albus White Asphodel below Volakos
Colchicum triphyllum leaves seen on Falakron
Erythronium dens-canis marvellous displays on Falakron
Fritillaria drenovskii Falakron and Pangeio
Fritillaria pontica Pangeio
Gagea fistulosa Falakron
Gagea minima Falakron
Lilium rhodopaeum almost in flower below Haidou
Muscari sp nova Haidou Forest and Nestos Gorge
Muscari comosum Tassel Hyacinth scattered
Muscari neglectum widespread and common
Ornithogalum expansum below Volakos
Ornithogalum nutans Pangeio
Ornithogalum pyrenaicum Nestos Gorge
Polygonatum odoratum scattered
Ruscus aculeatus Butcher's Broom scattered
Scilla bifolia scattered throughout
Smilax aspera scattered

Orchidaceae

Cephalanthera damasonium White Helleborine scattered throughout
Cephalanthera longifolia Sword-leaved Helleborine scattered throughout
Cephalanthera rubra Red Helleborine in seed on Orvilas
Dactylorhiza romana Roman Orchid widespread
Limodorum abortivum Violet Birdsnest scattered
Listera ovata Twayblade Falakron
Neottia nidus-avis Bird's-nest Orchid scattered
Ophrys mammosa Pangeio
Ophrys oestrifera scattered
Ophrys reinholdii Reinhold's Bee Orchid Orvilas
Orchis mascula Early Purple Orchid scattered throughout

<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	widespread. Whether we were seeing true <i>morio</i> , <i>picta</i> or <i>caucasica</i> I'll leave for others to decide!
<i>Orchis pauciflora</i>	Sparse-flowered Orchid	Pangeio
<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid	Pangeio
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	scattered throughout
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	Pangeio and the Nestos Gorge
<i>Orchis simia</i>	Monkey Orchid	pass above the Nestos Gorge
<i>Orchis tridentata</i>	Toothed Orchid	widespread
<i>Serapias bergonii</i>		Pangeio
<i>Serapias orientalis</i>		Pangeio

Poaceae

Many seen, not identified

Typhaceae

Typha latifolia Despatis River

Aceraceae

<i>Acer hyrcanum</i>		subspecies <i>intermedium</i> . Pangeio
<i>Acer monspessulanum</i>	Montpellier Maple	Simida
<i>Acer negundo</i>		Nestos Delta
<i>Acer platanoides</i>		Nestos Delta

Adoxaceae

<i>Adoxa moschatellina</i>	Town Clock	Simida
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Anacardiaceae

<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	Terebrinth	Nestos
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Apiaceae

<i>Chaerophyllum temulentum</i>		probably this species in Haidou
<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>		leaves on the beach at the Nestos Delta
<i>Malabaila aureum</i>		near Drama
<i>Oenanthe silaifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Water-Dropwort	Nestos Delta
<i>Orlaya grandiflora</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>		Pangeio
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	Tordylium	scattered

Apocynaceae

<i>Nerium oleander</i>		lowland roadsides
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Araliaceae

<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Widespread
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Aristolochiaceae

<i>Aristolochia clematitis</i>		Pangeio and common around the Nemesis
<i>Aristolochia elongata</i>		Pangeio
<i>Aristolochia pallida</i>		Despatis

Aristolochia rotunda

Pangeio

Asclepiadaceae

Periploca graeca

Silk-vine

Nestos Delta

Vincetoxicum fuscatum

Despatis

Vincetoxicum hirundinaria

Swallowwort

widespread

Asteraceae

Achillea ageratifolia

Nestos

Achillea ageratina

Nestos

Achillea millefolium

Haidou

Centaurea napulifera

widely scattered

Centaurea scabiosa

Nestos

Cirsium arvense

Creeping Thistle

lowlands

Crupina crupinastrum

Nestos

Doronicum orientale

Pangeio

Hieraceum umbellatum

Falakron

Leontodon crispus

Nestos

Petasites hybridus

Butterbur

Simida

Scorzonera cana

scattered

Scorzonera laciniata

Nestos

Sonchus tenerrimus

Pangeio

Streptorhamphus tuberosus

Nestos

Taraxacum officinale agg.

scattered

Tragopogon dubius

Nestos

Tragopogon pratensis

Falakron in seed

Tragopogon porrifolius

Nestos

Tussilago farfara

Coltsfoot

scattered

Xanthium strumarium

Rough Cocklebur

in seed Nestos

Betulaceae

Alnus glutinosa

Alder

widespread

Alnus incana

Grey Alder

Simida

Betula pendula

Silver Birch

scattered

Boraginaceae

Alkanna sp

Nestos

Anchusa hybrida

Pangeio

Cerinthe minor

Orvilas

Cynoglossum creticum

Blue Hound's-Tongue

scattered

Lithospermum arvensis

Corn Gromwell

Falakron

Lithospermum purpureocaeruleum

Purple Gromwell

widespread

Myosotis ramosissima

Early Forget-me-not

Nestos

Onosma heterophyllum

Nestos

Onosma rigida

scattered

Pulmonaria officinalis

Lungwort

Orvilos

Pulmonaria rubra

scattered

Symphytum bulbosum

Orvilos

Symphytum ottomanum

Pangeio and Nestos

Symphytum tuberosum

scattered

Brassicaceae

<i>Aethionema saxatile</i>	Burnt Candytuft	Orvilos
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	Simida
<i>Allysoides utriculata</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Alyssum murale</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Arabis turrita</i>	Towercress	scattered
<i>Aubretia deltoidea</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Aurinia rupestris</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	widespread
<i>Cardamine bulbifera</i>		widespread
<i>Cardamine impatiens</i>		Pangeio
<i>Cardaria draba</i>		lowland roadsides
<i>Draba lasiocarpa</i>		Falakron
<i>Draba subnivalis</i>		???Falakron
<i>Erophila verna</i>		Nestos – in seed
<i>Erysimum repandum</i>		Nestos
<i>Hesperis laciniata</i>		?probably this species
<i>Iberis carnosa</i>		Nestos
<i>Iberis saxatilis</i>		Pangeio
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	scattered
<i>Malcolmia chia</i>		Nestos
<i>Matthiola fruticulosa</i>		Pangeio
<i>Neslia apiculata</i>		lowlands
<i>Thlaspi ochroleucum</i>		Falakron & Nestos

Campanulaceae

<i>Campanula delicatula</i>		Nestos Gorge
<i>Campanula lingulata</i>		scattered

Cannabaceae

<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Hop	Nestos Delta
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Caprifoliaceae

<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	scattered
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Caryophyllaceae

<i>Cerastium banaticum</i>		Falakron
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>		Falakron
<i>Dianthus gracilis</i>		Nestos
<i>Dianthus strymonis</i>		Despatis
<i>Minuartia verna</i>		Orvilos
<i>Moenchia mantica</i>		Pangeio
<i>Silene atropurpurea</i>		widespread – beautiful species
<i>Silene conica</i>	Sand Catchfly	Pangeio
<i>Silene dichotoma</i>		Nestos
<i>Silene fabarioides</i>		Despatis
<i>Silene flavescens</i>		Nestos
<i>Silene italica</i>	Italian Catchfly	scattered
<i>Silene subconica</i>		Despatis
<i>Silene supina</i>		Pangeio

<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	widespread
<i>Stellaria nemorum</i>		scattered

Cistaceae

<i>Cistus creticus</i>		locally abundant
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	Sage-leaved Cistus	Pangeio
<i>Fumana procumbens</i>		Pangeio
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>		Nestos
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rockrose	below Volakos
<i>Helianthemum oelandicum</i>		widespread

Convolvulaceae

<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	Nestos Delta
<i>Convolvulus althaeoides</i>	Mallow-leaved Bindweed	Pangeio

Cornaceae

<i>Cornus mas</i>		Volakos
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	scattered

Corylaceae

<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	scattered
<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	Oriental Hornbeam	locally dominant
<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Hop Hornbeam	widespread
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	scattered

Crassulaceae

<i>Sedum eriocarpum</i>		Nestos
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	scattered

Cucurbitaceae

<i>Bryonia alba</i>		lowlands
<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>	Squirting Cucumber	lowlands

Dipsacaceae

<i>Scabiosa triniifolia</i>		below Volakos
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Droseraceae

<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>		below Haidou
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Ericaceae

<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>		in bud below Haidou
<i>Bruckenthalia spiculifolia</i>		in seed below Haidou
<i>Erica arborea</i>		Pangeio
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>		Haidou

Euphorbiaceae

<i>Andrachne telephioides</i>		Falakron
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	common
<i>Euphorbia characias</i>	Large Mediterranean Spurge	Nestos

<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress Spurge	widespread
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge	widespread
<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>		Pangeio
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>		Despatis
<i>Euphorbia seguieriana</i>		widespread
<i>Euphorbia verrucosa</i>		Pangeio
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>		Nestos Delta
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>		scattered

Fabaceae

<i>Anthyllis hermanniae</i>		widespread
<i>Anthyllis montana</i>		widespread
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria pulchella</i>	Kidney Vetch	Nestos
<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i>		Pangeio
<i>Astragalus monspessulanus</i>		widespread
<i>Astragalus onobrychis</i>		scattered
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	Pitch Trefoil	Nestos
<i>Chamaecytisus hirsutus</i>	Hairy Broom	Falakron
<i>Chamaecytisus supinus</i>		Falakron
<i>Colutea cilicica</i>		Nestos
<i>Coronilla scorpioides</i>		scattered
<i>Genista depressus</i>		Orvilas
<i>Genista lydia</i>		Falakron
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>		Orvilas
<i>Hippocrepis emerus</i>		widespread
<i>Hippocrepis glauca</i>		Pangeio
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	Disc Trefoil	scattered
<i>Lathyrus laxiflorus</i>		Pangeio
<i>Lathyrus nissolia</i>		Nestos
<i>Lathyrus sphaericus</i>		below Volakos
<i>Lathyrus vernus</i>		Falakron
<i>Lens nigricans</i>		Pangeio
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Pangeio
<i>Medicago disciformis</i>		Pangeio
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Sea Medick	Nestos Delta
<i>Medicago minima</i>		Pangeio
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	Large Disk Medick	below Volakos
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>		scattered
<i>Medicago praecox</i>		Nestos
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>		Nestos
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Small Melilot	Nestos
<i>Onobrychis aequidentata</i>		Nestos
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Cockscomb Sainfoin	Nestos
<i>Ononis pusilla</i>		Despatis
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>		locally common
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Wild Pea	Pangeio
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	False Acacia	scattered
<i>Securigera cretica</i>		Pangeio
<i>Securigera parviflorus</i>		scattered
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	widespread
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Haresfoot Clover	Nestos

<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	below Volakos
<i>Trifolium globosum</i>		Pangeio
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>		below Volakos
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	scattered
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	Star Clover	Pangeio
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>		Nestos
<i>Trigonella monspeliaca</i>		below Volakos
<i>Vicia cuspidata</i>		Nestos
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Vetchling	scattered
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	Hairy Yellow Vetchling	scattered
<i>Vicia lathyroides</i>		Pangeio
<i>Vicia lutea</i>	Yellow Vetch	widespread
<i>Vicia melanops</i>		Haidou
<i>Vicia pannonica</i>		Haidou
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	widespread
<i>Vicia tetrasperma</i>		Despatis
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	widespread

Fagaceae

<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	scattered throughout
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Common Beech	widespread in the hills
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Turkey Oak	Pangeio
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	Kermes Oak	widespread & locally dominant
<i>Quercus frainetto</i>	Hungarian Oak	Simida & Orvilas
<i>Quercus hartwissiana</i>		Nestos Delta – behind the beach
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Holm Oak	Pangeio and the Nestos Gorge
<i>Quercus petraea</i>		widespread

Fumariaceae

<i>Corydalis solida</i>		Falakron
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Gentianaceae

<i>Gentiana cruciata</i>	Cross Gentian	leaves noted on Falakron
<i>Gentiana verna</i> subsp. <i>balcanica</i>	Spring Gentian	Falakron

Geraniaceae

<i>Erodium ciconium</i>		Nestos
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Falakron
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Cranesbill	Pangeio
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Cranesbill	locally common
<i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i>		scattered throughout
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dovesfoot Cranesbill	Pangeio
<i>Geranium pusillum</i>		scattered
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	scattered
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i>		scattered

Gesneraceae

<i>Haberlea rhodopensis</i>		Despatis & Nestos
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Globulariaceae

Globularia bisnagarica
Globularia cordifolia

widespread
Orvilas

Hypericaceae

Hypericum cerastoides
Hypericum perforatum

widespread
Nestos

Juglandaceae

Juglans regia

Walnut

widespread

Lamiaceae

Acinos arvensis
Acinos rotundifolius
Ajuga chamaepitys
Ajuga genevensis
Ajuga pyramidalis
Ajuga orientalis
Ajuga reptans
Lamium amplexicaule
Lamium galeobdolon
Lamium maculatum
Lamium purpureum
Salvia hormonioides
Scutellaria altissima
Scutellaria columnae

Ground Pine
Blue Bugle

Oriental Bugle
Bugle
Henbit Deadnettle
Yellow Archangel

Red Deadnettle

Nestos gorge
Falakron
widespread
widespread
scattered
scattered
widespread
Pangeio
Orvilas
widespread
Pangeio
scattered
Nestos
Simida

Linaceae

Linum elegans
Linum tenuifolium

Orvilas
Nestos

Malvaceae

Lavatera cretica

Nestos

Meliaceae

Melia azedarach

Indian Bead Tree

Planted

Moraceae

Ficus carica

Fig

scattered

Oleaceae

Fraxinus ornus
Jasminum fruticans
Ligustrum vulgare
Olea europea
Syringa vulgaris

Manna Ash
Wild Jasmine
Wild Privet
Olive

locally common throughout
Orvilas
Nestos
widely cultivated
scattered

Orobanchaceae

<i>Orobanche alba</i>		Nestos
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>		Stavroupoli
<i>Orobanche mutelii</i>		Nestos
<i>Orobanche pubescens</i>		Nestos
<i>Orobanche ramosa</i>	Branched Broomrape	Pangeio

Oxalidaceae

<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood Sorrel	Simida
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Paeoniaceae

<i>Paeonia peregrina</i>		amazing colony on Pangeio. A Japanese expert on the genus has given the plants on Pangeio a specific name as they are rather intermediate in form between <i>peregrina</i> and <i>mascula</i> ...
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Papaveraceae

<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow Horned Poppy	Nestos delta
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy	scattered

Plantaginaceae

<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	scattered
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain	Pangeio

Platanaceae

<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Oriental Plane	widespread
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Polygalaceae

<i>Polygala nicaeensis</i>		?maybe this species. Falakron. Didn't really get to grips with the rather showy Polygalas in the lowlands notably the fine plants above the gorge at Nestos
<i>Polygala supina</i>		Nestos

Polygonaceae

<i>Rumex acetosella</i>		scattered
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Primulaceae

<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	below Volakos
<i>Androsace villosa</i>		Pangeio
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	widespread
<i>Soldanella rhodopaea</i>		some fine colonies at Haidou – a rare plant

Pyrolaceae

<i>Orthilia secunda</i>		in bud on Falakron
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Ranunculaceae

<i>Anemone coronaria</i>		scattered
<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>		Haidou
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	Haidou
<i>Helleborus cyclophyllus</i>		scattered
<i>Pulsatilla halleri</i>		already in seed on Falakron and on Orvilas
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine	Simida
<i>Ranunculus gracilis</i>		scattered throughout
<i>Ranunculus lanuginosus</i>		below Volakos
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i>		Falakron
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	scattered
<i>Ranunculus sarduous</i>		scattered
<i>Ranunculus serbicus</i>		widely scattered
<i>Ranunculus sprunerianus</i>		scattered
<i>Thalictrum aquilegifolium</i>		in bud, Haidou
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	Lesser Meadow-rue	2, 3

Rosaceae

<i>Cotoneaster nebrodensis</i>		Falakron
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Pangeio
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	Quince	Haidou area
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	Falakron
<i>Fragaria viridis</i>		Falakron
<i>Geum coccineum</i>		Nestos
<i>Geum rhodopaeum</i>		Pangeio
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet	scattered
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab Apple	scattered
<i>Potentilla argentea</i>		Pangeio
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>		Haidou
<i>Potentilla micrantha</i>		Falakron
<i>Potentilla recta</i>		Pangeio
<i>Prunus avium</i>		scattered
<i>Prunus domestica</i>		Orvilas
<i>Rosa canina</i>		below Volakos
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	below Volakos
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>		Falakron

Rubiaceae

<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Cross-wort	Pangeio
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Salicaceae

<i>Populus canescens</i>	Grey Poplar	Nestos
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Black Poplar	Orvilas
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Aspen	locally common

Santalaceae

<i>Osyris alba</i>	Osyris	Orvilas
<i>Thesium arvense</i>		Despatis

Saxifragaceae

<i>Chrysosplenium alternifolium</i>		Simida and Haidou
<i>Saxifraga carpetana</i>		Simida
<i>Saxifraga ferdinandi-coburgii</i>		Falakron & Pangeio
<i>Saxifraga federici-augusti</i>		Haidou
<i>Saxifraga sempervivum</i>		Falakron & Pangeio
<i>Saxifraga sempervivum</i> X <i>Saxifraga federici-augusti</i>		a lovely orange and yellow flowered hybrid noted on Falakron
<i>Saxifraga stribryni</i>		Falakron and pass above Nestos

Scrophulariaceae

<i>Lathraea rhodopea</i>		west of Volakos, also near the Nemesis
<i>Linaria genistifolia</i>		Nestos
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	Jersey Toadflax	Pangeio
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	Southern Red Bartsia	widespread
<i>Pedicularis federici-augusti</i>		Falakron
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>		Pangeio
<i>Verbascum orientale</i>		Nestos
<i>Verbascum rupestris</i>		Pangeio
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	scattered

Tamaricaceae

<i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i>		Nestos
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Tiliaceae

<i>Tilia cordata</i>		Orvilas
<i>Tilia argentea</i>		scattered

Ulmaceae

<i>Ulmus laevis</i>		scattered
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	Small-leaved Elm	Pangeio

Urticaceae

<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle	scattered
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Valerianaceae

<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>		scattered throughout
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Violaceae

<i>Viola alba</i>		Falakron
<i>Viola canina</i>		subspecies <i>montana</i> . Falakron
<i>Viola demetrii</i>		Haidou
<i>Viola grisebachii</i>		Pangeio
<i>Viola odorata</i>		Falakron
<i>Viola perinensis</i>		Falakron
<i>Viola pyrenaica</i>		Falakron
<i>Viola reichenbachiana</i>	Pale Dog Violet	Simida
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	Haidou
<i>Viola tricolor</i>		Simida

Systematic List Number 2 Butterflies

Papilionidae

Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	scattered
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	1 Orvilas
Southern Festoon	<i>Cerynthia polyxena</i>	1 Orvilas

Pieridae

Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	scattered
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	scattered
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	widespread
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	widespread
Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>	Orvilas
Powdered Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx farinosa</i>	Despatis
Wood White sp	<i>Leptidea</i> sp	Despatis

Lycaenidae

Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>	scattered
Small Copper	<i>Lycanea phlaeas</i>	1 Despatis
Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	scattered
Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>	Orvilas
Eastern Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>	Despatis
Chequered Blue	<i>Scolitantides orion</i>	?probably this species Despatis
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	Despatis
Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>	Despatis
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	scattered

Nymphalidae

Common Glider	<i>Neptis sappho</i>	2 seen Despatis
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atlanta</i>	scattered throughout
Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>	Haidou
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	Despatis
Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>	scattered
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>	Haidou
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>	widely scattered
Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Clossiana dia</i>	Orvilas and Haidou
Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>	scattered
Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>	Despatis

Satyridae

Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	scattered throughout
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	locally frequent – shady places
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	scattered
Northern Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>	?probably this species around

Hesperidae

Hungarian Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>	scattered
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>	scattered

Systematic List Number 3 Birds

Numbers refer to the number of days a species was seen on the tour e.g. 7/8 means it was seen on seven days out of eight.

Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Despatis Reservoir
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	wetlands. 4/8
Pygmy Cormorant		One at Ioannina Lake and a few at Rodia 2/8
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Nestos Delta
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Nestos Delta
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	scattered. 3/8
Black Stork		scattered. 2/8
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Dead one at Angelochori. Lefkada 1/8
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1 Despatis Reservoir
Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	1 Simida
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	1 Nestos
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	scattered. 2/8
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	a female in the lowlands on the first day
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	widespread 7/8
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1 Despatis
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	scattered. 3/8
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	c.12 Nestos Delta and 2 en route to the airport. 2/8
Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>	2 Pangeio
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	4 Nestos Delta
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	2 Nestos Delta
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	2 Nestos Delta
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Nestos Delta
Yellow-legged Herring Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	at all wetlands 5/8
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	1 Nestos Delta
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	2 Nestos Delta
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	habitation throughout
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	4 Nestos Delta
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	ever-present 8/8
Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	scattered. 3/8
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	only noted on the last day
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	1 Nestos, 2 on the last day. 2/8
Roller	<i>Coracias garrulous</i>	1 on last day
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	scattered. 3/8
Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridus</i>	1 Orvilas
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus syriacus</i>	1 Nemesis
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	widespread and common 8/8
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	2 Simida, heard elsewhere
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Falakron
Shore Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	1 Falakron
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	1 Nemesis
Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	2 Nestos Gorge
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	very common 8/8
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	common 8/8
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	common 8/8
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	2 Falakron
Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (flava) feldegg</i>	1 Orvilas

Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	streamsides 4/8
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Haidou
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	heard very often rarely seen
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Pangeio
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	upland areas 5/8
Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	scattered. 2/8
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Nestos Gorge
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	widespread 8/8
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	widespread. 8/8
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Heard often seen once Nestos
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	2 Nestos Gorge
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Orvilas
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	scattered. 2/8
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	scattered. 2/8
Sombre Tit	<i>Parus lugubris</i>	Orvilas
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	common. 7/8
Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	common. 7/8
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	common. 7/8
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Heard frequently and seen on three dates. 3/8
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	scattered. 3/8
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	widespread 8/8
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	common 8/8
Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	Falakron
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	lowland inhabited areas
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus (corone) cornix</i>	ubiquitous 8/8
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	gorges and uplands. 3/8
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	scattered throughout. 5/8
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	common near habitation. 8/8
Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	scattered. 2/8
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	very common 8/8
Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Despatis
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Nestos River
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	scattered. 2/8
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	scattered. 3/8
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	scattered. 3/8
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	A male on Pangeio
Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	scattered. 3/8