The Pontic Alps

Summer on Lazistan's High Passes

A Greentours Trip Report

24th July to 6th August 2013

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Day 1 24th July to Trabzon

The group arrived quite late in Trabzon and went to the hotel directly.

Day 2 25th July to Genesis

We enjoyed our breakfast with the nice sea view from the top floor of the hotel then left Trabzon behind driving along the coast road towards Rize. On the way there were many tea and corn plantations some in small flat areas and some in steep hills. Soon we turned inland where *Corylus avellana* and *Alnus glutinosa* were quite common along the river. The sun was shining and warm weather helped us to see many butterfly species with Cardinal, Short-tailed Blue, Queen of Spain Fritillary, Eastern Dappled White and many blues to identify. Roadside banks were also full of plant species. White flowered *Campanula alliarifolia* and similar but purple flowered *Campanula rapunculoidies, Erigeron acer, Eupatorium cannabinum, Origanum vulgare* and *Calamintha sylvatica* were the very common ones and among them were *Sedum stoloniferum, Trifolium pratense* with its big pink globose flower heads, and *Vicia villosa*. We enjoyed tea at this spot and drove on a little bit further for another short stop then went to the hotel to check-in and have lunch. By the time we were at the hotel it had started to rain gently.

After lunch we only drove a short distance to the graveyard of Sivrikaya village where we saw very brightly coloured and showy plants such as magenta pink *Geranium psilostemon* and the mauve *Geranium ibericum*, two more Campanula species; big flowered pinkish purple *Campanula lactiflora* and smaller bluish but many more flowered *Campanula latifolia* both very tall plants contrasting with the soft orange colour of the *Papaver lateritium*. While some banks were covered with *Rhinanthus angustifolius*, others were coloured with *Hypericum hyssopifolium* and *Trifolium pannonicum*. We also noted our first *Dactylorhiza urvilleana* there.

Next stop was by a drier slope, I say drier meaning the habitat otherwise everywhere very wet and some plants like *Gypsophila elegans* were carrying the drops like jewels giving us great macro photo options. On the same bank we noted *Polygala alpestris, Minuartia circassica* and *Teucrium chamaedrys subsp. chamaedrys. Circium obvallatum* also took our attention before we got on the bus to go to next location.

After a little search we stopped by the wet area where we normally see *Lilium ponticum*. They were already finished but we enjoyed more *Dactylorhiza urvilleana* and some ferns. Also we spent time in a cosy tea house chatting before we finished the field part of the day.

The hotel staff put the fire on for us so we left our boots to dry while having dinner after checklist.

Day 3 26th July Anzer Yaylası

Sun was shining this morning as we took off for Anzer Yaylası. It was almost lunch time when we arrived at Anzer but of course we made several stops along the road. Along these stops there were many attractions like a great group of dirty yellow flowered *Salvia glutinosa*, with purple drooping flowers *Cirsium hypoleuca*, huge yellow flowered daisy *Telekia speciosa* and *Impatiens nolitangere* with its big but delicate hanging flowers. Celia spotted an unusual tree that has inflated big bulb-like fruits which turned out to be *Staphylea pinnata*. As we were about to get in the bus to go on a Silver-washed Fritillary came by to be photographed. With a nice drive along the river with spruce trees all along the way we reached Anzer discussing whether the taste of famous Anzer honey deserves 1000 TL for a kilo.

The yayla was full of colourful flowers so soon we forgot about the honey and focused on flowers again. Here and there were huge clumps of *Delphinium formosum*, its purple colour was making a great contrast with white of the *Valeriana alliarifolia* that was covering the hillsides. Road banks were also coloured with *Coronilla varia, Geranium pyreniacum, Vicia cracca* and *balansae, Lathyrus rotundifolius* and many others you can see the names in the plant list :)

Lunch was taken by a bridge then we drove up to 3000m to find some alpine species like *Draba hispida*, *Minuartia recurva*, *Tripleurospermum melanolepis*, *Veronica gentionoides*, *Campanula tridentata*, *Gentiana septemfida* and *pyreniaca*. *Centaurea appendicigera* was in perfect flower as well as *Corydalis conorrhiza* and the endemic *Silene lazica*, whilst *Asperula gracilis* was forming mats in some parts of the scree. We turned back from the top and made several stops at the most flowery parts. After a quick stop by *Corydalis alpestris* found a great alpine meadow and soon we were all scattered around trying to find the best shots. *Centaurea nigrifimbriata* was a highlight though there were many others that deserved that accolade such as *Hedysarum hedysaroides*, *Coronilla orientalis*, *Geranium psilostemon*, *Anthemis marshalliana and Sedum spurium*. It was already late afternoon and we headed for the hotel making only a few quick stops for *Delphinium dasystachium*, *Asyneuma amplexicaule*, *Campanula collina*, *Arnebia pulchra* and *Alcea hoheneckerii*.

We arrived at the hotel and enjoyed our dinners.

Day 4 27th July Mor Yayla

It was cloudy this morning but we didn't mind too much knowing the weather conditions are always much better on the other side of the Ovit Pass and yes there it was sunny and warm. The habitat had also changed quickly from lush to drier steppe. First stop was by a dry hillside populated with *Populus tremula* in places. In the open areas it didn't take long to spot the bright red *Sedum sempervivum. Helichrysum armenium* clumps were shining bright yellow and orange making contrast with the blue of *Teucrium orientale*.

We aimed to go to the top of Mor Yayla directly but stopped twice; once to have a close look at giant *Centaurea macrocephala* where two White Admirals flew by while Sandy took pictures Idas Blue and then to photograph the huge colony of *Verbascum armenum*. Just below the steepest last section of Mor Yayla we found a very flowery area and couldn't resist stopping. Our driver prepared lunch for us while we were enjoying the flora. *Carduus lanuginosus* got our attention first and then we were all scattered around taking pictures of *Geranium sylvaticum*, *Vicia canescens, Stachys macrantha* and *balansae, Campanula stevenii, Lallemantia canescens, Silene*

alba ssp. divaricata and *Silene saxatilis*. After lunch we went to top and viewed the seven lakes from 3200 meters. There was also an interesting flora here including *Dracocephalum aucheri*, the endemic *Silene pungens*, as well as *Aster alpinus*, *Nonea versicolor* and *Dianthus sp*. We then drove down and walked through a short scree to find another endemic *Viola odorantissima* also noting on the way the lovely *Vavilovia formosa*.

First afternoon stop was for *Campanula glomerata* where we also found an *Orobanche lutea*? Spotted Fritillary and Blue Argus were also seen here. We had our afternoon tea and then next stopped by *Centaurea glastifolia* and lastly *Centaurea pulcherrima* (a steppic form with very pale bracts). Driving back to the hotel as soon as we reached the Ovit Pass a very thick fog covered everywhere meaning a very slow drive took us to the hotel.

Day 528th JulyOvit Dağı and Sivrikaya meadows

The very thick fog from yesterday was still around as we drove to Ovit Pass. The group put their gear on and we started to walk into the blankness. Not to get lost we kept so close to each other all the time and followed the stream up. By the stream there were *Primula auriculata*, *Pedicularis nordmanniana* and *Rhynchocorys stricta*. The light in the fog wasn't enough for the two gentians; *Gentiana pyreniaca* and *septemfida*. Alpine Accentors and Water Pipits were hopping around. We came to a point that we felt we should go back because everywhere started to look similar and the fog was getting even thicker. We walked back to the vehicle with no problem and on the way back identifed more plants like *Aster caucasicus, Senecio taraxicifolius* and *plathyphllus*.

We drove to a cosy cafe where we had had tea before. The fire was on, tea was ready, what else could we want. The boots and the socks were all taken off and placed by the fire to dry. The owner of the cafe prepared the famous local dish called 'Muhlama' that is basically a cheese fondu.

Getting dried a bit we drove to another misty and wet location but full of flowers. In the meadow we walked into were *Traunsteinera sphaerica* and *Gymnadenia conopsea* growing next to each other as well as *Solidago virgurea* ssp. *alpestris*. So as to not get lost we decided to follow the road down looking at the roadside bank flora, which was very rich with plants like *Pedicularis atropurpurea*, *Saxifraga rotundifolia*, *Aquilegia olympica*, *Inula orientalis* and *Centaurea macrocephala*.

To spend the rest of the day we drove to the town of Ikizdere and wandered around.

Day 6 29th July To Barhal

We left Genesis behind after breakfast then drove on over the Ovit Pass and stopped to find *Pelargonium endlicherianum*, which was there with some fresh flowers on. *Xeranthemum annum* was also in flower. We made a brief stop at the town of Ispir to do some shopping and after I'd bought bits and pieces I came back to the van and found no one. The group were in a shop that sell cheese, nuts and dried fruits. The owner was giving us all sorts of different stuff to taste and we were almost too full to have lunch. After this little break we drove for a while through the impressive deep Coruh gorge covered with quite different flora than we'd seen so far and stopped by the delicate *Dianthus orientalis*. Several quick stops to stretch our legs and photograph some plants such as *Echinops orientalis* and *Paliurus spina-christi*.

It was lunch time when we arrived at the Dört Kilise that is a big Georgian monastery built in ninth century. We had a look around, had lunch and then looked at the flora around. The drier road

banks were brightened by *Origanum rotundifolium* and a white-flowered endemic *Alcea calvertii*. Soon we were in Yusufeli town and while our driver was getting petrol we were enjoying our ice-creams.

Last section of the journey was productive for butterflies.

Day 7 30th July Yaylalar & Olgünlar

After a very heavy rain at night the clouds had cleared in the morning. Aiming to be at Olgünlar by lunch time we set off. On the way to Yaylalar we found several very good spots that held many plants attractive to butterflies like Eastern Dappled White, Heath Fritillary, Turquoise Blue, Scarce Copper, Southern White Admiral, Meadow Brown and Common Blue. *Cirsium pubigerum* and *Tanacetum macrophylllum* were the most attractive plants for butterflies as well as *Hypericum perforatum* and *Lysimachia vulgaris*.

Further on we spotted some superb Pelargoniums on the road bank. At Olgünlar we got out of the van 300m before the lunch spot and spent more than an hour there photographing all sorts of butterflies. Some of the very exciting ones were Twin spot Fritillary, Caucasian Spotted Fritillary, Nickerl's Fritillary, High Brown Fritillary and Silver spotted Skipper.

Esat had prepared the lunch and Ismail from the Kackar Pension prepared 'Muhlama'. After lunch we walked up to the valleys and found a fine specimen of *Swertia iberica* as well an Apollo sitting on a *Dactylorhiza umbrosa*.

We drove back to Yaylalar and took a walk along a path going into the forest. Dark and pale pink flowered *Melampyrum arvense* was the first attraction and *Erigeron a*cer, *Sedum hispanicum album* and *spurium* and *Carlina bieberstenii* were also encountered. We also managed to find endemic *Utritchzia armena*. It was getting windy and rainy so we headed back stopping once to photograph *Alcea apterocarpa*.

Day 8 31th July Pisenkaya

We were joined today by my friend Kate Clow and drove up past Barhal Church until we reached a rocky place with some good flowering *Campanula choruhensis*. from here we drove back down and took a different road up towards Pisenkaya. Although we had seen it many times already we couldn't resist stopping for an incredible display of *Campanula lactiflora* which was also rich in butterflies such as Silver-washed Fritillaries, Southern White Admirals and many blues. driving up we stopped by a beehive house and the owner showed us some winter damage caused by bear which broke in and stayed for three months before leaving! Then there were some old water mills and we spoke to a very old couple who lived in the hills. Short stops were made for *Alceas*.

Day 91st AugustTo Laşet

A sunny morning welcomed us today. Before we left this beautiful village we visited the mosque, a building that was originally a ninth century church. The 'Hoca' of the mosque who holds the key was not around so we could only see it from the outside.

Because of the big dam construction the Artvin road was open only at certain times so not to miss the morning crossing we drove to Yusufeli, had a quick shopping and arrived at the junction just in

time before they shut the gate for a few hours. After a long drive we first stopped at the view point where you could see Artvin city on one side and the deep valley on the other side. A very fresh Scarce Swallowtail was photographed here. A little bit further on after crossing several tunnels we stopped by a cafe that had very similar view to the view point and a great atmosphere for a lunch with many trees like olive, walnut, fig, pomegranate and Pavlonia around.

We kept on driving after lunch until we reached our beautifully located Laşet Bungalows. It was early afternoon when we arrived so we decided to take a walk around before dinner. A side track we took was home to some new plants for us like soft pink flowered *Ononis arvense*, bright pink flowered *Lathyrus tuberosus*, *Cerinthe minor* and *Centaurea salicifolia*.

After walk we relaxed for a while and had a delicious dinner.

Day 10 2nd August Cam Pass

Another sunny day, another superb breakfast and another idyllic location. Our day got even better by visiting several locations on Cam Pass where we have seen many new plants, some birds and a mammal.

First stop was by a great view point where you could see miles of hills and forest and fields. *Gentianella caucasica* was the first attraction there. The little outcrop on one side of the pass was full of meadow flowers. *Campanula latifolia, Scabiosa caucasica, Aster amellus, Achillea millefolium, Geranium psilostemon* and *ibericum* were the common ones and among them were *Linum hirsutiisimum, Tanacetum coccineum* and *Saxifraga paniculata*.

The lower side of the road was also rich. Several male Linnets posed for us and as we walked we had great views of a weasel chasing a lizard. Good clumps of dirty pale lilac *Aconitum orientale* and deep blue *Aconitum nasutum* were making a plant show in the middle.

We drove to the otherside of the pass from here and stopped by the roadside where the government have been planting cedar trees. There were choice flowers among them where we photographed many butterflies like Lederer's Heath, Scarce Copper, Idas Blue and Silver-washed Fritillary. One of the most popular plant for them was *Centaurea pulcherrima*.

We also witnessed a Golden Eagle that was being chased by a Long-legged Buzzard and also a Black Vulture flew over.

We drove a bit further on to where we had lunch first then looked around. The stream side was rich for certain plants like *Filipendula ulmaria*, *Sangisorba officinalis*, *Inula oculus-christi* and *Tanacetum balsamita*. On the other side where it was rocky were *Gentiana gelida* and *Gentiana cruciata*, *Campanula crispa* and *Delphinium flexuosum*.

Tawny Pipits didn't like us being there making continuous alarm calls. Some huge stands of *Verbascum speciosum* were photographed as well as a very fresh *Eryngium giganteum*.

Our last location was back on the other side of the pass in the *Picea* forest. The short path to the ghost orchid took a while to reach because of the all sorts of fungi growing there delayed us. Finally we found the *Epipogium aphyllum* and then walked back.

We went back to our nice bungalows to enjoy afternoon tea, checklists and dinner.

Day 11 3rd August Yalnızcam Pass

Today we wanted to have an adventure and headed for a completely new location for the tour. For this new location we first drove up and over Cam Pass then took a dirt road going into fields and villages. Roadsides were very rich and colourful. *Salvia nemorosa*, impressive grey-green *Onopordum turcicum*, *Arctium minus* and *Lathyrus tuberosus* were only some of the plants. Soon we were on the main road that goes to Ardanuç and as we got higher it got mistier and suddenly a local market appeared by the road side and many men were riding horses in the misty fields.

After buying bits and pieces we drove onto Yalnızcam Pass and over and suddenly the sun came through the mist and next thing we knew we'd arrived at the most incredible flower valley I have ever seen in my life. I can't begin to list all the different flowers that were there but seemed that the whole tour had been rolled in to one and dropped into this valley. There were many of the flowers we previosly have been seeing such as campanulas, delphiniums, hypericums as well as some new ones including *Pimpinella peregrina*, *Linum hypericifolium*, *Silene multifida*, *Polygala alpestris*, *Galeopsis bifida* and *Viburnum lantana*.

We had lunch at this lovely spot and kept on photographing a little more afterwards. When we finally finished here we took the same road to go back and had to stop several times seeing interesting birds. Once Christina spotted a big bird sitting in the hay field turned out to be a Lesser Spotted Eagle. Soon a Short-toed Eagle and a Long-legged Buzzard were flying together as Celia spotted a White Stork in another field. Another exciting bird was a Hoopoe that posed nicely for Sandy. When we were back on Cam Pass the sun left us and the mist was back.

Day 124th AugustÇildir and Aktaş Lakes and to Kars

We had our last breakfast in Laset and started our journey towards the Georgian border to visit two lakes. After Cam Pass we first stopped near Ardahan to view the *Centaurea glastifolia* and its shinning appendages. A handsome Yellow Wagtail was watching us from the wire.

On the way to Çildir town we had to stop several times to look at Bee-eaters, Cuckoos and Longlegged Buzzard. Before approaching Aktaş Lake, we looked around the steppe area and found some more and beautiful plants with rare *Dianthus seguira* growing by the road along with *Silene dichotoma*. Two beautiful *Verbascums* were growing there too, *thapsus* and *varians*. Soon we were by the Aktaş Lake and while Esat prepared lunch we focused on the birds. The shore was almost covered by Dalmatian Pelicans, Ruddy Shelducks and Armenian Gulls. Several Great crested Grebes were in the open and a Ringed Plover was feeding in the mud. A couple of Whitewinged Black Terns and a Montagu's Harrier flew over.

Potentilla anserina and *Circium rhizocephalum* was growing right by the picnic site. After lunch we drove to Çildir Lake. Christina and Celia wandered off and Sandy and I were chasing a Quail call but soon gave up and joined the ladies. *Cirsium pubigerum* plants looked very interesting with fruiting heads.

The lake wasn't so promising but we noted Green Sandpiper, Ferrugineus Duck, Little Grebe and Coots. The cold wind got stronger in time so we headed for Kars along the road next to Çildir Lake. One stop to stretch our legs produced an impressive *Echinops orientale* and lovely pink *Phlomis pungens*. Several more stops produced lovely landscape photos and Rose-coloured Starlings.

When we arrived at the hotel in Kars, the group had some time to wander in the city before checklist and dinner.

Day 13 5th August Ani and Küyücük Lake

A sunny but windy day started by driving towards Ani. Long-legged Buzzards and Black Kites were flying around and some of us even had chance to photograph them.

When we arrived at Ani we agreed to meet two hours later and started to wander around. The different plants we noted there were *Peganum harmala, Consolida regalis, Lepidium vesicarium* and *Dianthus zonatus*. It was very windy for birds but we still managed to find some like Pied Wheatear, Tawny and Water Pipits, House and Crag Martins, and Eastern Rock Nuthatch.

From Ani we started to drive towards Küyücük Lake trying to find a short cut. We found a route but it turned out to be the long way. A huge colony of Rose coloured Starlings made us stop first, before we then discovered an old Armenian Church still in very good condition but now being used as a hay storage by the villagers.

Lunch was taken by a shady riverside. At the lake we noted Avocet, Black-winged Stilt, Green Sandpiper, Whiskered and White-winged Terns and many many Ruddy Shelducks and Coots and Armenian Gulls.

Day 14 6th August to home

Systematic List Number 1 Flowers

Blue indicates the species seen this year.

Equisetaceae

| Equisetum arvense | Scattered, Cam Pass, Pişenkaya ? |
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| Equisetum fluviatile | Marshy areas on Cam Pass,Çıldır Gölü? |
| Equisetum palustre | Marshy areas on Cam Pass |
| Equisetum telmateia | Sivrikaya |
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Lycopsidaceae

Lycopodium clavatum

Ortan where common on mossy banks

Pteridophyta

Adiantum capillus-veneris Asplenium scolopendrium Asplenium septintrionale Asplenium adiantum-nigrum Asplenium trichomanes Athyrium distentifolium Athyrium filix-foemina *Cystopteris fragilis* Dryopteris abbreviata Dryopteris limbosperma *Gymnocarpium robertianum Matteucia struthiopteris* Phegopteris connectilis *Polypodium vulgare* agg *Polystichum aculeatum* Polystichum lonchitis *Pteridium aquilinum* Pteris cretica *Telypteris phegopteris*

Cupressaceae

Juniperus communis Juniperus oxycedrus Juniperus sabina

Pinaceae

Abies nordmanniana Picea orientalis

Pinus sylvesris

Aceraceae

Acer campestre Acer platanoides Acer pseudoplatonoides Acer trautvetterii

Çoruh Valley,Çamlık Sivrikaya, Barhal Demirgören Valley, Karagol Demirgören Valley Sivrikaya, Barhal Sivrikava Cam pass woods Ovit Dağı, Karagol Widespread e.g Çamlık, Sivrikaya Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla Taşkıran Locally common e.g. Ovit Dağı, Olgunlar Pişenkaya Sivrikaya, Cam Pass etc Sivrikaya, Ovit Dağı Ovit Dağı, Mor Yayla Widespread e.g Sivrikaya, Ovit Dağı Sivrikava Karagol

Widespread e.g Anzer Yayla,Ovit Dağ Olgunlar, Ovit Dağı, etc Yaylalar

Locally dominant e.g. Cam pass, Yaylalar Very common and widespread, the dominant coniferous species e.g Çam pass, Yaylalar Locally common e.g. Pişenkaya, Yaylalar, Çam pass

Taşkıran Çamlık,Ovit Dağ, Demirgören Valley Pişenkaya Barhal and Pisenkaya

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Anacardiaceae

Rhus coriaria Cotinus coggygria

Apiaceae

Astrantia maxima

Bupleurum falcatum Bunium microcarpum ssp. bourgai Carum meifolium Chaerophyllum astrantiae Chaerophyllum macrospermum Conium maculatum Daucus carota Eryngium billardieri Eryngium campestre Eryngium giganteum

Foeniculum vulgare Falcaria vulgaris Heracleum platytaenium Pimpinella saxifrage Pimpinella peregrina Pimpinella rhodantha Prangos ferulago Sanicula europaea Xanthogalum purpurascens

Asclepiadaceae

Cynanchum acutum Cynanchum fuscatum

Asteraceae

Achillea latiloba Achillea millefolium Actium platylepis Antennaria dioica Anthemis marscheilliana ssp pectinata

Anthemis melanoloma ssp melanoloma Anthemis tinctoria Arctium minus Artemesia absinthium Artemisia vulgaris Widespread, long, wide pinnate leaved shrub/tree Smoke bush, Barhal area

Many more species of this difficult family were seen but not identifies ? Scattered, lovely pink form,widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla,Pişenkaya etc. Olgunlar-Dibe Yayla Ovit Dagi

Ovit Dağı Olgunlar Olgunlar Cıldır Gölü Scattered ,Ovit Dağı Aktas Lake En route to Yaylalar, Anzer Yayla. Superb big silvery species mainly around Ovit Dag, but scattered elsewhere too Yaylalar Demirgören Valley, Cıldır Gölü? Widespread e.g Ovit Dagı, Anzer Yayla Cıldır Gölü? Yalnizcam Sivrikaya, Ovit Dağı Dibe Yayla? **Çam Pass** Mor Yayla

Cam Pass Anzer Yayla

A superb array of this family was on show, however, thistles are not the easiest to identify and a number eluded me! Sivrikaya Mor Yayla,Ovit Dağ Sivrikaya,Anzer Yayla Ovit Dağ ? Locally very common on higher meadows and alpine turf, golden-yellow daisy, fine-cut soft grey leaves e.g Ovit Dağ,Mor Yayla,Pişenkaya Creamy flowers with drooping ligules, unbranched seen at Sivrikaya pastures Mor Yayla Burdock, scattered e.g Ovit Dağ Cam Pass Mor Yayla

| Aster alpinus | A few at Mor Yayla |
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| Aster amellus | Taller than <i>alpinus</i> with branched inflorescence, Mor Yayla, Ovit |
| | Dağ, etc |
| Aster caucasicus | Mor yayla, Anzer Yayla, |
| Carduus hamulosus | Çıldır Gölü ? |
| Carduus lanuginosus | Mor Yayla |
| Carduus nutans | En route to Çıldır Gölü ? |
| Carlina biebersteinii | Mor Yayla,Dibe Yayla , Laset |
| Carlina vulgaris | Mor Yayla |
| Centaurea appendicigera | Gorgeous creamy flowered cornflower, widespread on gravely slopes or rocks in mountains e.g Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla etc. |
| Centaures dealbata | Laset |
| Centaurea glastifolia | Bright yellow with slender winged stems. Widespread, Mor Yayla, Ardahan (common) |
| Centaurea helenioides | Large yellow flowers with woolly phyllaries, en route to Anzer Yayla,Sivrikaya |
| Centaurea hypoleuca | Anzer Yayla |
| Centaurea macrocephala | Another large yellow species with brownish phyllaries. Mor Yayla |
| Centaurea nigrifimbriata | Blue alpine cornflower, black-edged phyllaries, Widespread e.g Sivrikaya,Ovit Dağ,Pişenkaya etc. |
| Centaurea pseudoscabiosa | Taşkıran ? |
| Centaurea pulcherrima | Widespread in alpine meadows, pink with papery pale brown phyllaries, Pişenkaya, Taskiran, etc |
| Centaurea rhizantha | Anzer Yayla |
| Centaurea salicifolia | Laset |
| Centaurea triumfettii | Mor Yayla |
| Cicerbita racemosa | Shorter species lilac-blue, scattered e.g. Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla, Sivrikaya |
| Cichorium intybus | Abundant along roadside, chicory,Mor Yayla |
| Cirsium adjaricum | Yaylalar |
| Cirsium echinus | Widespread e.g. Mor Yayla, Anzer, spiny thistle with creamy nodding flowers on roadsides |
| Cirsium hypoleucum | Common deep pink thistle of woodland edge, nodding flowers e.g Anzer Yayla |
| Circium kosmelii | Cam and Yalnizcam Pass |
| Cirsium obvallatum | Cam Pass |
| Cirsium pseudopersonata | Sivrikaya,Ovit Dağ |
| Circium pubigerum ssp glomeratum | Barhal area, pale pink flowered, tall |
| Cirsium rhizocephalum | Aktas Lake |
| Crepis willdenowii | Sivrikaya |
| Conyza canadensis | En route to Lașet, Sivrikaya? |
| Doronicum balansae | Anzer and Mor Yayla |

| Echinops orientale | Fine stands near Barhal, round thistle heads with blue flowers, Mor Yayla, Ovit Dağ |
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| Erigeron acer | Widespread, pale pink species e.g Çam pass |
| Erigeron annuus | Sivrikaya, tall plant with small white flowers in the shady |
| | borders |
| Erigeron caucasicus | Tall deep pink species, Ovit Dağ |
| Eupatorium cannabinum | Hemp Agrimony, tall with broad white corymbs, Barhal area, |
| 1 1 | Ovit Dağ, Pişenkaya etc. |
| Gnaphalium supinum | Widespread e.g Ovit Dağ |
| Gnaphalium stewartii | Sivrikaya |
| Helichrysum armenium | Similar to plicatum but leaves are revolute |
| Helichrysum plicatum | Common pale yellow with deeper centre e.g Ovit Dağ |
| Inula helenium | Widespread e.g Taşkıran, Sivrikaya, typical tall Inula, Barhal, |
| | Laset |
| Inula oculus-christi | Çam Pass |
| Inula maeri | Barhal |
| Inula orientalis | Lovely orangey-yellow species in tidy clumps, Sivrikaya, Ovit |
| | Dağ etc. |
| Jurinella moschus | Anzer and Mor Yayla |
| Mycelis muralis | Çıldır Gölü |
| Logfia arvensis | Scattered |
| Onopordum acanthium | Cam Pass |
| Onopordum taurica | Ardahan, Yalnizcam, Cam Pass, Big dark green plant with semi- |
| | drooping flwr heads |
| Onopordum turcica | Ardahan area, Big grey-green plant |
| Petasites albus | Widespread e.g Ovit Dag, some huge leaves on show |
| Pilosella hoppeana | Widespread e.g Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla, pale yellow daisy with |
| | ovate hairy leaves |
| Prenanthes cacalifolia | Sivrikaya |
| Prenanthes purpurea | Barhal area ? |
| Reichardia glauca | Scattered throuhgout |
| Scariola viminea | Yaylalar |
| Scorzonera cana | Ovit Dağ |
| Scorzonera tomentosa | Yaylalar |
| Senecio pseudo-orientalis | Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla |
| Senecio dorio ssp. umbrosus | Mor Yayla |
| Senecio platyphyllus | Anzer Yayla |
| Senecio racemosus | |
| Senecio taraxacifolius | Ovit Dagi |
| Senecio vernalis | Anzer and Mor Yayla |
| Solidago virgaurea | Anzer Yayla, above Sivrikaya |
| Tanacetum balsamita | Fine white flowered species on Cam Pass |
| Tanacetum macrophyllum | Ovit Dağ |
| Tanacetum coccineum | Cam Pass |
| Tanacetum parthaneum | Sivrikaya |
| Telekia speciosa | Another tall handsome daisy, broad yellow flowers and large, |
| | broad leaves, widespread e.g Ovit Dağ, Anzer Yayla etc. |
| Tripleurospermum melanolepis | Anzer and Mor Yayla |
| Tripleurospermum oreades var. | Mor Yayla |
| tchihatchewii | |
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Tussilago farfara Uechtritzia armena Xeranthemum annuum

Balsaminaceae

Impatiens noli-tangere

Berberidaceae *Berberis crataegina*

Betulaceae Alnus glutinosa glutinosa

Boraginaceae

Anchusa azurea Anchusa leptophylla Arnebia pulchra Cerinthe glabra Cerinthe minor Cynoglossum officinale Cynoglossum montanum

Echium italicum Echium russicum Echium vulgare Lappula barbata Nonea pulla ssp. monticola Nonea versicolor Myosotis alpestris Nonea pulmonaroides Onosma aucherianum Onosma isauricum Onosma tauricum Symphytum asperum

Brassicaceae

Arabis draboides Arabis caucasica Berteroa mutabilis Bunias orientalis Capsella bursa-pastoris Cardamine raphanifolia ssp.acris Cochlearia sintenisii Coluteocarpus vesicaria Crambe orientalis Dentaria bulbifera Descuraina sopia Draba brunnifolia Sivrikaya,Ovit Dağ (Leaves ?) Yaylalar Abundant in drier valleys, tall pink daisy with pointed petals,widespread e.g Mor Yayla,Pişenkaya

Widespread in wet areas, a balsam e.g Anzer Yayla

Anzer Yayla, Barhal area

Widespread e.g Ovit Dağ, Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla etc.

Tall blue 'borage', Sivrikaya, etc More slender with deeper blue flowers, Mor Yayla Anzer Yayla,Çam Pass

Pişenkaya, Laset Yaylalar Reddish flowers, spiny disc-like fruits, widespread e.g Demirgöre Valley En route to Yusufeli from Yaylalar ? En route to Çıldır Gölü Widespread e.g Sivrikaya,Anzer Yayla etc. Demirgören Valley Cam Pass Mor yayla Widespread in mountains e.g Ovit Dağ,Yaylalar Çam Pass Mor Yayla

Yaylalar Widespread, blue flowers Ovit Dağ,Pişenkaya etc.

Mor yayla Yaylalar area Sivrikaya ? scattered Wet areas, scattered; Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla

Anzer area Yaylalar, Coruh Valley Kars Yaylalar Kars area Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla Draba hispida Draba rosularis Erysimum alpinum Fibigia macrocarpa Hesperis matronalis Isatis glauca Lepidium vesicarium Neslia apiculata Thlaspi arvense

Buxaceae *Buxus sempervirens*

Camelliaceae

Thea sinensis

Campanulaceae

Asyneuma amplexicaule

Campanula alliarifolia Campanula aucheri

Campanula betulifolia Campanula choruhensis Campanula collina

Campanula crispa Campanula glomerata

Campanula lactiflora

Campanula latifolia Campanula persicifolia Campanula rapunculoides

Campanula sibirica

Campanula stevenii

Campanula tridentata

Jasione supina

Cannabaceae

Cannabis sativa Humulus lupulus

Capparaceae

Capparis ovata Cleome steveniana Ovit Dağ, Anzer Yayla Ovit Pass Mor Yayla Yaylalar (Fruits) ? Cam Pass Scattered. Woad.Mor Yayla. Ani Sivrikaya Sivrikaya, Anzer Yayla

Widespread in plantations – Tea e.g Güneyce

Slender purplish-blue spikes in meadows, clasping leaves, Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla Tall white species. Widespread, e.g. Ovit Dag, Cam Pass etc. Large blue bell in alpine turf, pale centres, corolla pubescent outside e.g. Mor Yayla, Ovit Dağ En route to Anzer Yayla? A few plants in flower on rocks at Taskiran Locally common on higher passes e.g. Anzer Yayla. Spikes of well spaced purplish bells White flowered cliff dweller on Cam Pass Widespread, dense pale blue – dark blue flowers, stiff bracts and leaves.Mor Yayla, Pişenkaya. Locally abundant e.g. Ovit Dag, Anzer, tall with huge heads of pale lilac to mid-blue flowers Scattered, tall with large hairy bells. Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla etc. Ayder Locally abundant along roads, tall, slender with lilac top purple bells in spikes.En route to Camlık and Pişenkaya. Rather wiry, species with sparse spikes, flowers generally held upright.Ovit Dağ.Sivrikaya. Delicate pale blue species on long wiry stems e.g. Ovit Dağ, Mor Yayla Similar to *aucheri* but more purple and preferring rocks to turf, dark centres. Widespread in mountains e.g Ovit Dağ, Mor Yayla Dwarf with round blue 'globularia-like' flowers, Ovit Dağ, etc?

Yaylalar ? Yaylalar ?

En route to Yusufeli

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera caucasica Lonicera xylosteum Sambucus edulis Sambucus nigra Viburnum lantana Viburnum opulus

Caryophyllaceae

Cerastium armeniacum Cerastium cerastioides Cerastium dahuricum Cerastium gnaphaloides Cerastium purpurascens Dianthus calocephalus Dianthus carmelitarum Dianthus erythrocoleus Dianthus micranthus Dianthus multicaulis Dianthus orientalis

Dianthus segueri Dianthus zederboueri Dianthus zonatus Gypsophila elegans Gypsophila glandulosa Gypsophila silenoides Herniaria glabra Minuartia aizoides Minuartia circassica

Minuartia erytrosepala Minuartia imbricata Minuartia juniperina

Minuartia recurva Sagina procumbens Silene alba ssp. divaricata Silene armeria Silene compacta Silene cappadocica Silene caryophylloides Silene dichotoma Silene lazica Silene lucida

Silene multifida Silene otites Yaylalar Anzer area Widespread and common e.g Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla etc. Scattered en route to Anzer Scattered e.g. Demirgören Valley,Yaylalar ? Scattered e.g. En route to Çamlık ?

Olgunlar Yusufeli Anzer Yayla Cam Pass Cam Pass Mor Yayla Sivrikaya, Ovit Dağ Mor Yayla, Yaylalar White flowered species on Cam Pass Pale pink species at Mor Yayla, Cam Pass Widespread e.g en route to Laşet from Yusufeli, fimbriate petals, long wiry stems, on cliffs Aktas Lake Mor Yayla Ani Sivrikaya Ovit Dağ

Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla

Mor Yayla and Ovit Dag Scattered, similar to *juniperina*, but distinct greyish leaves and broader petals.Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla,Pişenkaya etc. Mor Yayla Ovit dagi Fine-leaved tallish species on alpine tundra at Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla etc. Anzer Yayla

Mor Yayla En route to Karagol Widespread e.g En route to Çamlık,Ovit Dağ etc. Çam Pass En route to Ovit Dağ Aktas Lake Anzer Yayla Mor Yayla, deep red calyx, linear leaves less than 1.5 mm En route to Sivrikaya, Yalnizcam Pass Mor Yayla Mor Yayla

| Silene pungens | Scattered everywhere |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Silene saxatilis | |
| Silene vulgaris | Mor Yayla |
| Stellaria graminea | |
| Stellaria kotschyana | Ovit Dağ |
| Stellaria media | Scattered e.g. Ovit Dağ |
| Celastraceae | |
| Euonymus latifolius | |
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| Ceratophyllaceae | |
| Myriophyllum spicatum | |
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| Chenopodiaceae | |
| Chenopodium album | M X 1 C 11 C 11 |
| Chenopodium foliosum | Mor Yayla,Çıldır Gölü |
| Cistaceae | |
| Helianthemum nummularium | Widespread rockrose e.g. Anzer area |
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| Convolvulaceae | |
| Convolvulus arvensis | Widespread e.g. Mor Yayla |
| Calystegia sepium | Anzer Yayla |
| Calystegia silvatica | |
| Cornaceae | |
| Cornus sanguinea | Widespread e.g. Taşkıran |
| Cornus sunguined | Wheespread e.g. Taşkıran |
| Corylaceae | |
| Carpinus orientalis | Common on northern slopes e.g. Pişenkaya |
| Ostrya carpinifolia | Widespread e.g. Pişenkaya, Taşkıran |
| Corylus avellana | common |
| Corylus maxima | planted |
| Crassulaceae | |
| Sedum album | Dibe Yayla |
| Sedum dibum Sedum hispanicum | Mor Yayla |
| Sedum mspanicum Sedum maximum | Pişenkaya, Olgunlar |
| Sedum pilosum | En route to Sivrikaya |
| Sedum sempervivoides | Stunning scarlet species at Mor Yayla |
| Sedum spurium | Widespread and very common pink species e.g. Ovit Dağ,Anzer |
| z | yayla etc. White forms on Cam Pass |
| Sedum stoloniferum | More delicate than <i>spurium</i> , scattered e.g. Anzer area |
| Sedum tenellum | Ovit Dağ |
| Sedum gracileXpallidum? | Anzer Yayla |
| Sempervivum armenum | Ovit and Pisenkaya |
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Datiscaceae

Datisca cannabina

Laset

Dipsacaceae

Cephalaria gigantea Knautia involucrata Scabiosa caucasica

Scabiosa columbaria ssp.columbaria Scabiosa crinita Scabiosa rotata

Elaeagnaceae

Hippophae rhamnoides

Ericaceae

Rhododendron caucasicum

Rhododendron luteum

Rhododendron ponticum Vaccinium arctostaphylos Vaccinium myrtillus Vaccinium uliginosum

Euphorbiaceae

Euphorbia macroceras Euphorbia myrcinites

Fabaceae

Albizia julibrissin Argyrolobium bieberstenii Coronilla orientalis Coronilla varia *Hedysarum hedysaroides* Lathyrus pratensis Lathyrus rotundifolius Lathyrus tuberosus Lotus corniculatus Medicago sativa *Melilotus officinalis* Onobrychis transcaucasica Onobrychis montanum Robinia pseudacacia Trifolium alpestre Trifolium arvense *Trifolium campestre* Trifolium fragiferum Trifolium medium Trifolium pannonicum

Abundant at Sivrikaya and Laset area En route to Anzer Locally abundant on higher turf, large mid-blue flowers e.g. Sivrikaya,Ovit Dağ,Çam Pass etc. Yaylalar

Yalnizcam Pass Sivrikaya

Laset

Higher slopes where often the dominant shrub. Ovit dağ,Anzer Yayla etc.(Leaves) Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla (Leaves) Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ (Leaves)

Widespread, delicious berries e.g. Ovit Dağ Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla,Pişenkaya

Sorry but this family was totally ignored! Several species of *Euphorbia* were evident but all were well past their flowering peak. Sivrikaya Barhal

Yaylalar Scattered, planted in towns Ovit Dağ, Anzer Yayla Anzer Yayla, Sivrikaya Ovit Dağ, slender pink sainfoin Widespread e.g. Anzer area Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla Near Ardahan, Laset Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ, Mor Yayla widespread Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ Ovit Dağ Anzer yayla Widespread, planted e.g. Taşkıran **Cam Pass** Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ, oblong woolly heads, like a hare'sfoot En route to Çıldır Gölü? Yaylalar Widespread and common large creamy-white clover e.g. Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla

Trifolium pratense Trifolium repens Trifolium rytidosemium Trifolium spadiceum Vavilovia formosa Vicia balansae Vicia alpestris Vicia canescens Vicia cracca Vicia truncatula Vicia villosa

Fagaceae

Castanea sativa Fagus orientalis Quercus macranthera Quercus petraea

Fumariaceae

Fumaria procumbens Corydalis alpestris Corydalis conrhiza Corydalis rutifolia

Gentianaceae

Blackstonia perfoliata Gentiana asclepiadea Gentiana cruciata Gentiana gelida

Gentiana nivalis Gentiana olivierii Gentiana pyrenaica Gentiana septemfida

Gentiana verna Gentianella caucasica G.gelida x G.septemfida Swertia iberica Geraniaceae Geranium asphodeloides Geranium cinereum

Geranium collinum Geranium ibericum

Geranium psilostemon

Geranium pyrenaicum Geranium robertianum Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ White forms at Ovit Mount. Sivrikaya,Ovit Dağ,Anzer area Mor Yayla Anzer Yayla

Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla Mor Yayla, Anzer, etc Ovit Dağ Sivrikaya

Widespread e.g. Güneyce ? Common in forest on northern slopes En route to Laşet ? Güneyce, etc

Anzer Yayla Anzer Yayla. Anzer Yayla. Handsome lilac-blue species in scree

Cam Pass Widespread, fine flowering plants at Karagol Çam Pass Handsome creamy-white species, Ardahan-Kars area Ovit Dağ

Widespread small purple species e.g. Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla etc. Widespread and common in higher areas e.g.Ovit Dağ,Pişenkaya,Çam Pass etc. large trumpets on long, leafy stems Scattered e.g. Anzer area, deep blue Soft-pink gentian, Çam Pass Çam Pass Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ,Cam Pass, Taskiran etc.

Mor Yayla,also pink form near Ardahan Both the dark eyed and white centred forms were seen. Widespread and locally common e.g. Ovit Dağ,Mor Yayla Cildir Lake Widespread and common at higher levels especially e.g. Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla Widespread e.g. en route to Ovit Dağ,Anzer Area, tall, deep magenta with black-eye Scattered e.g. Sivrikaya Widespread e.g. Sivrikaya

| Geranium sanguineum | En route to Barhal? |
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| Pelargonium endlicherianum | En route to Barhal? |

Grossulariaceae

Ribes alpinum Ribes orientalis

Hippuridaceae

Hippuris vulgaris

Demirgören Valley Above Barhal

ulgaris

Çıldır Gölü ?

Hypericaceae

Hypericum androsaemum Hypericum armenum Hypericum hyssopifolium Hypericum lydium Hypericum orientale Hypericum linaroidies Hypericum scabrum Hypericum perforatum Hypericum venustum

Juglandaceae

Juglans regia Pterocarya fraxinifolia

Lamiaceae

Ajuga orientalis Ballota rotundifolia Calamintha grandiflora

Calamintha sylvatica Clinopodium vulgare Dracocephalum aucheri Galiopsis ladenum Galiopsis bifida Hyssopus officinalis Lallemantia canescens Lamium album Lamium tomentosum Leonorus glaucescens Lycopus europaeus Mentha aquatica Mentha longifolia Origanum acutidens Origanum rotundifolium

Origanum vulgare Prunella vulgaris Phlomis pungens Salvia brachycantha Anzer Yayla Sivrikaya

Ovit Dağ Cam Pass Corymbs of golden flowers, Mor Yayla Widespread in meadows e.g. Sivrikaya Olgunlar

Widespread orchard tree

Widespread e.g Ovit Dağ Yaylalar Woodland edge, large, long tubed pink flowers, scented leaves, e.g. Anzer Scattered Common in Barhal area Mor Yayla Mor Yayla Yalnizcam Pass

Mor Yayla Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla,Pişenkaya Mor Yayla Yalnizcam Pass Taşkıran Scattered Widespread and common e.g. Mor Yayla Sivrikaya Common in drier valleys, large creamy bracts,widespread e.g. Pişenkaya,Taşkıran Scattered in mountains, roadsides e.g.Sivrikaya ? Widespread e.g. Sivrikaya Cildir Lake Sivrikaya, Anzer road (deep red flowers)

Salvia forskahlei Salvia glutinosa

Salvia nemorosa Salvia sclarea Salvia staminea Salvia verticillata Scutellaria albida Scutellaria orientalis Scutellaria pontica Stachys balansae Stachys atherocalyx Stachys macrantha

Stachys macrastachya

Teucrium chamaedrys Teucrium orientale Teucrium polium Thymus praecox Thymus spyleus Thymus transcaucasicus

Lemnaceae

Spirodela polyrhiza

Lentibulariaceae

Pinguicula balcanica

Linaceae

Linum austriacum Linum catharticum Linum hypericifolium Linum tenuifolium Ortan, lilac-blue flowers,Sivrikaya ? Common in damper woodland edges e.g. Anzer area,Çam Pass En route to Çıldır Gölü

Cam Pass Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla Small white flowers on spikes, roadsides e.g. Yaylalar Yaylalar, en route to Çıldır Gölü? Pretty pink species, Ovit Dağ Ovit Dağ, Mor Yayla, Pişenkaya Anzer Yayla Common in higher area, loose heads of long-tubed pink flowers e.g. Sivrikaya, Mor Yayla Deep pink dense spikes, Mor Yayla Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla, Yaylalar Pretty blue species at Mor Yayla Yaylalar Alpine turf e.g. Ovit Dağ Sivrikaya? Mor Yayla

Ovit Dag, a butterwort

En route to Çıldır Gölü ? Ovit Dağ, Anzer yayla Yalnizcam and Cam Pass Laset

Lythraceae

Lythrum salicaria

Malvaceae

Alcea apterocarpa Alcea hohenackeri Alcea celvertii Alcea dissecta Althaea cannabina Malva neglecta

Monotropaceae

Monotropa hypopithys

Moraceae

Morus alba Morus nigra Ficus carica

Nymphaeaceae Nymphaea alba

Oleaceae *Fraxinus excelsior Olea europaea*

Onagraceae

Epilobium alpestre Epilobium dodonaei Epilobium hirsutum Epilobium ponticum Chamaenerion angustifolium Circaea lutetiana

Orobanchaceae

Orobanche alba Orobanche lutea Orobanche mutelii Orobanche pubescens Orobanche ramosa

Oxalidaceae

Oxalis acetosella

Papaveraceae

Papaver fugax Papaver lateritium

Papaver orientale

Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla, Pişenkaya

Barhal area Anzer Yayla Laset En route to Olgunlar Barhal Widespread e.g. Barhal

Pale yellow saprophyte - yellow bird's nest, woods, Çam Pass

Orchards Yusufeli Widely planted

Çıldır Gölü?

Scattered in damper situations e.g. Pişenkaya Olive groves in lower areas, Yaylalar ?

Ovit Dağ Like a more slender rosebay willowherb, Pişenkaya,Olgunlar Mor Yayla Widespread by streams and wet areas e.g. Anzer area Abundant e.g. Ovit Dağ Woods,Anzer area

Mor Yayla Sivrikaya

Ovit Dağ Yaylalar

Woods, Sivrikaya?

Smallish pale orange flowers in Barhal area, Yaylalar Fine orange flowered species in mountains e.g. Ovit Dağ, Mor Yayla Pişenkaya,Olgunlar

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Glaucium corniculatum Chelidonium majus

Parnassiaceae Parnassia palustris

Phytolaccaceae Phytolacca americana

Plantaginaceae Plantago lanceolata Plantago major Plantago media

Plumbaginaceae

Acantholimon ulicinum Plumbago europaea

Polygalaceae

Polygala alpestris Polygala anatolica Polygala major

Polygonaceae

Oxyria digyna Polygonum alpinum Polygonum amphibia Polygonum bistorta ssp.carneum Polygonum hydropiper Polygonum minor Rumex acetosella Rumex alpines Rumex angustifolius Rumex maritimus Rumex caucasicus Rumex cristatus Rumex scutatus

Primulaceae

Lysimachia verticillaris

Lysimachia vulgaris Primula algida Primula auriculata Barhal Barhal area,Sivrikaya

Widespread e.g. Çamlık

Scattered alien

Widspread Widespread e.g. en route Ovit Dağ Aktas Lake

Mor Yayla, spiny cushions with pink flowers Barhal area ?

Karagol Larger pink species, Anzer area, Çam Pass

Widespread e.g.Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla Karagol Widespread e.g. Mor Yayla, Anzer, Çam Pass,deep pink. Long stems.

Sivrikaya, etc. Ovit Dağ,Anzer Mor Yayla Çıldır Gölü ? Anzer Yayla Widespread Scattered e.g. Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla

Widespread in woodland edge, spikes of yellow e.g. Anzer Yayla,Pişenkaya Barhal Ovit dag Widespread in mountains e.g. Ovit Dağ,Mor Yayla,Pişenkaya etc. Primula elatior ssp meyeri

Primula longipes Primula veris Primula vulgaris

Punicaceae *Punica granatum*

Pyrolaceae Pyrola rotundifolia Orthilia secunda

Ranunculaceae Aconitum anthora Aconitum nasutum Aconitum orientale

Anemone albana Anemone narcissiflora Aquilegia olympica

Caltha polypetala Clematis orientalis Clematis vitalba Consolida regalis var. divaricata Consolida orientalis Delphinium dasystachyum Delphinium formosum

Delphinium flexuosum

Delphinium linearilobum Delphinium schmalhausenii

Paeonia mascula Ranunculus brachylobus Ranunculus sceleratus Thalictrum minus Trollius ranunculinus

Rhamnaceae

Frangula alnus Myricaria germanica Paliurus spina-christi Handsome deep pink species, rosettes of crinkled leaves, loose heads e.g. Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla Ovit Dağ

Sivrikaya ?

Orchards, Barhal area

Woods,Barhal Woods,Barhal

Pale yellow species, common on Çam Pass Tall blue species on Çam Pass Whitish to lilac, slender flowers, large dissect leaves, Anzer Yayla and Çam Pass Scattered with a few in flower at Mor yayla Leaves on Anzer Yayla, in flower at Çam Pass Anzer area, Barhal area prefers to be among rhododendron scrub Ovit Dağ

Yusufeli In flower near Barhal Ani

Anzer Yayla Anzer and Cam Pass, in meadows, tall with deep blue flowers, close to *flexuosum* but I now believe all of the tall delphiniums are this species. Previously recorded for Cam Pass, however, I think these may all be *formosum* given the their greater height (well in excess of 100cm) and altitude (2400m) and given distribution in the Turkish Flora

Some of the tall delphiniums with very dissect leaves on the Çam Pass are this species Pişenkaya Fine golden flowered species en route to Ovit Dağ ? Aktas Lake Sivrikaya,Anzer Yayla Widespread leaves e.g. Barhal ?

Barhal area

Widespread e.g. en route to Barhal

Rosaceae

Agrimonia eupatorium

Alchemilla mollis Alchemilla sericea Aruncus vulgaris *Cotoneaster integerrimus* Crataegus monogyna Crataegus orientalis Filipendula ulmaria *Filipendula vulgaris* Fragaria vesca Geum coccineum Geum rivale Geum urbanum Laurocerasus officinalis Mespilus germanica Potentilla adsharica *Potentilla argentea* Potentilla anserina Potentilla crantzii Potentilla erecta *Potentilla rupestris* Potentilla recta Pyrus salicifolia Rosa canina Rosa heckeliana Rosa villosa Rubus idaeus Rubus sanctus Sanguisorba minor Sanguisorba officinalis Sibbaldia parviflora Sorbus aucuparia Sorbus umbellata Sorbus terminalis

Rubiaceae

Asperula orientalis Asperula gracilis Asperula pontica Cruciata laevipes Cruciata taurica Galium incanum Galium odoratum Galium verum Salicaceae Populus tremula

Populus uzbekistana Salix alba Slender spikes of yellow flowers, meadows. Widespread e.g. Anzer area,Pişenkaya Yaylalar Anzer Yayla Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ,Pişenkaya Cam Pass

Barhal area Çam Pass En route to Çıldır Gölü ? Widespread e.g. Pişenkaya,Dibe Yaylalar Anzer Yayla Çam Pass Cam and Yalnizcam Pass

Mor Yayla Mor Yayla,Dibe Yaylalar Aktas Lake Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla

Mor Yayla Mor Yayla,Sivrikaya etc.

Scattered Sivrikaya,Ovit Dağ ?

Delicious! Widespread e.g. Pişenkaya The widespread bramble Widespread e.g. Ovit Dağ, white flowers Reddish flowers, e.g. Cam Pass Widespread in mountains e.g. Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla

Mor Yayla Anzer Yayla

Barhal area Anzer Yayla, mat-forming

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Anzer Yayla,Mor Yayla Cream flowered Anzer Yayla, etc. White flowered, in the shade Yellow flowered, widespread

Common and widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla Widely planted upright tree e.g. Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla

Salix caprea

Santalaceae *Thesium procumbens*

Saxifragaceae

Chrysosplenium dubium Saxifraga cymbalaria

Saxifraga paniculata

Saxifraga rotundifolia Saxifraga sibirica

Scrophulariaceae

Digitalis ferruginea

Euphrasia lebadensis Linaria genistifolia Linaria grandifolia Melampyrum arvense Odontites aucheri

Pedicularis atropurpurea Pedicularis caucasica Pedicularis comosa Pedicularis condensata Pedicularis nordmanniana Pedicularis pontica Rhinanthus angustifolius Rhynchocorys elephas

Rhynchocorys orientalis Rhynchocorys stricta Verbascum armenum Verbascum speciosum Verbascum trichostylum Verbascum pyramidatum Veronica anagallis-aquatica Veronica beccabunga Veronica gentianoides

Veronica orientalis Veronica peduncularis Simaroubaceae Ailanthus altissima

Solanaceae

Atropa belladonna Physalis alkekengi Mor Yayla

Anzer Yayla ,Mor Yayla

Scattered Widespread little yellow species, ivy-like leaves e.g. Sivrikaya, Anzer area Widespread, common on rocks e.g.Ovit Dağ, Mor Yayla, encrusted leaves Scattered e.g. Anzer Yayla, round, hairy leaves Widespread in mountains e.g. Ovit Dağ, white flowers

Widespread and common, tall spikes of rust coloured flowers e.g. en route to Ovit Dağ, Anzer Yayla Ovit Dagi Anzer Yavla Pretty yellow flowers, Cicek Pass Widespread and common cow-wheat e.g. Anzer Yayla, Olgunlar Slender bartsia with yellow flowers, quite widespread e.g. Mor Yayla Largely over, tall spikes dark flowers, Ovit Dag White flowers, low growing. Mor Yayla Tall white species, Mor Yayla Ovit Dag, dense heads of creamy flowers Small pink species Ovit Dağ, Mor Yayla Ovit Dağ, Anzer Yayla Sivrikaya, Yaylalar, etc. Pretty yellow flowers, wide li[p and obvious yellow beak.Anzer area Aktaş Gölü Sivrikaya, en route to Ovit Dağ Abundant at Mor Yayla, Anzer Yayla **Cam Pass** Yaylalar Sivrikaya Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla Scattered e.g. Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla Scattered in mountains, relatively large flowers in spikes, e.g. Ovit Dağ, Anzer Yayla, Mor Yayla Mor yayla

Scattered e.g. Anzer Yayla Coruh Valley Hyoscyamus niger Solanum alatum Solanum nigrum

Staphylaceae *Staphylea pinnata*

En route to Anzer

Coruh Valley

Tamaricaceae *Myricaria germanica Tamarix smyrniensis*

Widespread e.g. Taşkıran

Scattered e.g. Sivrikaya, Anzer Yayla

Widespread e.g. Barhal area

Thymelaeaceae Daphne glomerata

Tiliaceae *Tilia rubra*

Ulmaceae *Celtis glabrata Ulmus glabra*

Urtica dioica Varietaria judaica

Widespread e.g. Anzer Yayla, Pişenkaya

Widespread, but few in flower e.g. Ovit Dağ roadside, Anzer area

Widespread and common, large triangular leaves, huge corymbs of flowers, but largely over.E.g. Sivrikaya,Ovit Dağ,Anzer Yayla

Urticulariaceae Pinguicula balcanica ssp. pontica Urticularia vulgaris

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Çıldır Gölü

Yaylalar

Anzer Yayla

Mor Yayla

etc.

Barhal area

Barhal area?

Anzer area

Valerianaceae

Centranthus longiflorus Valeriana alliarifolia

Violaceae

Viola altaica Viola arvensis Viola dichroa Viola odontocalycina Vitaceae Vitus vinifera

Zygophyllaceae

Peganum harmala

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Scattered e.g. Anzer Yayla, Çam Pass

Pretty species in scree at Mor Yayla

Grapevine. Widespread

| Alismataceae Alisma plantago-aquatica | Çıldır Gölü ? |
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| Commelaceae Commelina communis | Sivrikaya, pretty blue flowers ? |
| Dioscoreaceae <i>Tamus communis</i> <i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i> | Scattered e.g. Anzer area |
| Butomaceae Butomus umbellatus | Çıldır Gölü |
| lridaceae Crocus scharojonii | |
| Liliaceae | |
| Allium atroviolaceum | Anzer |
| Allium guttatum | Yaylalar |
| Allium olympicum | Olgunlar, Cam Pass, this is possibly the delicate little species seen here |
| Allium szovitsii | Anzer yayla |
| Allium schoenoprasum ssp.sibiricum | Ovit Dağ, etc |
| Allium sphaerocephalon | Anzer Yayla, Yaylalar |
| Colchicum speciosum | Leaves,Ovit Dağ |
| Gagea villosa | |
| Gagea glacialis | |
| Lilium ponticum | Near Ovit Dag |
| Polygonatum orientale | |
| Scilla winogradowii | |
| Veratrum album | Scattered, large ribbed leaves e.g. Anzer Yayla Pişenkaya |
| Orchidaceae | |
| Cephalanthera rubra | Pisenkaya |
| Coeloglossum viride | Sivrikaya, Anzer Yayla, Pişenkaya |
| Dactylorhiza iberica | ? |
| Dactylorhiza osmanica | Anzer area, Mor Yayla |
| Dactylorhiza urvilleana | En route to Çamlık, etc slender |
| Epipactis helleborine | Anzer area |
| Epipactis veratrifolia | Anzer Yayla |
| Epipactis persica | Pisenkaya |
| Epipogium aphyllum | Over 100 in flower near Laşet |
| Goodyera repens | |
| Limodorum abotivum | Pisenkaya |
| Neottia nidus-avis | Laset |
| Gymnadenia conopsea | Barhal area ? |
| Traunsteinera sphaerica | Sivrikaya |
| Phlatanthera chlorantha | Leaves, Pisenkaya |

Poaceae

Ovit Dağ Briza macrowiczii ? Yaylalar Briza minor Briza media Holcus lanatus Melica ciliata Yaylalar Mountain meadows, hare's foot e.g. Ovit Dağ Phleum alpinum Poa alpine Anzer, etc Stipa arabica Mor Yayla

Potamogetonaceae

Potamogeton natans

Typhaceae

Typha latifolia

Systematic List Number 2 Birds

Little Grebe Great-crested Grebe Cormorant White Pelican **Dalmatian** Pelican Little Egret Grey Heron White Stork Ruddy Shelduck Mallard Ferruginous Duck Black Kite Black Vulture Short-toed Eagle Montagu's Harrier Long-legged Buzzard Lesser-spotted Eagle **Imperial Eagle** Golden eagle Lesser Kestrel Kestrel Ouail Coot Black-winged Stilt Avocet **Ringed Plover** Green Sandpiper Yellow-l'ged Herring Gull Larus argentatus cachinnans Armenian Gull Whiskered Tern White-winged Black Tern Chlidonias leucopterus Rock Dove Cuckoo Common Swift European Bea-eater Hoppoe Calandra Lark Short-toed Lark Shore Lark Sand Martin Crag Martin Swallow House Martin Tawny Pipit Meadow Pipit Water Pipit Black-headed Wagtail Grey Wagtail Motacilla cinerea

Tachybaptus ruficollis Podiceps cristatus Phalacrocorax carbo Pelecanus onocrotalus Pelecanus crispus Egretta garzetta Ardea cinerea Ciconia ciconia Tadorna ferruginea Anas plathyrhynchos Aythya nyroca Milvus migrans Aegypius monachus Circaetus gallicus Circus pygargus Buteo rufinus Aquila pomarina Aquila heliaca Aquila chrysaetos Falco naumannii Falco tinnunculus Coturnix coturnix Fulica atra Himantopus himantopus Recurvirostra avosetta Charadrius hiaticula Tringa ochropus Larus argentatus armenicus Chlidonias hybridus Columba livia Cuculus canorus Apus apus Merops apiaster Upupa epops Melanocorypha calandra Calandrella brachydactyla Eremophila alpestris Riparia riparia Ptyonoprogne rupestris Hirundo rustica Delichon urbica Anthus campestris Anthus pratensis Anthus spinoletta Motacilla feldegg

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White Wagtail **Black Redstart** Stonechat Northern Wheatear Pied Wheatear Blackbird Common Whitethroat Chiffchaff Coal Tit Eastern Rock Nuthatch Red-backed Shrike Jay Magpie Jackdaw Rook Hooded Crow Raven Starling Rose-coloured Starling House Sparrow Snow Finch Chaffinch Serin Linnet Black-headed Bunting

Motacilla alba Phoenicurus ochruros Saxicola torquata Oenanthe oenanthe Oenanthe pleschanka Turdus merula Sylvia comminis Phylloscopus collybita Parus ater Sitta tephronata Lanius collurio Garrulus glandarius Pica pica Corvus moledula Corvus frugileus Corvus cornix Corvus corax Sturnus vulgaris Sturnus roseus Passer domesticus Montifringilla nivalis Fringilla coelebs Serinus serinus Carduelis cannabina Emberiza melanocephala Widespread and common Scattered. Yalnizcam Scattered. Ani only heard Mor Yayla Anzer Common at İkizdere Ani Scattered. Scattered Scattered. Common at Ardahan. Seen at Ardahan area. Scattered. Cam Pass Many seen around Aktas hundreds in Ardahan area Widespread. Mor Yayla Scattered. Scattered Cam Pass Kars area

Systematic List Number 3

Butterflies

Papilionidae

Swallowtail Scarce Swallowtail Apollo

Pieridae

Large White Black-veined White Small White Eastern Bath White Eastern Dappled White Clouded Yellow Brimstone

Lycaenidae

Ilex Hairstreak Scarce Copper Sooty Copper Short-tailed Blue Osiris Blue Silver-studded Blue Idas Blue Brown Argus Blue Argus Turquoise Blue Anomalous Blue Meleager's Blue Turkish Furry Blue Common Blue

Nymphalidae

Southern White Admiral Camberwell Beauty Red Admiral Painted Lady Small Tortiseshell Comma Cardinal High Brown Fritillary Dark Green Fritillary Silver-washed Fritillary Queen of Spain Fritillary **Twin-spot Fritillary** Caucasian Fritillary Caucasian spotted Fritillary Marsh Fritillary Spotted Fritillary **Knapweed Fritillary** False Heath Fritillary

Papilio machaon Iphiclides podalirius Parnassius apollo

Pieris brassicae Aporia crataegi? Artogeia rapae

Euchloe ausonia Colias crocea Gonepteryzx rhamni

Satyrium ilicis Lycaena virgaureae Lycaena tityrus Everes argiades Cupido osiris Plebejus argus Plebejus idas Aricia agestis Ultraaricia anteros Plebicula dorylas Polyammatus aedon Polyammatus daphnis Polyammatus menalcas Polyammatus icarus

Limenitis reducta Nymphalis antiopa Vanessa atalanta Cynthia cardui Aglais urticae Polygonia c-album Pandoriana pandora Argynnis adippe Argynnis aglaja Argynnis paphia Issoria lathonia Brenthis hecate Boloria caucasica Melitaea interrupta Euphydryas aurinia Melitaea didyma? Melitaea phoebe? Melitaeae diamina

1 seen on the way to Laset Several seen around Barhal Scattered.

Scattered. Seen at Ovit and Olgunlar Widespread. 1 seen above Ayder 2 seen at Aktas Lake Scattered. Camlik

Yaylalar Scattered. Yaylalar Ikizdere Yaylalar Several seen above Barhal Mor Yayla and Olgunlar Common Mor Yayla, Olgunlar Olgunlar Seen at Mor Yayla and Aktas Olgunlar Olgunlar Common

Scattered Yavlalar 1 seen at Mor Yayla Scattered Olgunlar Scattered Seen on the way to Barhal Several seen above Barhal Scattered. 3/13 Seen at Olgunlar Seen at Olgunlar Olgunlar Cam Pass Cam Pass Scattered. 4/13 Widespread. 5/13 Seen above Barhal Olgunlar

Heath Fritillary Nickerl's Fritillary Lesser Spotted Fritillary Assman's Fritillary?

Satyridae

Scotch Argus Meadow Brown

Lederer's Heath

Hesperiidae

Silver-spotted Skipper

Mellicta athalia Mellicta aurelia Melitaea trivia Melllicta britomartis

Erebia aethiops Maniola jurtina Maniola megala Coenonympha symphyta Olgunlar, Pisenkaya Olgunlar, Cam Pass Seen at Cam Pass 1 seen at Olgunlar

Scattered. Scattered. 1 seen at Ardahan Cam Pass

Hesperia comma

Olgunlar