

Dalyan

Wildlife at Leisure

A Greentours Tour Report

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Day 1 September 28th – to Dalyan

We all travelled by different airlines on different routes and converged at Dalyan at different times.

Day 2 September 29th – boating to Kaunos and sites near Dalyan

A quick look around before breakfast produced a red-backed shrike in the garden and a nice Oriental hornet (*Vespa orientalis*) – a species we were to become very familiar with during the tour.

We had a nice relaxed start this morning, breakfasting at a civilised hour and boarding our boat for a leisurely cruise down the river behind the hotel at 0930. The boat ride down to Kaunos in bright autumn sunshine was pleasurable. We cruised along towards the ruins. Common kingfishers flew on ahead of us, and the banksides produced our first little egrets and grey herons. Marsh harriers appeared over the reedbeds, one confusingly sporting tail wear that made it look a lot like a black kite!

Jumping off at the jetty we walked slowly up to the ruins, noticing *Limonium gmelinii* and *Tamarix smyrnensis*. Our first stop was to admire a trackside pool that was busy with egg-laying pairs of the lovely red-veined darter – flying in tandem they dipped to the water to allow the female to release a cluster of eggs from her abdomen tip. The lovely maritime squill (*Urginea maritima*) flowered on the dry slopes. *Daphne gnidioides* and *Clematis cirrhosa* were the others flowering at this time of the year. But it was mostly birds that got our attention here with spotted flycatchers, red-backed shrike and lesser whitethroats mixing it up with blue rock thrush and rock nuthatch. Our first starred agamas appeared. Unfortunately David was taken poorly at this point and eventually the decision was made to get him down on the tractor, across the river and off to hospital for a check-up. We wished him well as a depleted team headed back up to the ruins to look for wildlife or take in the cultural spectacle.

Plain tigers were on the wing and we eventually got good views of a nectaring individual. Likewise our first skipper appeared – a sage skipper and we found a clouded yellow. A low density of butterflies no doubt but the species diversity was OK.

Back at the boat we lunched well and then pootled back upstream picking up a few whiskered terns and yellow-legged gulls. Before boating through the town and out the other side. Shortly we pulled in at the mud-springs and went for an enjoyable short walk along the river. Here a small group of the huge African softshell turtles have made the quiet inlet their home. These dustbin-lid-sized terrapins with their snorkel-shaped rostrums were great to see but did not oblige us with lengthy views sadly, just popping up to the surface for a breather every now and then. Nigel found our last new butterfly of the day here too – a nice millet skipper – and then it was time to head back to the hotel.

Day 3 September 30th – Köyceğiz Lake and the mud-springs

This morning we headed out once again in the electric boat for a very enjoyable day on the lake. We potted up the river until the lake opened out in front of us and creeping along the edge we enjoyed the birdlife and even bumped into a few new dragonflies for the tour.

As we entered the lake we disturbed a good-sized roost of mostly immature night-herons and Seda spotted a Persian squirrel sunning itself on a bankside rock outcrop. One of the most-wanted birds was pygmy cormorant and Phil spotted one sitting quietly on the bankside – one of only three seen during the day. Nearby we found our first basking Western Caspian terrapins. Out on the lake little grebes were present in good numbers and careful searching eventually turned up two black-necked grebes and a handful of great crested grebes. Wildfowl were decidedly scarce but we did flush a couple of teal and a tufted duck as we cruised along. As they were yesterday, common kingfishers were alongside almost continuously and some posed nicely for photos. Blue-eyed damselflies were frequently encountered out in the lake and closer to the reed-fringed edges we bumped into a few blue-tailed damsels and even a huge lesser emperor.

Eventually though the morning had passed and we cruised across the mirror-calm lake surface to the mud-springs and hot bath complex where we prepared lunch and ate it in the boat surrounded by gangs of small fish (most of which were an introduced cichlid of some kind!).

After lunch we headed out for a good walk, buoyed up by the news that David had been released from hospital and all was well. Our walk took us along a track through a thin belt of pine woods and out into olive groves and then back towards the mud-springs along the road. Butterflies appeared and we had our first Eastern rock graylings and common blues, and another encounter with the excellent plain tiger. Birds were noticeable too, the olive groves especially being full of spotted flycatchers, with smaller numbers of willow warbler, chiffchaff, blackcap and redstart. Nigel found us a nice Syrian woodpecker at one stage. Dragonflies consisted mostly of immature red-veined darters but searching through them we found single females of both indigo dropwing and broad scarlet. Seda pointed out the trees and shrubs along the way but the botanical highlight came in the form of a scattering of beautiful *Colchicum macrophyllum* plants beside the road. Dropping back down to the boat we headed for home after a very enjoyable day.

Day 4 October 1st – Sandras Mountains

A pre-breakfast walk by Phil netted a handful of red-backed shrikes and a Cetti's warbler. After breakfast a few raptors appeared overhead before we got into the minibus and drove for about an hour high into the nearby Sandras Mountains. We stopped briefly en route low down in the hills for an elusive swallowtail but picked up a nice lesser fiery copper, our first Oertzen's rock lizards and even some *Scilla autumnalis* for the botanists.

Arriving at a suitable-looking location we disembarked and walked on searching for our target bird – the Krüper's nuthatch. We did not have to walk far before we heard the distinctive call of this attractive species and found a family group that obliged us with great views. Nearby we also added coal tit to our list and eastern rock graylings were everywhere. We dropped back down to the van and ate our picnic lunch before continuing downhill on foot. The dry pine forest was rather quiet and failed to deliver any new butterflies, although cardinals were frequent and we continued to find good numbers of eastern rock graylings. We were also lucky to find a last flowering of *Digitalis cariensis* on the roadside. Eventually we summoned the van and headed lower down into damper forest with a more deciduous component. Here streamsides produced our first grey wagtails and we found a nice flock that included Eurasian nuthatch, lesser spotted woodpecker and our first blue tits. Chaffinches and Syrian woodpecker appeared too and somewhere we could hear a singing serin. Our last new bird was a surprise wood warbler that appeared close-by in an *Alnus* by the roadside. A relaxing day.

Heading back to town we headed to a bar in the square for a beer before preparing for another assault on the excellent buffet spread at the hotel.

Day 5 October 2nd – İztuzu Beach and Pinara

This morning we returned to our boat-based life-style and slowly motored downstream towards the beach. This took some time as birds were much more evident today. A glossy ibis and a white-breasted kingfisher appeared very quickly after we left town. Distant masked shrike and wryneck suggested an influx of migrants overnight. Seda spotted a nice water rail feeding along the riverbank and we turned round to get a better look at it. A little further on we actually disembarked to search for waders in a series of pools. This produced numerous common snipe, a few dunlin, two little stint and a ringed plover. A late black-tailed skimmer was welcome. Nearby fields held several whinchat before we just had to leave to get to the beach! Boating on we got as far as we could along the back of the beach and then disembarked to walk to the other end of the beach. This was a pleasant stroll and produced some great wildlife. Four flamingos on the landward lagoons were nice. Our first spur-thighed tortoise finally put in an appearance. Out at sea a marine turtle popped its head up all-too-briefly. Working the scrub at the back of the beach produced a new butterfly for the tour in the shape of a long-tailed blue.

We took lunch under some pines at the end of the beach and whilst we set it up some went for a swim or a paddle in the sea. Afterwards we had time to visit the nearby turtle rehabilitation centre, which allowed us close views of both loggerhead and green turtle and some souvenir shopping. Nearby Phil found another *Colchicum balansae* for the tour.

We just had enough time in the day to head to a nearby patch of *Liquidambar* woodland. We stopped en route though for a well-earned ice cream before entering the aromatic woodland. Here we found both speckled wood and red admiral but perhaps more excitingly we bumped into a few collared flycatchers before it was time to head back to the hotel and dinner.

Day 6 October 3rd – Namnam River and Sünülgür Lake

This morning we took to the minibus and drove to the north end of the lake. We stopped briefly en route to try and get views of a weasel that had scampered across the road. Whilst stopped we had a few good things. A white-throated kingfisher was singing from a nearby farm. A lone bee-eater flew over all too quickly and the hedgeline here held both long-tailed and Lang's short-tailed blue.

Eventually we pulled up at the Namnam river which proved to be very good for invertebrates and produced great views of an obliging water rail. It was a warm and sunny day (as usual) and butterflies were on the wing. Plain tigers were abundant and we reacquainted ourselves with the millet skipper as it nectared feverishly on loosestrife. Nigel found a flighty new bath white (*Pontia edusa*). Dragonflies were very good here too, the big surprise coming in the discovery of two globe skimmers (*Pantala flavescens*) – a vagrant from Africa. Another new species for us and one we all enjoyed was the beautiful and abundant violet dropwing, a stunning species and very photogenic. Sadly there was no sign of the big kingfisher here but a trip down to the nearby bridge netted us blue featherlegs and Tricia found us a lone male banded demoiselle. So the Odonata list was greatly boosted by our visit to the Namnam. Another weasel waved us off.

Heading back to Dalyan we shot right through town and lunched expansively at a small restaurant on the road to the beach. Western Caspian terrapins begged for scraps in the channel next to the restaurant and common kingfishers zoomed past at close range. Afterwards we worked the lakeshore but only picked up a single great egret for our troubles. Eventually we retired to another restaurant for a beer before heading back to the hotel!

Day 7 April 4th – Valley of the butterflies

We left the hotel a bit earlier today to drive the hour-and-a-half to Ölü Deniz and our boat transfer to the Valley of the Butterflies. We stopped once just before town to enjoy a nice roadside patch of *Cyclamen graecum*. Ölü Deniz was really full of tourists, many of them dangling from tandem paragliders above our heads. Thankfully we did not have to stay long and we were soon chugging along the coast towards Butterfly Valley. En route we got rather poor views of a single adult Audouin's gull perched on the rocks along the shoreline.

Butterfly Valley was an impressive part of an already impressive stretch of coast. A small beach backed by a deep gorge at the top of which we could see a small waterfall. It was lunchtime by the time we arrived so we settled down and waited a short time whilst the tasty dishes were prepared and then took off up the trail. The sunny early part of the trail was riddled with *Lantana* and the flowers attracted a number of new butterfly species for us including pigmy skipper, mallow skipper and African ringlet. Entering the gorge we were plunged into shade and the botanists did not take too long to find some *Colchicum variegatum*. Birds were evident here too

with Spanish sparrow, nightingales and robins calling from the thick scrub. Tricia found the best bird though – a surprise immature icterine warbler caught in the act of migration. Higher up the valley, some even made it as far as the waterfall and were rewarded with a Jersey tiger moth. Back at the restaurant normal life was till going on, the music pumped out of the speakers, people lounged about and the chips were good.

Boating back we were untroubled by wildlife as we lounged on the upper deck and then it was back to the van for the drive home and dinner. A nice day.

Day 8 October 5th – the lakes and departure

Our last day dawned and we made the most of it in the morning. A pre-dawn departure for the beach for a bit of birding and swimming came badly unstuck when we found the gate down to the beach was closed. Access to the beach is regulated during the hours of darkness to protect the turtles in the summer months but these restrictions are supposed to come to an end on October 1st... Instead we back-tracked to the lakeshore and had a short wander. There were more birds but we added little to our trip list. Egrets were out in force though and dashed about on the marsh feeding avidly. Over the crags we saw the peregrine briefly again and then it was time to return for breakfast.

After breakfast we boarded the boat for one last look around the southern end of the lake. Here we did add to our tally. A white-breasted kingfisher was well-received and a good reward for all our hard work on the water. We also had a too-brief look at a little bittern and fantastic views of a much more obliging squacco heron. Common kingfishers remained just that and were voted the totemic bird of the tour. A few black-necked grebes mingled with the abundant little grebes. Before we knew it though it was time to turn for the hotel and get our bags packed.

Bags safely stored we headed to town for pide (Turkish pizza) and a wander along the waterfront and amongst the shops. For those leaving in the late evening Seda had arranged yet another boat trip, this time downstream to the beach...

Systematic List Number 1 Odonata

Banded demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	Just one at the Namnam River (sub-species amasina)
Eastern willow spreadwing	<i>Lestes parvidens</i>	One on the mud-springs walk on Day 2.
Blue featherleg	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>	One at the Namnam River.
Common bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	Dalyan, Namnam River.
Blue-eye	<i>Erythromma lindeni</i>	Frequently encountered out on the lake from the boat. Surprisingly the most abundant damselfly.
Lesser emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>	A few from the boats at Dalyan and one up in the Sandras foothills.
Migrant hawker	<i>Aeshna mixta</i>	Sandras Mtns.
Black-tailed skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	One downstream of Dalyan.
Epaulet skimmer	<i>Orthetrum chrysostigma</i>	Namnam River
Small skimmer	<i>Orthetrum taeniolatum</i>	At least one on the Namnam River and another near the large mud-springs near Dalyan.
Violet dropwing	<i>Trithemis annulata</i>	Plenty on the stretch of the Namnam River we looked at.
Indigo dropwing	<i>Trithemis festiva</i>	One female near the big mud springs near Dalyan. Several more up in the Sandra Mtns.
Red-veined darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	Good numbers at Kaunos on the first day and common thereafter.
Southern darter	<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>	One at Kaunos.
Common darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>	Sandras Mtns (a few).
Globe skimmer	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>	The sighting of two along the Namnam River was a great record of this vagrant out of Africa.

Systematic List Number 2 Butterflies

Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	Scattered singles.
Large white	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	Scattered records.
Small white	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	Dalyan and elsewhere.
New bath white	<i>Pontia edusa</i>	One on the Namnam River.
Clouded yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	Widespread in small numbers.
Lesser fiery copper	<i>Lycaena thersamon</i>	Sandras Mtns.
Long-tailed blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	One at İztuzu Beach.
Lang's short-tailed blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	One en route to the Namnam river feeding in roadside brambles.
Common blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	Mud-springs (Dalyan) and probably elsewhere.
Chapman's blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>	Butterfly Valley (1).
Plain tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	A few at Kaunos on the first day.
Red admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	Tepearasi (1).
Painted lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	Only a few in Dalyan.
Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>	Scattered records, good numbers in the hills.
Speckled wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	Small numbers in Liquidambar woodland.
Eastern meadow brown	<i>Maniola telmessia</i>	Kaunos.
Syrian rock grayling	<i>Hipparchia syriaca</i>	Frequently encountered especially away from the coast.
African ringlet	<i>Ypthima asterope</i>	Butterfly Valley.
Mallow skipper	<i>Carcharodus alcea</i>	Butterfly Valley.
Sage skipper	<i>Muschampia proto</i>	Kaunos and a few elsewhere.
Pigmy skipper	<i>Gegenes pumilio</i>	Butterfly Valley.
Millet skipper	<i>Pelopidas thrax</i>	One at undercliff by the small mud springs near Dalyan.

Systematic List Number 3 Mammals

[Wild boar]	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Feeding signs occasionally encountered.
[European hare]	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Scat encountered but no sign of the beast.
Persian squirrel	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>	Single at Dalyan and two in the foothills of the Sandras Mtns.
Weasel	<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	Two on the Namnam River day, looked larger and longer-tailed than UK animals.

Systematic List Number 4 Birds

Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	frequently encountered on wetlands.
Great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Dalyan (on the lake).
Black-necked grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Two or three from the boat on both trips out onto the lake.
Great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Dalyan.
Pygmy cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	Dalyan – just three on the lake from the boat on our first visit and one on the second.
Little bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Just one on the last morning boat ride – a female/immature that did not hang around for views sadly.
Black-crowned night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Roosting birds on the river at Dalyan.
Squacco heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Singles on both lake boat rides from Dalyan.
Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	wetlands.
Great egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Kaunos (1). Ten on Sunulgur Lake on the last morning.
Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Small numbers in wetland habitats.
Purple heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Just one from the boat (Dalyan).
Glossy ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Single downstream of Dalyan.
Greater flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	A dead one found downstream of Dalyan but four live individuals feeding on the lagoon behind the beach on the same day.
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Two on the first lake boat ride.
Tufted duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	One on the lake boat ride.
Osprey	<i>Pandion halieetus</i>	One at Kaunos on day 1.
Short-toed eagle	<i>Circus gallicus</i>	One in the Sandras Mtns, very briefly.
Marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Frequent over reedbeds and even on migration (Dalyan).
Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	One male in the Sandras Mtns.
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Odd birds migrating through.
Common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	A few migrants over Dalyan.
Long-legged buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Noted at Dalyan.
Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Scattered records.
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Seen on two occasions over the big crag along the beach road (Dalyan) and also at Butterfly Valley.
Water rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Frequently heard on boat trips and two seen; one downstream of Dalyan and another on the Namnam river.
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Three or four along the river around Dalyan.
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Small flocks on the lake.
Ringed plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	One downstream of Dalyan.
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Small numbers in pools downstream of Dalyan.
Little stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Two downstream of Dalyan.
Common snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Small numbers flushed from riverside pools downstream of Dalyan.
Black-headed gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Occasional along the coast.
Audouin's gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>	Single adult seen poorly from the boat to Butterfly Valley.
Yellow-legged gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Common along the coast.
Whiskered tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	A few from the boat at Dalyan on the lake trips.

Rock dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Widespread (feral types only).
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Single on the Samdras Mtn day.
Collared dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Widespread and common.
Little owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Frequently encountered in the evening in the hotel grounds from dusk onwards.
[Tawny owl]	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Heard at the hotel (Dalyan).
Common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Abundant around Dalyan.
White-throated kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Reported downstream of Dalyan. Heard only en route to the Namnam River. Finally seen by all upstream of Dalyan on the last morning
European bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Just one en route to the Namnam River.
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	One from the boat downstream of Dalayan was identified retrospectively from long-range photos...
[Green woodpecker]	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Heard in the Liquidambar woodland near Dalyan.
Syrian woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus syriacus</i>	Seen on the mud-springs walk and in the liquidambar woodland the next day.
Lesser spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus minor</i>	One on the Sandras Mtn day.
Crested lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	Often heard in adjacent farmland when boating around Dalyan.
Sand martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	A few near the Namnam River.
Crag martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Small numbers along the steep cliffs in Butterfly Valley.
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Noted daily in varying numbers.
Red-rumped swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	At least one reported over the Namnam River.
Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	A few on the Sandras Mtns day, along the Namnam river and at Sulungur Lake.
White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Scattered records.
[Robin]	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Heard at Tepearasi and good numbers in Butterfly Valley.
[Nightingale]	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Nigel heard one in Butterfly Valley.
Common redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Two or three in the Dalyan area.
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	A few around Dalyan.
Northern wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Sandras Mtns and on the beach at Dalyan.
Blue rock thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Frequently encountered along the rockier parts of the coast.
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Widespread, but only recorded in small numbers.
Cetti's warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Occasionally heard in freshwater habitats and adjacent habitats. One seen near the hotel.
Zitting cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Two glimpsed from boats. Not singing so hard to find.
Great reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	A few reported around Dalyan.
Icterine warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	A surprise one in Butterfly Valley.
[Sardinian warbler]	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	Heard at Butterfly Valley.
Lesser whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Scattered records.
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Dalyan, Sandras Mtns.
Wood warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Sandras Mtns day (1).
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Surprisingly very few encountered.
Willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	A few.
Spotted flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Frequently encountered.
Collared flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	Four or five passage migrants lurking in the

Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	liquidambar.
Coal tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	Widespread.
Blue tit	<i>Parus caerulea</i>	Common in coniferous woodland.
Krüper's nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>	Small numbers.
		Excellent views on the Sandras Mtns day, a few heard elsewhere.
Western rock nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	Kaunos first, thereafter encountered frequently in suitable habitat. Very vocal.
Red-backed shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	One immature in the hotel garden on the first morning.
Masked shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	Single immature seen poorly from the boat downstream of Dalyan.
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Widespread, recorded in small numbers, almost daily.
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Widespread in small numbers.
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	A total of three at Dalyan.
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Widespread.
Spanish sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	Small flock at Butterfly Valley.
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Sandras Mtns.
[Serin]	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Heard once in the Sandras Mtns.
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Noted in small numbers on a couple of dates.

Systematic List Number 5 Amphibians & Reptiles

Levant water frog	<i>Rana bedriagae</i>	wetlands.
Western Caspian terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>	Widespread.
African softshell	<i>Trionyx triunguis</i>	Two or three of these big terrapins on the first boat ride at Dalyan and a few briefly in the main river thereafter.
Spur-thighed tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>	One on the beach walk. Two mating noisily at Butterfly Valley.
Starred agama	<i>Laudakia stellio</i>	Widespread.
Turkish gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	One in the garden of the hotel.
Oertzen's rock lizard	<i>Anatololacerta oertzeni</i>	Noted in the hills.

Systematic List Number 6 Flora

Seda to do a notable plants lists