

Kaş

Wildlife at Leisure

A Greentours Trip Report

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(photos in this report – birds and butterflies all Richard Somers Cocks, plants and scenes mostly Ian Green)

Day 1 April 12th Arrival

Several of the group who had done the previous week's tour in Datça met me at lunch time in Elmalı. We then spent the afternoon doing a little circuit of Avlan Lake. The south and east sides of the lake border Çığalkaya Milli Parkı, a large protected area. The upper levels formed a big white wall of snow. We started in some nice open juniper woodlands, a widespread habitat further east in the Taurus Mountains. Here Black-eared Wheatears, Rüppell's Warblers and Cretzschmar's Buntings were common. Looking out on the lake we could see lots of Great Crested Grebes and a few Black-necked Grebes. Flowering at the base of the bushes was plentiful yellow *Hypecoum imberbe*, a strange poppy relative. Grape Hyacinths were very small. We moved a bit further round to here the cedar forest began. In a muddy puddle were some very clear Eurasian Lynx tracks. This cat, and Wolf, are quite common in the national park. Rock Buntings were in the trees and Firecrests too though it was difficult to get a look at the latter.



Aubretia deltoidea was already making a splash along the trackside, often mixed with red and white *Lamium striatum*. Now on the edge of the cedar forest we found some lovely plants. There was lots of *Ornithogalum oligophyllum* as well as *Gagea dubia* with the distinctive bulbils in the cauline leaves. A *Fritillaria* growing under the trees appeared to be *kitanae* though was surprisingly tall.

Then we completed our circuit of the lovely Avlan noting the region's highest peak, Sivri Tepe at 3045m and of course very much covered in smooth white snow. And back to Elmalı with time to relax before dinner. Later that evening John arrived from Antalya and our team was complete.

Day 2

April 13th Ak Dağı and Ördübek Yayla



It was a fine sunny morning and though overnight temperatures were low (close to zero) it was very pleasant by the time we left the hotel at nine-thirty.

Our pre-breakfast trip (...close to zero...) was a fifteen minute drive down to Avlan Lake. Here we explored the willow tree-lined channel that runs down the centre of the lake. Wood Warblers and Collared Flycatchers were in the trees. Green and Wood Sandpipers along the lake edge. A Syrian Woodpecker greeted us on arrival and Hoopoes were noted. There was a flock of mixed Garganey, Common Teal, Common Pochard and Shoveller down the channel. Yellow Wagtails were obvious with lots of the black-headed 'feldegg' race, the local breeder, and also migrant 'superciliosus'. As we were leaving there were Isabelline Wheatears, Short-toed Larks and a Purple Heron.

We headed west along the valley floor with the huge ridges of Dokuzgöl Dağları to our south, and the mountains culminating in Ak Dağı to our right, both ridges covered in a blanket of snow. The valley itself is at a thousand metres and with the long cold winter and late spring even the apples were not in bloom yet, though almonds, plums and peaches were. This is a fruit growing region par excellence. Workers were in the orchards pruning away.



We were soon winding up the narrow roads above Gombe and heading onto the slopes of Ak Dağı. This is the biggest mountain in the region with an extensive area on top between 2900 and 3000m above sea level. We would get nowhere near that today, snow blocking the track at around 1850m. So instead we drove then walked to Yeşilgöl, a beautifully situated little lake nestling at the foot of an imposing rampart of rocks and snow. It wasn't long before we started finding crocuses. The lovely white with a yellow centre *Crocus akdgahensis*, like so many of the mountain's plant, occurring only in this area. A little of the rather small yellow *Crocus danfordiae* was seen too. Other snowmelt flora included *Colchicum triphyllum*, *Corydalis wendelboi* and abundant *Anemone blanda*, the latter coming in various shades from white through to deep blue. The yellow stars of *Gagea villosa* were scattered here



and there too. In wetter areas *Gagea fragifera*. The display of *Scilla bifolia* by the lake was electric! The only butterfly noted was a single Large



Tortoiseshell too. Red-billed Chough soared against the great cliffs to our east. Linnets were common. A Blue Rock Thrush was sat upon some larger rocks as Chukar called in the background. There were both Finsch's and Northern Wheatears present and a number of Shorelarks. Two Rock Thrushes posed for a long time on some bulky scree, the male

looking a picture. There were also sightings of Rock Bunting and Water Pipit.

We descended a little for lunch enjoying our picnic in a little basin under a juniper. Fresh Turkish tea and a tasty mixture of offerings. *Cyclamen alpinum* flowered well under the shade of a big boulder and around us were *Ornithogalum oligophyllum* and a little *Thlaspi*. We searched the scree slopes across the road for both *Fritillaria crassifolia* and *Muscari racemosum*, and though we found plenty there was only the very first ones in flower. *Muscari neglectum* and *Viola heldreichii* were both noted. We'd stopped for Red-fronted Serins on the way down but here there were also normal Serins and we watched Black-eared Wheatears, Coal Tits and a Kong-legged Buzzard. Richard spotted a large eagle over the cliffs and this turned out to be a Golden Eagle, an uncommon sighting in these parts.



Next we descended to a little roadside channel. This is a super-diverse spot with many rarities, especially in summer. But even now there was so much variety. Our first surprise was a bright red pheasant's-eye which was something between *Adonis aleppica* and *Adonis ericalcyna* and well out of range for either. Next there was a Lady Orchid, though only in bud. There was *Geranium pyrenaicum*, *Trigonellas*, *Cerinthe minor*, and a nice *Scabiosa*, and all around various flowering fruit trees, a beautiful sight.

Then it was time to head back across the valley to Avlan Lake and thence to Ördübek Yayla. Here we ascended through a totally



quiet and hardly-occupied summer village into one of many montane dolines that litter these mountains. It was again still pretty much winter here. Looking out across the meadows little was yet



growing let alone flowering. So we continued to the cedar woodlands beyond. Here was glorious early spring! The ground under the trees was littered with blue or white *Anemone blanda* in abundance. Green Woodpeckers called as we enjoyed *Corydalis tauricola* and abundant *lamiums*. Then across the road was a fabulous population of delicate yellow *Fritillaria carica*. There were hundreds, maybe even thousands, and the population stretched along the hillside for at least half a kilometre. Gorgeous. We returned through the yayla stopping for some wide-leaved *Ornithogalum lanceolatum* and large-flowered *Ranunculus ficaria*. Dropping back down towards the main valley we stopped below the Cedar forests where swathes of pink *Silene cryptoneura* lined the



roadside along with various yellow legumes. The rather delicate tassel hyacinth *Muscari weissii* bloomed on roadside rocks and a little further down a nice population of fragrant dirty-whitish-blue *Muscari racemosum* was found. Funny how very different these two 'grape hyacinths' are! Then it was back to Elmalı for a rest and then an excellent dinner in the Sultan Sofresi. The lamb durum was divine...

Day 3 April 14th Avlan Golu, Karaova Beli and Gomuce

The early morning sortie took us to an unusual environment just ten minute out of town. Here was a flat area of uncultivated salt-steppe kept that was for sheep grazing. No sheep at this time of year but plenty of birds, especially as the northern edge melted into a large temporary lake that this year had inundated the area. The very short turf was much to the liking of larks and we saw many during the morning, with good numbers of Calandra Larks, Greater Short-toed Larks and Skylarks. Red-throated Pipit flew through. Isabelline Wheatears also like this habitat. On the edge of the water were abundant Yellow Wagtails, most of the *feldegg* race but a few *superciliaris* and *beema* too. A large group of Glossy Ibis dominated the foreshore. Amongst them waders that included several Greenshank, Ruff, Wood Sandpipers and a flock of Little Stints. A Lapwing and two Spur-winged



Plovers were also noted. White Storks bill-clapped lustily. A Hen Harrier flew through and there were also Marsh Harrier, Long-



legged Buzzards, Lesser and Eurasian Kestrels. Just a very few trees interrupted the flatness and in one of these was four Hoopoes. Flocks of Bee-eaters cruised high overhead.

After breakfast we left Elmalı and headed south for twenty minutes towards the white wall of Çığalkaya Milli Parkı a large protected area. We spent the first part of the morning walking down a canal which runs between the two wide open wetland areas of what is called Avlan Lake, which nestles at the foot of the protected area. A Purple heron flew off as we parked up and there were a goodly number of Squacco Herons. Four Whiskered Terns flew back and forth over the water. There were plentiful Green, Wood and Common Sandpipers. Further down the channel there were Common Pochard, Teal, Garganey and a Gadwall. A superb White-tailed Eagle sat upon a distant stump. In the willows we noted several Wood Warblers, also Reed Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Penduline Tit, and a Yellow Wagtail without a tail! We moved a short distance to another spot. Here there was a nice assortment of birds perched on the wires – Woodchat Shrike, Whinchat, Serins, Greenfinches,

On the turf in front of us were several nice Cretzschmar's Buntings and a very bright Ortolan Bunting as well as Tree and Spanish Sparrows.

We stopped for lunch right on the pass – the Karaova Beli – 1530m above sea level. As Mehmet kindly put this together and brewed the tea we explored round about. There were Mistle Thrushes, Short-toed Treecreepers and a couple of Common Buzzards. Green Woodpeckers called. Coat Tits and Chaffinches were common in the cedars here. There were lovely views all around of the Cedar of Lebanon forest and a little ova (doline) below us. Under the trees where the snow had only just



melted we saw *Cyclamen alpinum*, quite a few nice *Scilla bifolia* and *Gagea peduncularis* all making nice little gardens in the rocks. *Corydalis tauricola* too. Most of the *Eranthis* was over but we did find one or two decent specimens. Richard found the first of several Crocuses, presumably another form of *Crocus akdagensis*. Picnic complete we headed a little down the valley and stopped amongst some very fine flowering *Leontice leontopetalum*. *Adonis flammea* was in the same spot. Rock Buntings too.

We drove downhill a little and enjoyed a population of the very local *Fritillaria kitanae* right by the road. This little frit has stripey green, yellow and grey flowers. We descended on the southern flank of the mountains dropping through Cedar forest into Pine Forest. We stopped briefly to admire the uncommon *Erica bocquetii* on some roadside limestone and then we were into an area of oak. This was a rather beautiful. The trees – they were *Quercus macrolepis* – were only just starting to come into leaf. Under them we found red *Anemone coronaria* and some very fine *Fritillaria acmopetala*. Middle Spotted Woodpeckers were seen along with Hoopoe and both Krüper's





Nuthatch and European Nuthatch were common. A surprise here was a pair of red-fronted Serins feeding quietly under one of the oaks, unusual to see them this low down.

Now we descended into the lowland via a good but winding road that in half an hour had us down into the Kasaba basin hardly above sea level. Here winter had completely relinquished its grip and the crops were

growing strongly and flowers blooming prolifically along the roadsides. Soon we reached the coast at Kaş and settled into our hotel on the peninsula beyond the town.

Day 4 April 15th Ahatlı, and the Kasaba Valley



John had already been snorkelling when we met up this morning and had enjoyed it immensely, getting himself in the mood for the boat trip the next day! He spotted some fine corals and a spectacular Lion Fish.

Our first stop was near the head of the peninsula, just ten minutes from the hotel where we took a short walk through the colourful maquis to see some fine bee orchids. There were some bright and cheerful examples of *Ophrys lyciensis* and just three plants of the lovely dark and velvety *Ophrys*

ferrum-equinum. Sardinian Warblers called in the bushes as we looked at *Gladiolus illyricus*, *Helichrysum stoechas* and *Phagnalon graecum*, masses of white *Gagea graeca*, and some tall *Cynoglossum creticum*. *Orobanche hirsuta* and *Allium subhirsutum* flowered under olives.

We drove up the long hill out of Kaş stopping first by a roadside cliff. The unusual woody-based



Verbascum symni was in beautiful flower and there was still a deal of *Ricotia sinuata* with white or pink flowers. There were just a few plants of the deeper pink *Ricotia carnisula* too. *Convolvulus sicula* made a splash of blue and there was a rich assortment of little pea flowers including *Lathyrus cicera* and *Medicago scutellata* with its funnily springy fruits.





We drove now to Ahatlı where live for a number of years and still have a house there. The view was wonderful looking across the little valley below with the fresh green of *Quercus infectoria*, red-gold of newly emerging leaves of *Pistacia terebinthus* and the bright pink of *Cercis siliquastrum* to the huge snowy peak of Ak Dağı in the distance. There are some fine old specimen of *Quercus aucheri*, a southwestern Turkish endemic oak, around our place, a medium-sized one just in front of the house. We took a short walk into the neighbouring property. Here we found several nice colonies of the very rare *Ophrys lycia*, a species confined to an area within 5 kilometres of here. A most distinctive and pretty species. We counted a hundred spikes. 10% of the World population – apparently! There was also plentiful *Ophrys lycaensis*, some *Ophrys sicula* and a single *Ophrys reinholdii*. *Serapias bergonii* was seen, one clump was specular with around twenty flowers. *Ornithogalum nutans* was still in bloom and both *Bellevallia trifoliata* and *Bellevallia tauri*. Middle Spotted Woodpeckers called and Syrian too. Two Collared Flycatcher males were spotted and a Masked Shrike too. Behind the house was the very large-flowered *Aristolochia adalica*, as well as the diminutive *Aristolochia parviflora*.

We took a walk down a little track near our house. Here there were lots of Eastern Festoons flying and at least one False Apollo. We searched for their eggs or caterpillars on the abundant *Aristolochia adalica* here. There was another birthwort here, *Aristolochia auriculata*, though it had finished flowering A Common Redstart was the only one we saw during the trip. There were lots of fine Dragon Arums



some almost as tall as us, though none yet in flower. *Papaver gracilis* and *Ranunculus sprunerianus* were enjoyed.





Lunch was taken at the nearby Doğal Ane which serves just about the best breakfast in the World. OK, in Kaş! So we had breakfast for lunch. Delicious, and in such pleasant surroundings. There was a large *Quercus macrolepus* at one end of the property.



The afternoon was spent making various stops in the Dereköy Valley. We started with some nice *Iris unguicularis* in good flower. This was growing under a rich maquis that included a lot of Strawberry Tree and Tree Heather as well as *Coronilla emerus* and *Colutea melanocalyx*. We found a wonderful population of very large *Orchis italica*, the best of them a metre tall! There were red *Anemone coronaria* and a really good Dense-flowered Orchid, *Neotinea maculata*. We walked alongside a low cliff where there were some memorable clumps of *Onosma frutescens*, *Ptilostemon chamaepeuce* and *Silene gigantea* was in bud. Next was some pinewoods with Violet Limodores just coming into bloom and some good Spurred Helleborine, *Cephalanthera epipactoides*. A little further along was an abundance of orchids on a very



dry slope. Some were finished and some in bud, but we still found some nice ones in flower including a variety of colour forms of *Orchis (morio) syriaca*. The *Serapias* here included quite a few *politisii*. There was a variety of bee orchids here including *Ophrys cinereophila* with its tiny yellow-edged lips and also a big surprise in a single *Ophrys israelitica* – a species that normally flowers in February here!



Then it was back to Kaş for some relaxation before the evening meal which tonight was in a restaurant overlooking the meydan (square) and the town's harbour.



Day 5 April 16th

to Andriake and Boat Trip to Kaş

This morning we travelled east to Andriake for our boat trip. We had a brief birdwatch at the wetland there – two Black-winged Stilts and a few Wood Sandpipers seen. A Short-toed Eagle was over the ridge. Then we took a look at the dunes where

Silene colorata and a selection of seashore species such as *Medicago marina*, *Cakile maritima*, *Echium angustifolium* and the uncommon *Anchusa aggregata* bloomed. Isabelline Wheatear feathers were found. We found the shrubby *Helianthemum stipulatum* behind the dunes but like the *Ophrys lucis*. There were no flowers this year. As we walked to the boat in the harbour three Stone Curlew flew in off the sea, followed shortly afterwards by another one. Richard spotted a Green Turtle in the water by the boat.

Boarding the boat we thought to look for the turtles again over by the river mouth and after a few minutes looking, just as we turned the engine on to leave one, a Green Turtle, popped up in front of us. Then we headed out into the wonderful scenic islands west of Andriake on our boat trip. It was a lovely calm sunny morning. We visited a cave where the boats are no longer allowed to edge in as Monk Seals have moved in but no sign of the seals for us. Alpine Swifts arched through the skies above us. In the water we noted a great Barrel Jellyfish and a Garfish made good its escape from us by flying across the water's surface using its tail for propulsion – a quite amazing sight. Ozan guided us past the castle and the old town of Kekova and we could see numerous sarcophagi on the craggy limestone slopes. Then it was across the bay to the near shore of Kekova Island. Here we drifted slowly along the shore, initially studying the many above surface remains of buildings long ruined.



The city here at one stage held tens of thousands of people, but successive major earthquakes reduced it to a shadow of its former glory. Soon we started to see buildings below the water too. And the remains of a nice neat harbour. Through the glass



window on the bottom of the boat we could make out numerous amphora on the sea floor. The land had sunk considerably during the earthquakes!

We pulled into a channel between little islands at a place known locally as the aquarium and went for a swim/snorkelled in the bay as the boat captain made lunch. The water was still pretty cool – though considerably warmer than in the UK at this season. Along the shore edge we saw Mediterranean Demoiselles and Ornate Wrasse amongst other species. The rocks were decorated with all manner of colourful things including some nice Peg Corals. John found two fine Blue-spotted Cornetfish and also photographed Rivulated Rabbittfish. We then motored for an hour and a half (en route a flock of what was almost certainly Common Scoter flew offshore from us) to the lovely secluded bay of Ufak Dere where we took our final swim/snorkel of the day. The variety and numbers of fish here was more impressive. There Yellow-spotted Puffer Fish swam around us inquisitively, it seemed we were being followed! Common here were Picarel, Red Sea Goatfish,

Common Two-banded Sea Bream, and both the lovely wrasse Ornate Wrasse and Mediterranean Rainbow Wrasse. Lurking at the entrance to some little caves were swarms of Rhomboid Sweepers and under one ledge lurked a Red Squirrelfish. Other fish that were noted included White Sea Bream, Painted Comber, Blue-barred Parrotfish and Sharpsnout Sea Bream.

There were a few Jellyfish like things in the water. Amazingly beautiful with rows of pulsating cilia and though almost transparent there was a certain iridescence. There were several different types probably all in the Ctenophora rather than the true jellyfish. There appeared to be at least two species present, though most were probably the invasive *Mnemiopsis leidyi*.

There was a single old male Green Turtle in the water here. Short-toed Eagles soared overhead. And then the boat took us the final leg into Kaş. A very relaxing afternoon sent in such a scenic coastal landscape.

Day 6 April 17th Patara

The morning was cloudy and the forecast was not promising!

We drove along the coastal road with blue seas to our left dotted with islands here and there, and with steep maquis-covered limestone slopes and cliffs rising inland. We stopped at the most imposing bit of scenery at Kaputaş. Here an increasingly famous scenic beach sits 170 steps down below the road backed by cliffs, the water a stunning turquoise whilst the other side of the road is back by cliffs and the narrow opening of a gorge. We looked at the cliff flora briefly here. *Asphodelus luteus* was in fine bloom whilst *Ptilostemon chamaepeuce* had its first. *Campanula aktascii* was quite stunning, and the hanging dark red flowered *Galium canum* was a most distinctive bedstraw. There were two *Cheilanthes* ferns – *Oeosporangium acrosticum* and *Cosentinia vellea*. *Hyoscyamus aureus* had a few golden blooms left and high on the left-hand cliff we could see the rare *Brassica cretica*, a cabbage that is really a small shrub.

We soon arrived at Patara. We started in the dunes behind



the beach. The first wet patch held Black-winged Stilts, several Wood Sandpipers, Green Sandpipers, a Ruff, a Spur-

winged Plover, and a Marsh Sandpiper. The weather was not pleasant, cool, windy and the rain was starting and in addition it was very muddy. The flora here was as much as two months behind the usual season with very little in flower, a consequence of the whole area having been under water for a couple of months until just a couple of weeks





before our visit. *Linum bienne* and *Ononis natrix* were about all that was in flower. The broomrape *Orobanche crenata* parasitised the *Orlaya* growing on the dunes. *Juncus acutus* formed large spikey clumps, other areas had *Schoenus nigricans*, *Cyperus capitatus* and even diminutive *Juncus bufonius*. On the dunes were lots of *Thymelaea hirsuta*, *Erica manipuliflora* and *Cionura erecta*. Birds were few – just a few Black-eared Wheatears showed, a Fan-tailed Warbler and several, Woodchat Shrikes. Flocks

of Glossy Ibis got up and down and there were several Squacco Herons. Several large Spur-thighed Tortoises munched their way across the dunes. We moved to the river mouth as the storm came in off the sea. Conditions were decidedly unpleasant but we soon realised the birdwatching was rather good – but we were on the wrong side of the river if we wanted to get closer to the birdlife. It was a half hour drive to get round and of course where we got there the large flock of summer-plumaged gulls that we had spotted from the other side had moved off. Nevertheless the next forty minutes provided some very unusual birds – shearwaters cruised back and forth along the boundary between churned-up and clear water. Shearwaters are unusual here, but today we saw not one but two species – two Yelkouan Shearwaters and a Scopoli's Shearwater. One of the former was being heavily bullied by a Lesser Black-backed Gull. Audouin's Gulls flew past and several flocks of Garganey. A large flock of mixed Whiskered and White-winged Black Terns flew back and forth by the river mouth, then a group of Common Terns (three really looked like they were Arctic...) and then several close-up Gull-billed Terns appeared. There were occasional groups of waders too, one small group of Dunlin, and an unfortunately distant 87 Collared Pratincoles.

The skies were dark and rain getting a little heavy as we drove to the village by Patara and had a most excellent lunch as we watched the weather doing its worst. Indeed it turned just so for as headed to Patara's ancient site the rain lessened and the skies brightened. The latter part of the afternoon was unexpectedly sunny. We spent almost two hours (not enough!) in the ancient site



where Ozan gave us an introduction to Patara's history. There is a lot of reconstruction happening at Patara right now and it was interesting to see all the work being done on the amphitheatre. We walked quickly to the now fully rebuilt lighthouse set at the seaward (obviously....) side of the site. What an impressive reconstruction and what an impressive building this is – I am sure this will become one of the crown jewels in an already crowded pantheon of Turkish archaeological sites. Water was everywhere and it was very green around the site. By a grove of *Phoenix theophrasti* palms was a pond with white *Ranunculus sphaerospermus*. In the reeds grew a pretty yellow-orange vetch – *Lathyrus gorgoni*. There were some Odonata, a migrant Emperor, a Darter (*meridionalis*) and lots of a *Lestes*. Black-headed Yellow Wagtails were common and here the black-headed 'feldeggs' were joined by a good number of 'beema'. A Marsh Harrier quartered the reed areas. A flock of eight Purple Herons flew over and there was a group of mixed Little Egrets, Squacco Herons and Cattle Egrets. A Hobby flew over.

Then it was back along the spectacular coastline to Kaş and an evening meal out in the town.

Day 7 April 18th Assos Mountain and Ahatlı Village

This morning the weather looked better so we headed up the mountain immediately inland of Kaş, rapidly gaining altitude. Roadside colour caught our eye. There was abundant *Silene cryptoneura* and superficially similar *Saponaria calabrica*. The first *Cyanus reuterana* was downslope and next to where we stopped was some fine red *Tulipa armena lycia*. We stopped to look at the view down over the coast which normally reveals the islands, the peninsula on which our hotel is situated far below – but



today cloud was rolling in and obscuring the view. Already around us were the first Cedars, surely the closest cedars to the sea in the region. At our feet we could see *Anthemis rosea*. Krüper's Nuthatches gave good views. *Fritillaria elwesii* was in fine form. We noted *Ranunculus rumelicus*, some very fine *Gagea graeca* and some dark-pink flowered *Geranium tuberosum*. Cirl Buntings sang in the trees.



We moved along to a track that we would walk through the cedar forest. The landscape here was one of jumbled giant limestone boulders and smooth deep-earth covered slopes. Old cedars were here



and there, 'middle-aged' ones abundant. *Corydalis paschei* was flowering with both *Lamium garganicum* and *Lamium striatum*. We did find a number of *Fritillaria elwesii* in bud, some very close to opening. In the trees were paeonies! Only the first few were in flower. The deep dark red goblets with their nest of bright yellow stamens in the centre were a wonderful sight. These surrounding by gnarled old cedars. There were many Short-toed Treecreepers and Coal Tits and



Bonelli's Warblers were latter singing away mightily. *peduncularis* was in flower. oaks – *Quercus infectoria* – in noted were *Acer latifolia*.

Back by the road we explored only days away from population so isolated and population -though that's just origins of this species are were a few nice Monkey



numerous as were Wrens, the Green Woodpeckers called. *Gagea* There were some very fine old the woodland, and other trees *monspessulanum* and *Phillyrea*

an area where *Iris germanica* was blooming. We think this natural, must be a native a guess at the moment as the unknown. Growing with them Orchids and *Ophrys reinholdii*.

After lunch in the cedars we headed down a little to a yayla where the crops had already been planted but there was no-one at all about. With the clouds swirling in this gave the who place a rather eerie feel. Shrikes were the main birds with three species here.



Aswell as a Woodchat and a male and female Red-backed Shrike there was a single Lesser Grey Shrike. There was an



old graveyard here and it was covered in anemones. Most were red, bright red, but scattered amongst them were blue, pink and even white ones. A wonderful sight.

Behind the ridge immediately inland of Kaş lies the picturesque and popular village of Çukurbağ – our venue for the rest of the afternoon. Here we traversed some narrow leafy back lanes before parking up and heading into a most unusual habitat for this part of the world, essentially a complex of wooded meadows. These are only lightly grazed, mostly by horses in the middle of summer. The

trees are more or less all *Quercus infectoria* and were a brilliant spring green. Some of them are of quite an age – we can't tell really, but some must be well in excess of three hundred years old. By the oldest and biggest specimen was one of the prize finds of the morning – an unusual birthwort. *Aristolochia baseri* is as far as I know only known from the type gathering in the mountains 40km away from Çukurbağ and this represents a new location – only the second known for this plant.

Meanwhile Bonelli's Warblers sang incessantly from the oaks though they proved difficult to get much of a look at. Lesser Spotted and Middle Spotted Woodpeckers called quite often. We admired a boar wallow in which grew a curious little buttercup, *Ranunculus lateriflorus*. This is a buttercup of ephemeral (vernal) pools. *Lateriflorus* wasn't the only buttercup to be seen here. There were many species – *marginatus*, *chius*, *arvensis* and the regionally rare but here abundant *cornutus*. There were lots of *Bellevia trifoliata* blooming with elegant *Ornithogalum nutans*. *Ornithogalum umbellatum* was also common. The clover *Trifolium echinatum* covered whole areas and there were many other clovers present including *Trifolium clusii* and *Trifolium clypeatum*.

John went for another evening snorkel along the rocks below the hotel.



Day 8 April 19th

Xanthos and Departure

Richard's early morning wanderings yielded a fine male Eastern Subalpine Warbler. After a leisurely breakfast we headed west. We spent an hour and a half at the ancient site of Xanthos where Ozan showed us round and explained a little about the history of the site. Much of the site is still covered in a diverse vegetation. Amongst some floral highlights were *Papaver gracile* in the best form we'd seen it, also the leaves of the rare *Eminium intortum*, and little *Silene cretica*. A Glass Sanke made for cover.

Then it was to the airport and departure for some.

Others of us continued on to Köyceğiz and a lunch on the lovely lakeside promenade. This was a very enjoyable local speciality kebab. Swallows nested above our heads whilst out on the water a flock of around three hundred Glossy Ibis wandered around, back and forth. We wandered what they were up to until eventually they rose higher and higher in to the sky and presumably off to points north. Gull-billed Terns flew back and forth. Marsh Harrier and Osprey flew over. Then it was off to some nearby Liquiambar woodland to enjoy the almost luminous greenery of this stunning habitat. Gorgeous butter-yellow *Iris xanthospuria* already had some blooms. The Silkvine *Periploca laevigata* too. Nightingales and Song Thrushes sang as we entered a beautiful meadow covered in yellow *Ranunculus constantinopolitanus* and *Ranunculus marginalis*. Amongst these were some impressive *Orchis palustris*, some a metre tall. We heard Lesser Spotted and Green Woodpeckers. Blue-tailed Damselflies and Blue Featherlegs buzzed about the vegetation.



Lyrical Lycia

by Hilary Little, May 2026

(with more apologies to J Milton Hayes)

On this year's tour to Turkey we all flew to Dalaman,
Driving west to where the sea surrounds the land,
The peninsula of Datça, a rich paradise of flowers,
Bathed in sunshine with soft breezes and few showers.

We were led by Yasemin Konuralp, her husband drove the van,
And then cooked us splendid lunches in his pan,
Steaming pasta, beans in chilli sauce and Turkish sausage too,
As a treat, a box of almond macaroons.

We had choice accommodation at the Durik Surf Hotel,
In smart cabins near the sea which pleased us well,
Surrounded by some lovely palms and groves of bushy pines,
Waves were breaking just below us as we dined.

To Mesudiye we travelled, a small port set in a bay,
Having first explored a hillside on the way,
Thanks to Cemil's help I'd scrambled up a steep and rocky scree,
Where some *Ophrys* and an *Orchis* I could see.

At a scenic stop above the port we stopped to film the bight,
A rare Rüppells warbler darted into sight.
With black head and throat and dark grey wings, and under-side grey-white,
Migrating northwards on its annual flight.

Near the quay we saw a brown-flowered, evil-smelling Dutchman's pipe,
On the hill a *Gladiolus*, pink and white.
Plus *Leopoldia comosa* with its tassels of deep blue,
Campanula lyrata, a paler hue.

Along the beach we slowly walked at the ending of the day,
With fine views across the sun-swept, azure bay,
A wonderful *Legousia* grew in places in the sand,
And the Cretan catchfly's calyx had brown bands.

On day two we drove to Knidos in the early morning light,
To admire the ancient ruins of this site.
With an amphitheatre made of stone, two harbours, lighthouse tall,
Aphrodite's statue once stood near a wall.

Such a sight caused a sensation when her statue was first viewed,
As her figure wasn't clothed but clearly nude,
Praxiteles was her sculptor and she won him much acclaim,
And the base plinth still is standing in her name.

The next morning we had hoped to botanise on Boz Dağ's peak,
Special alpine near the summit we did seek.
But stern warnings from the Gendarmes said the road was out of bounds,
So across the hills to Murdala we wound.

The Italian *Orchis* flourished with a hundred blooms or more,
Scarlet buttercups in drifts; we also saw
A choice specimen *Arbutus* on the winding road ahead,
Sheets of Iris and *Moraea* as we sped.

On our final day in Datça we drove straight to Emecik,
Finding *Ophrys fusca*, man-orchids and frits,
Bushy pine-tree forest vanished, in its place bare hills and scrub,
Cool serpentinite green rocks shone in the sun.

Pink *Iberis* grew there in swathes, and strange, jagged leaves of blue,
Indicated rare sea holly poking through,
Choice Eryngiums in acid soil, to see, a startling shock,
Growing nowhere else but on Earth's mantle rock.

Next morning we left early, for Pamukkale we were bound,
For our lunch, a pide-making café found,
At four o'clock we reached the famous travertine white hill,
Though the pools with turquoise water now don't fill.

We explored the ancient ruins of the town above the site,
Named, it's said, for ruler Telephus's wife,
The theatre was stupendous, near the Temple of Pluto
Issued noxious gases from his realm below.

We awoke next day at dawn to find the sky full of balloons,
Flying over Pamukkale's small lagoon.
We could see them all quite clearly, though they soon were gone from sight.
Later, snapped the sparkling hill in morning light.

To fair Aphrodisias we drove to see this fabled place,
Met by sumptuous marble tombs, each bore a face.
Saw the baths of Hadrianus and a stone-tiered stadium,
To watch contests many thousands there would come.

The impressive Tetrapylon with its sixteen columns stood,
Four posts held a pediment of stone, not wood,
As we made our way back slowly to the garlanded, carved heads,
Passed a board of rates; lions, highly-priced, it said.

On our journey to Elmalı, snow-capped mountains ringed us round,
At the Güğübeli Pass no flowers found,
We wandered through the town, and back, met with Ian for a meal,
Then bade fond farewells to Yasemin and Cemil.

After lunch we went to Avlan Lake, birdwatching was the lure,
Richard took his mighty lens so he was sure
Of capturing the smallest bird, minute insects, dragonflies,
And he 'shot' a purple heron, quite a prize.

There were several pretty larks there too and eagles in the sky,
That they both were short-toed posed the question, why?
For eagles, short toes and strong legs meant they could grip their prey,
For the larks, they could run faster on hard clay.

The next day we drove to Ak Dağı, to the pretty Yesil lake,
An attractive place in spring with snowy peaks.
In the snowmelt, there were *Colchicum* and other little gems,
Cream endemic *Crocus* grew near *Cyclamen*.

In forest glades below this peak to a treasure-trove we sped,
Little bells of yellow on the hillside spread,
It was *Fritillaria carica*, delightful to behold,
The drifts of blue Anemones flecked with gold.

That night a puncture caused a flat, but at ten two engineers
Quickly came to help, and soon repaired the tears.
The next day, we birded at Avlan, and later, Frits galore
kitanae, *acmopetala*, were there more?

On our first full day in Kaş we drove with Ian to his house,
And first met his cat called Benjy, with a mouse,
Near one hundred *lyciensis* orchids blooming in the grass,
And soon afterwards, a fabulous repast.

It was quite a day for orchids and of numbers we lost count,
Then our brunch was at a famous restaurant!
In the afternoon I watched an orchid hunter on the prowl,
Digging bulbs up, to make salep, with his trowel.

There were other treasures to be found including butterflies.
And an Eastern Festoon made a nice surprise,
Painted Ladies fluttered by and then we saw a tortoise too,
Some *unguicularis Iris*, white and blue.

We then sailed to old Dolchiste. When an earthquake shook the town,
In the second century the buildings drowned.

From the boat we viewed the ruins on the rocks and in the sea,
Ate tasty meals on deck, at lunch-time and at tea.

John and Ian both donned wetsuits and into the water dived,
And then snorkelled with the fish that in there thrived,
In the shallows swam green turtles, though they stayed well out of reach,
But in summer they lay eggs upon the beach.

At Kaputaş beach we stopped to view the striking gorge aloft,
Formed by torrents cutting through the limestone rock,
Where the movement of tectonic plates had caused the land to crack,
Looking down, the sea was blue, the sky was black.

A big storm approached us from the south, we watched it hit the shore,
Debris floated to the sea, by river borne,
All the birders were quite happy though forked lightning streaked the sky,
In a nearby sheltered creek they stayed quite dry.

We ate luncheon in Patara whilst the rain fell in large drops,
Then all ventured round the ruins when it stopped.
We walked to the Baths and Palm Grove and the Ornamental Arch,
And then sauntered to the Pharos, quite a march!

On from ibex spotting on a cliff, we walked a track, 'Ware Bears!'
And found a sumptuous peony hidden there,
It had skirts of crimson, heart of gold, this species, 'mascula',
In all its splendour, in a hollow sat.

Austin showed me some red tulips growing on a little crag,
Then we had a picnic lunch beside the path.
From there an ancient graveyard adorned with many-splendored hues,
Of Anemones in scarlet, white and blue.

The next day we went to Xanthos, taken round by guide Ozan,
John departed for a plane from Dalaman,
The Lycian site had poppies and some tassel hyacinths,
Special pillar tombs up high on limestone plinths.

From that site we went to Köycegiz for a lunch beside the lake,
For a pudding ate persimmons but not cake,
Then a glorious field of buttercups with purple orchid spikes
Though to reach it meant the crossing of some dikes.

We then said farewell to Ian, and hello to Lara, too,
From our room, across the lake we had good views.
The silvery moon looked splendid, hanging low in the night sky,
And two ladies joined from Yorkshire, by and by.

We drove high up Sandras Mountain to the north of Köycegiz town,
Stopping first amongst the pine trees where we found,
Orchis provincialis with cream flowers and spotted leaves,
And a *Viola arvensis* in the trees.

From that point we drove still higher, stopping at a small, blue pool,
With the snow-capped peak and sparkling waterfall,
In rocks of serpentine we found *Merendera attica*,
Growing with a bright blue squill and *Gagea*.

That same evening, Ozan planned for us a special kebab treat,
I selected 'Alexander' with shaved beef,
We then followed it with ice-creams from the little shop next door,
I chose choc and apple, I'd no room for more!

I took photos of a heron sitting still upon a stone,
Sweet scents wafted on the breeze from orange groves,
In the Liquidambar forest, Lara saw a long black snake,
Naughty Bayram picked a lemon for our break.

From that place we drove to Dalyan, our final smart resort,
With two swimming pools for gentle water sport.
Next day we hired a river boat; to some thermal pools we sailed,
As we cruised along, we saw a white wagtail.

In the reeds were cormorants and coots, and swallows on the plumes,
Tall white egrets standing still amongst the dunes.
Ozan spotted a kingfisher sitting hidden in a tree,
Only Richard got a shot as it flew free.

Next day we took the ferry, crossed the River Dalyan,
Drove to Kaunos, founded by the Carians.
We explored the Roman theatre, its strange circle much admired,
For a stage backcloth drawn out as was required.

On the hill was the Acropolis; some Roman baths below,
An observatory for the night sky's glow,
Two small harbours, both now silted up, and quite far from the sea,
Clothed with open grassy swards and swaying trees.

Our last full day was turtle day when we sailed south to the beach,
For a turtle swam beside us within reach,
In the afternoon we visited a turtle rehab site,
It was sad to see sick turtles and their plight.

Next day we drove to Dalaman, to the airport near the sea.
As we visited some rock tombs we could see

A hollyhock perched on the rocks, its large petals were bright pink
Our last port of call a café and a drink.

Sadly, now our tour has ended and we have all flown back home,
Thinking happy thoughts as through our shots we comb,
So thank you Yasemin and Gemil, Lara, Ian and Ozan too,
Hoping we can have yet one more trip with you.

Systematic List Number 1 The Flora - Kaş

The majority of the nomenclature has been taken from the Turkish Flora (edited by P H Davis). Non-woody dicot and monocot species are in flower unless otherwise stated. Species not seen in 2026 are in [square brackets].

Aceraceae

Acer monspessulanum

Ördübek Yayla, Karaova Beli and Assos Mountain

Acer hyrcanum

Karaova Beli and Assos Mountain

Aizoaceae

[*Carpobrotus edulis*

peninsula]

Anacardiaceae

Pistacia lentiscus

widespread and locally dominant on the peninsula

Pistacia terebrinthus

widespread and locally dominant

Apiaceae

[*Anthriscus cerefolium*

Çukurbağ]

Anthriscus nemorosum

Mountains

[*Artedia squamata*

peninsula and Adriaake]

Bunium ferulaceum

scattered at lower altitudes

[*Bunium microcarpum*

Ak Dağı]

Caucalis nodosa

Andriaake and Patara

[*Eryngium creticum*

Andriaake]

Eryngium maritimum

Patara

Ferula communis

Patara

Oenanthe fistulosa

ditches near Kasaba

] *Oenanthe globosa*

Patara]

Oenanthe pimpinelloides

Patara. Köyceğiz

Pseudorhiza pumila

Patara

Scandix australis

Ahatlı

Scandix balansae

Assos Mountain

Scandix pecten-veneris

widespread

[*Smyrniolum olusatrum*

Avlan Lake]

Smyrniolum rotundifolium

widespread

Tordylium apulum

Kasaba area

Torilis arvensis

scattered

Torilis leptophylla

Ahatlı

Apocynaceae

[*Cionura erecta*

common in the dunes at Patara]

Nerium oleander

widespread at lower altitudes

Vinca herbacea

Avlan

Vinca major

scattered

Aristolochiaceae

<i>Aristolochia adalica</i>	the large-flowered birthwort. Çukurbağ, Ahatlı etc
<i>Aristolochia auriculata</i>	Ahatlı – finished flowering this year
<i>Aristolochia baseri</i>	only the second known site discovered at Çukurbağ
[<i>Aristolochia lycica</i>	Ak Dağı]
<i>Aristolochia parviflora</i>	Ahatlı

Asteraceae

<i>Anthemis chia</i>	widespread
<i>Anthemis cretica</i>	scattered
<i>Anthemis rosea carnea</i>	scattered
<i>Bellis annua</i>	Patara
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	widespread
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	widespread
[<i>Carduus argentatus</i>	Ahatlı]
[<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	scattered]
<i>Centaurea aegialophila</i>	Andriake – in bud
<i>Centaurea iberica</i>	scattered
<i>Cirsium acicularis</i>	frequent at lower altitudes
[<i>Crepis sancta</i>	scattered]
<i>Cyanus reuterana</i>	Assos Mountain
<i>Doronicum orientale</i>	Ördübek Yayla, Assos Mountain
<i>Echinops spinossissimum</i>	peninsula etc
[<i>Geropogon hybridus</i>	scattered]
<i>Glebionis coronarium</i>	widespread
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	Ahatlı
[<i>Hedypnois cretica</i>	Patara]
<i>Helichrysum stoechas</i>	frequent on peninsula
<i>Inula heterolepis</i>	frequent on rocks at low altitude, not quite yet in flower
<i>Inula sechmenii</i>	Kaputaş
<i>Koelipinia linearis</i>	Ahatlı, Patara etc
<i>Notobasis syriaca</i>	scattered at lower altitudes
[<i>Onopordum anatolicum</i>	Assos Mountain]
[<i>Onopordum boissierianum</i>	scattered at lower altitudes – superficially like <i>Notobasis</i> rather than <i>Onopordum</i> , but much more robust than that species. Nearly in flower. The larger <i>Onopordum</i> leaves along roadsides were <i>bracteatum</i>]
[<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>	scattered]
<i>Phagnalon graecum</i>	frequent on peninsula
<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>	rocks and cliffs and lower altitudes
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	scattered
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Scorzonera elata</i>	scattered at low altitudes, e.g. peninsula
<i>Senecio vernalis</i>	widespread
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Patara
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Patara, Xanthos
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	scattered
<i>Sonchus tenerrimus</i>	Ördübek Yayla

Xanthium strumarium

Patara

Berberidaceae

Berberis crataegina

Ak Dağı

Bongardia chrysogonum

just finishing flowering Ahatlı

Leontice leontopetalum

in nice flower this year Karaova Beli and Assos Mountain

Boraginaceae

[Alkanna orientalis]

Ak Dağı]

[Alkanna pamphyllia]

Ak Dağı]

Alkanna tubulosa

scattered

Anchusa aggregata

Andriake, Patara

Anchusa azurea

Kasaba area

Anchusa strigosa

Ördübek Yayla

Anchusa undulata hybrida

scattered

Buglossoides arvensis

Ak Dağı

Buglossoides incrassata

Ak Dağı, Karaova Beli

Cerinthe minor

Ak Dağı

Cynoglossum creticum

scattered

[Cynoglossum montanum]

Ak Dağı]

Echium angustifolium

Andriake, Patara

Echium plantagineum

Kasaba, Patara

Lithospermum arvense

scattered

[Myosotis speluncicolor]

Ak Dağı]

Onosma frutescens

widespread

Brassicaceae

Aethionema saxatile

Ak Dağı – out of range, but a good match!

Alliaria petiolata

Karaova Beli

Alyssum spp

several noted!

Arabis caucasica

mountains

Arabis deflexa

Ak Dağı, Avlan

Arabis ionocalyx

Karaova Beli

Arabis verna

scattered in the mountains

Aubretia canescens

Ak Dağı

Aubretia deltoidea

Ak Dağı, Sinekçibeli

[Aurinia rupestris]

Ak Dağı]

Barbarea verna

Ak Dağı

Biscutella didyma

scattered

Brassica cretica

Kaputaş

[Cakile maritima]

at all coastal sites]

Calepina irregularis

common Ahatlı, Assos Mountain

Capsella bursa-pastoris

scattered

Capsella rubella

Assos Mountain

Cardamine graeca

Ördübek Yayla, Assos Mountain

Cardamine hirsuta

Patara

[Conringia planisiliqua]

Ak Dağı]

Erophila verna

widespread

<i>Eruca sativa</i>	scattered
[<i>Hesperis</i> sp]	an unidentified species on Ak Dağı]
[<i>Isatis</i> sp]	roadsides in Çukurbağ]
[<i>Lepidium</i> cf. <i>coronopus</i>]	a strange form of this at Ahatlı]
<i>Lepidium spinosum</i>	Çukurbağ
<i>Malcolmia chia</i>	scattered
<i>Maresia nana</i>	Andriake, Patara
<i>Peltaria angustifolia</i>	locally common in Kaş area – elegant and impressive for a crucifer!
<i>Raphanus raphinistrum</i>	Xanthos
<i>Ricotia carnosula</i>	main highway above Kaş
<i>Ricotia sinuata</i>	locally common in Kaş area, main show over....
<i>Rorripa</i> sp]	Ak Dağı
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	scattered
[<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>]	Gokceoren]
<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>	scattered

Cactaceae

[<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>]	naturalized in places]
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Campanulaceae

<i>Campanula aktascii</i>	Kaputaş – nice plant!
<i>Campanula draba</i>	scattered
[<i>Campanula lyrata</i>]	gorge between Kekova and Andriake]
<i>Legousia speculum-veneris</i>	widespread

Caprifoliaceae

<i>Lonicera nummularifolia</i>	Kuruova Beli and Assos Mountain
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Caryophyllaceae

[<i>Arenaria pamphylica</i>]	scattered on rocks. Very delicate]
<i>Cerastium comosum</i>	Gökçeören. Ahatlı
[<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>]	Gökçeören]
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	scattered
<i>Holosteum umbellatum</i>	scattered
<i>Petrohagia velutina</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	Assos Mountain
<i>Saponaria calabrica</i>	scattered throughout
<i>Silene behen</i>	scattered
<i>Silene colorata</i>	widespread on coasts
[<i>Silene cretica</i>]	Gökçeören]
<i>Silene cryptoneura</i>	Assos Mountain
<i>Silene gigantea</i>	Dereköy where in bud on the cliffs
[<i>Silene nocturna</i>]	Ak Dağı]
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	scattered
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Ahatlı

Chenopodiaceae

<i>Emex spinosa</i>	scattered
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Cistaceae

<i>Cistus creticus</i>	locally common
<i>Cistus salvifolius</i>	locally common
[<i>Fumana arabica</i>	Çukurbağ]
<i>Fumana procumbens</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Fumana thymifolia</i>	road verges above Kaş
<i>Helianthemum nummularia</i>	Ördübek Yayla
<i>Helianthemum salifolium</i>	Gökçeören. Assos Mountain
<i>Helianthemum stipulatum</i>	Andriake

Convolvulaceae

<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	scattered
<i>Convolvulus siculus</i>	road verges above Kaş

Crassulaceae

<i>Rosularia</i> spp	scattered – not in flower
<i>Sedum littoreum</i>	Patara
<i>Sedum caespitosum</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Umbilicus erectus</i>	not yet in flower
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	not yet in flower

Dipsacaceae

<i>Knautia integrifolia</i>	scattered in lowlands
<i>Tremastelma palaestina</i>	frequent in lowlands

Ericaceae

<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>	widespread, locally dominant in lowlands
<i>Erica bocquetii</i>	downhill from Gomuce. Just starting to flower
<i>Erica manupuliflora</i>	frequent, especially in coastal dunes etc, autumn-flowering

Euphorbiaceae

<i>Euphorbia characias</i> ssp. <i>wulfeni</i>	widespread
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	locally abundant, e.g. peninsula and between Kaş and Kalkan
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	Patara
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	scattered
<i>Euphorbia hierosolymitana</i>	superficially similar to and as shrubby as <i>dendroides</i> . Local on the peninsula and between Kaş and Demre
<i>Euphorbia kotschyana</i>	frequent in the mountains, mostly not flowering yet
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	scattered
<i>Euphorbia rigida</i>	locally dominant particularly at mid-altitudes
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	widespread

Fabaceae

<i>Acacia cyanophylla</i>	naturalized. Coastal
<i>Anagyris foetida</i>	local
[<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i>	mountains, only very first flowers]

<i>[Astragalus depressus]</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Astragalus hamosus</i>	Ahatlı
<i>[Astragalus pelecaneus]</i>	Gökçeören]
<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>	roadsides
<i>Calycotome villosa</i>	widespread
<i>Cerastium siliqua</i>	widespread
<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	scattered at all altitudes, mainly planted lower down
<i>Colutea melanocalyx</i>	downhill from Gomuce, also Dereköy
<i>Coronilla cretica</i>	local
<i>Coronilla emerus</i>	Dereköy etc
<i>Coronilla parviflora</i>	widespread
<i>[Coronilla scorpioides]</i>	scattered]
<i>Genista acanthoclada</i>	common along the coast
<i>Genista lydia</i>	scattered mainly inland
<i>Hippocrepis unisiliquosa</i>	scattered
<i>[Hymenocarpus circinnatus]</i>	Gökçeören]
<i>Lathyrus aphaca</i>	scattered. The two-tone (with violet venation) var <i>pseudoaphaca</i> was found on Assos
<i>Lathyrus blepharicarpus</i>	widespread
<i>Lathyrus cicera</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Lathyrus digitatus</i>	Karaova Beli, Ördübek Yayla
<i>Lathyrus gorgoni</i>	in reedbeds at Patara
<i>Lathyrus setifolius</i>	scattered
<i>[Lens nigricans]</i>	Ak Dağı]
<i>[Lens orientalis]</i>	Gökçeören]
<i>Lotus halophilus</i>	dunes – Patara etc
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	scattered
<i>Medicago constricta</i>	Patara
<i>Medicago disciformis</i>	scattered
<i>Medicago littoralis</i>	Andriake
<i>Medicago marina</i>	Andriake
<i>Medicago minima</i>	scattered
<i>Medicago orbicularis</i>	widespread
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Patara
<i>[Medicago praecox]</i>	Patara]
<i>Medicago rigidula</i>	Çukurbağ
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Gökçeören
<i>[Melilotus indica]</i>	scattered]
<i>[Melilotus officinalis]</i>	scattered]
<i>Onobrychis aequidentata</i>	Gökçeören
<i>Onobrychis caput-galli</i>	Xanthos
<i>Ononis natrix</i>	scattered
<i>Ononis serrata</i>	small red flowered species on the dunes Andriake and Patara
<i>[Ononis variegata]</i>	scattered]
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	scattered
<i>Robinia pseudacacia</i>	widely planted
<i>Spartium juncum</i>	locally dominant
<i>[Scorpiurus muricatus]</i>	Patara]

<i>Trifolium argutum</i>	Çukurbağ
<i>Trifolium boissieri</i>	locally frequent at low altitudes
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	scattered throughout
<i>Trifolium clypeatum</i>	common in more humid spots e.g. Çukurbağ
<i>Trifolium echinatum</i>	Çukurbağ
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	locally common
<i>Trifolium glomeratum</i>	Çukurbağ, Ahatlı etc
<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	lawns etc
[<i>Trifolium lappaceum</i>	Patara]
[<i>Trifolium lucanicum</i>	Patara]
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	lawns, grassland
<i>Trifolium pilulare</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Trifolium physodes</i>	Gomuca and Çukurbağ
[<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Ak Dağı]
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i>	hotel on the peninsula, Ahatlı etc
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i>	scattered
<i>Trifolium speciosum</i>	Ahatlı
[<i>Trifolium squarrosum</i>	Gökçeören]
<i>Trifolium spumosum</i>	scattered
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	locally abundant
[<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	locally common]
<i>Trifolium tomentosum</i>	locally common
[<i>Trigonella lycica</i>	Gökçeören]
[<i>Trigonella velutina</i>	Çukurbağ]
<i>Tripodium tetraphylla</i>	scattered
<i>Vicia cassia</i>	Ahatlı
[<i>Vicia cretica</i>	Gökçeören]
<i>Vicia cypria</i>	Gökçeören. Assos
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	Avlan
<i>Vicia grandiflora</i>	Xanthos
<i>Vicia hybrida</i>	scattered
[<i>Vicia narbonensis</i>	Ak Dağı]
<i>Vicia palaestina</i>	locally common in lowland maquis
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	scattered
[<i>Vicia tetrasperma</i>	Karaova Beli]
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Patara, Xanthos

Fagaceae

<i>Quercus aucheri</i>	frequent in the Kaş and Ahatlı area
<i>Quercus coccifera</i>	widespread and abundant
<i>Quercus infectoria</i>	locally common
<i>Quercus macrolepis</i>	Gomuca, Ahatlı etc

Gentianaceae

[<i>Centaurium maritimum</i>	Patara]
[<i>Centaurium spicatum</i>	coast dunes – Patara, Andriake]

Geraniaceae

<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	frequent
<i>Erodium gruinum</i>	scattered
<i>Erodium moschatum</i>	Ahaltı
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	scattered throughout
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Assos
<i>Geranium purpureum</i>	locally common in humid spots e.g. Gökçeören
<i>Geranium pusillum</i>	scattered
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	scattered
<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>	locally frequent, not many in flower yet

Juglanaceae

<i>Juglans regia</i>	widely planted
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Lamiaceae

<i>Ajuga orientalis</i>	Gomuce, Ahatlı etc
<i>Ajuga bombycina</i>	Gökçeören. Below Ördübek Yayla
<i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i>	scattered
<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	widespread
<i>Lamium cariense</i>	frequent in the high mountains, e.g. Ak Dağı
<i>Lamium garganicum</i>	Assos Mountain
<i>Lamium moschatum</i>	widespread
<i>Lamium striatum</i>	Assos Mountain
[<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	widespread]
<i>Phlomis bourgaei</i>	Assos Mountain
<i>Phlomis lycia</i>	widespread
<i>Prasium majus</i>	widespread
<i>Salvia fruticosa</i>	widespread
<i>Salvia horminioides</i>	scattered
<i>Salvia viridis</i>	scattered
<i>Satureja thymbra</i>	widespread
<i>Stachys annua</i>	
<i>Teucrium brevifolium</i>	common on the peninsula

Lauraceae

<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	common in ravines etc
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Linaceae

<i>Linum bienne</i>	scattered
[<i>Linum strictum</i>	scattered]

Malvaceae

<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	scattered
<i>Lavatera cretica</i>	locally common at low altitudes

Moraceae

<i>Ficus carica</i>	widespread, cultivated and wild
<i>Morus alba</i>	widespread, cultivated

<i>Morus nigra</i>	widespread, cultivated
Myrtaceae	
<i>Eucalyptus</i> species	planted, scattered
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	widespread
Oleaceae	
<i>Olea europea</i>	widespread
<i>Phillyrea latifolia</i>	widespread
Orobanchaceae	
<i>[Orobanche caryophyllacea]</i>	Patara]
<i>Orobanche crenata</i>	Patara
<i>[Orobanche ramosa]</i>	scattered]
<i>Orobanche pubescens</i>	scattered
Oxalidaceae	
<i>Oxalis pres-caprae</i>	Xanthos
Paeoniaceae	
<i>Paeonia mascula</i>	Assos Mountain
Papaveraceae	
<i>Fumaria kralikii</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Corydalis pascheii</i>	Assos Mountain
<i>Corydalis tauricola</i>	Karaova Beli, Ördübek Yayla
<i>Corydalis wendelboi</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Hypecoum imberbe</i>	Avlan
<i>Papaver gracilis</i>	frequent in Kaş area
<i>Papaver dubium</i>	frequent in Kaş area
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	frequent in Kaş area
Plantaginaceae	
<i>Plantago afra</i>	Patara, Andriake
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Ahatlı, Patara
<i>Plantago cretica</i>	frequent in Kaş area
<i>Plantago lagopus</i>	frequent in Kaş area
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	scattered in Kaş area
<i>Plantago major</i>	Xanthos
<i>Plantago maritima</i>	Patara
Platanaceae	
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	river valleys everywhere
Polygalaceae	

Polygala supina

Demre Canyon, below Gomuca

Polygonaceae

Rumex bucephalophorus

Patara and Andriake

Rumex tuberosus

Köyceğiz

Primulaceae

Anagallis arvensis

widespread at lower altitudes

Anagallis foemina

Patara and other coastal areas

Cyclamen alpinum

in flowers on Ak Dağı

Cyclamen graecum

leaves

Ranunculaceae

[*Adonis annua*

Ak Dağı]

Adonis ericalycina?

?the identity of the large-flowered pure red *Adonis* on Ak Dağı remains a bit of a mystery, similar to both this species and *aleppica*? near Gomuca

Adonis flammea

near Gomuca

Anemone blanda .

widespread at higher altitudes

Anemone coronaria

scattered at lower altitudes

Ceratocephalus falcatus/testiculatus

widespread at higher altitudes

Clematis cirrhosa

scattered – just a few still in flower

Ranunculus argyreus

Karaova Beli, Assos

Ranunculus arvensis

scattered

Ranunculus chius

Çukurbağ, Patara, Xanthos

Ranunculus constantinopolitanus

locally common in lush meadows – especially Köyceğiz

Ranunculus cornutus

Çukurbağ

Ranunculus cuneatus

Gökçeören, Assos

[*Ranunculus demissus*

Ak Dağı]

Ranunculus ficaria

scattered

Ranunculus lateriflorus

Çukurbağ

Ranunculus marginatus

Patara, Köyceğiz

Ranunculus millefoliatus

Gökçeören, Assos

Ranunculus muricatus

scattered

[*Ranunculus paludosus*

Ahatlı & Gökçeören]

Ranunculus repens

Gökçeören, Kasaba

Ranunculus reuteranus

Gökçeören, Ahatlı

[*Ranunculus rionii*

Patara]

Ranunculus rumelicus

Gökçeören, Ahatlı

Ranunculus sphaerospermus

Patara

Ranunculus sprunerianus

scattered

Ranunculus with pedately trisect leaves Derekoy

Rhamnaceae

Rhamnus pichleri

Ak Dağı

Rhamnus oleades

subspecies *graecus*. Kaş

[*Rhus coriaria*

scattered]

Rosaceae

<i>Amygdalus communis</i>	Gökçeören, Dereköy
<i>Amygdalus webbii</i>	Ak Dağı, Karaova Beli
[<i>Aphanes arvensis</i>	scattered]
[<i>Crataegus azorolus</i>	scattered]
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	scattered
<i>Poterium verrucosum</i>	scattered
<i>Prunus cocomilia</i>	Ak Dağı, Avlan
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Ak Dağı and Assos Mountain
<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>	frequent
<i>Pyrus communis</i>	frequent
<i>Rubus sanctus</i>	Patara
<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>	locally frequent at low altitudes

Rubiaceae

[<i>Crucianella</i> sp	Gökçeören]
<i>Cruciata taurica</i>	higher areas
[<i>Galium aparine</i>	scattered]
<i>Galium canum</i>	lovely almost black-red flowered species. Kaputaş
<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	scattered
<i>Rubia tenuifolia</i>	more common than the previous species
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	widespread
<i>Valantia hispida</i>	scattered

Salicaceae

<i>Populus nigra</i>	some large trees in the Elmalı area
<i>Populus x uzbekistanica</i>	planted widely in inland villages
<i>Salix alba</i>	Avlan Lake

Santalaceae

<i>Osiris alba</i>	Peninsula, Gökçeören, Assos
[<i>Thesium bergeri</i>	Peninsula]

Saxifragaceae

<i>Saxifraga hederacea</i>	Assos Mountain
<i>Saxifraga tridactylites</i>	Ak Dağı, Assos Mountain

Scrophulariaceae

[<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Patara]
[<i>Cymbalaria longipes</i>	scattered]
<i>Linaria simplex</i>	Avlan
<i>Misopates orontium</i>	Patara, Kaş
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>	local frequent at low altitudes
<i>Parentucellia viscosa</i>	Dereköy
[<i>Scrophularia cryptophylla</i>	Ak Dağı]
<i>Scrophularia lucida</i>	widespread
[<i>Scrophularia umbrosa</i>	Gökçeören]
<i>Verbascum cheiranthifolium</i>	widespread in the area, not yet in flower
<i>Verbascum levantina</i>	Kekova

<i>Verbascum sinuatum</i>	Patara – first in flower
<i>Verbascum symi</i>	road cuttings above Kaş
[<i>Veronica anagallis-aquatica</i>	wetlands e.g. at Patara]
[<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	scattered]
[<i>Veronica cuneifolia</i>	Ak Dağı]
<i>Veronica cymbalaria</i>	scattered
<i>Veronica lycica</i>	widespread and common
<i>Veronica syriaca</i>	Assos Mountain

Solanaceae

[<i>Hyoscyamus aureus</i>	Patara ruins and Gökçeören]
<i>Mandragora officinalis</i>	scattered – only leaves

Styracaceae

<i>Styrax officinalis</i>	widespread
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Tamaricaceae

<i>Tamarix smyrnensis</i>	wetlands and coasts e.g. Patara
<i>Tamarix tetrandra</i>	Patara

Thymelaeaceae

<i>Daphne gnidioides</i>	widespread though not in flower
<i>Daphne sericea</i>	Ördübek Yayla
<i>Thymelaea hirsuta</i>	coastal dunes

Ulmaceae

<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	Avlan
<i>Ulmus minor</i>	scattered

Urticaceae

<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	scattered
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Kaputaş
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Urtica pilulifera</i>	scattered
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Ak Dağı

Valerianaceae

[<i>Valeriana dioscoridis</i>	scattered]
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	widespread
<i>Valerianella</i> spp	several present

Violaceae

<i>Viola heldreichiana</i>	Ak Dağı, Karaova Beli, Assos
<i>Viola kitaibeliana</i>	Ak Dağı

Monocotyledons

Alismataceae

Alisma graminifolia

Assos – leaves only

[*Alisma lanceolata*

Patara]

Amaryllidaceae

Galanthus elwesii

Assos Mountain where in seed

Araceae

Arisarum vulgare

leaves abundant, no flowers left

Arum dioscoridis

Çukurbağ

Dracunculus vulgaris

frequent, not yet in flower

Areaceae

Phoenix theophrasti

a small grove at Patara

Cyperaceae

Blysmus compressus

Çukurbağ

[*Carex disticha*

Gökçeören]

Carex divisa leersii

frequent

Carex halleriana

frequent in rocky woodlands

Cyperus capitatus

Patara

Eleocharis mitracarpa

Patara

Isolepis cernua

Patara

Schoenus nigricans

Patara

Dioscoraceae

Tamus communis

scattered

Graminaceae

Briza maxima

scattered

Briza minor

Patara

Cornucopiae cucullatum

common in the meadows of Çukurbağ

Lagurus ovatus

widespread

Iridaceae

Crocus akdagensis

common on Ak Dağı. The crocuses seen on Karaova Beli were probably this species too

Crocus danfordiae

a few on Ak Dağı

Gladiolus illyricus

frequent at lower altitudes

Moraea sisyrinchium

scattered at low altitude

Iris germanica

naturalized populations on roadsides at lower altitudes. The fully wild population on Assos Mountain were not quite in flower yet

Iris unguicularis carica

Gökçeören. Dereköy

Iris xanthospuria

Köyceğiz

[*Romulea ramiflora*

in fruit at Patara]

Juncaceae

<i>Juncus acutus</i>	coastal sites
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Patara
[<i>Juncus gerardii</i>]	Patara]

Liliaceae

<i>Allium junceum</i>	roadside cliff above Kaş
<i>Allium nigrum</i>	Ahatlı, Çukurbağ
<i>Allium subhirsutum</i>	locally frequent
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	scattered throughout
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	(<i>aestivus</i> is now thought to occur only in the western med). Widespread
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	Kaputaş
<i>Bellevia dubia</i>	Gomuca
<i>Bellevia tauri</i>	Ahatlı
<i>Bellevia trifoliata</i>	Çukurbağ
[<i>Colchicum atticum</i>]	Ak Dağı]
<i>Colchicum triphyllum</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Drimys maritima</i>	widespread in leaf
[<i>Eremurus spectabilis</i>]	in flower on cliffs on Ak Dağı]
<i>Fritillaria acmopetala</i>	Gomuca
<i>Fritillaria carica</i>	abundant Ördübek Yayla
<i>Fritillaria crassifolia</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Fritillaria elwesii</i>	Ahatlı and Assos Mountain
<i>Fritillaria kitanae</i>	Karaova Beli. Also what looked like a tall version of this species by Avlan Lake
[<i>Fritillaria pinardii</i>]	Ak Dağı]
<i>Gagea dubia</i>	frequent in the mountains
<i>Gagea fragifera</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Gagea graeca</i>	scattered at low altitudes
[<i>Gagea juliae</i>]	Ak Dağı]
<i>Gagea peduncularis</i>	scattered
<i>Gagea villosa</i>	Ak Dağı and Karaova Beli
<i>Muscari comosum</i>	widespread at low altitudes
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	widespread at higher altitudes
<i>Muscari racemosum</i>	Ak Dağı and below Ördübek Yayla
<i>Muscari weisii</i>	below Ördübek Yayla
<i>Ornithogalum alpigenum</i>	possibly this species Ak Dağı
<i>Ornithogalum armeniacum</i>	Karaova Beli
<i>Ornithogalum lanceolatum</i>	Ak Dağı. Ördübek Yayla
<i>Ornithogalum nutans</i>	scattered at middle altitudes
<i>Ornithogalum oligophyllum</i>	Ak Dağı
<i>Ornithogalum sphaerocarpum</i>	frequent at low and mid altitudes
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	frequent at low and mid altitudes
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	scattered
<i>Scilla bifolia</i>	frequent Ak Dağı
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	widespread especially low down

Tulipa armena var. *lycica*

Assos Mountain

Orchidaceae

Cephalanthera epipactoides

Limodorum abortivum

Neotinea maculata

Ophrys apifera

Ophrys cinereophila

Ophrys ferrum-equinum ssp. *labiosa*

Ophrys iricolor

Ophrys israelitica

Ophrys lycia

Ophrys lyciensis

[*Ophrys phaseliana*

[*Ophrys regis-ferdinandii*

Ophrys reinholdii

Ophrys sicula

Orchis anatolica

Orchis italica

Orchis purpurea

[*Orchis sancta*

Orchis simia

Orchis syriaca

Serapias bergonii

Serapias parviflora

Serapias politisii

forest below Gomuce. Dereköy

scattered at lower altitudes

Kasaba Valley. Dereköy

Patara. Dereköy – only in bud this year

Kasaba Valley. Dereköy

three very fine plants in Kaş

Kasaba Valley – finished flowering

one still in flower Dereköy

the local endemic. Some very fine specimens in Ahatlı

scattered at low and middle altitudes

Kasaba Valley]

very surprisingly one flower still hanging on in Kaş]

1 Ahatlı and Assos Mountain

scattered

scattered throughout

Kasaba Valley, Dereköy

2 in bud on Ak Dağı

in bud Patara]

Assos Mountain

Kasaba Valley, Dereköy

Ahatlı and Kasaba Valley

Patara

Kasaba Valley, Dereköy

Pteridophyta

Asplenium bourgaei

Ceterach officinarum

Cosentinia vellea

Dryopteris pallida

Oeosporangium acrosticum

Selaginella denticulata

Gökçeören, Assos

scattered throughout

Kaputaş

Assos

Kaputaş, cliffs above Kaş

scattered

Cupressaceae

Cupressus sempervirens

Juniperus excelsa

Juniperus foetidissima

Juniperus oxycedrus

scattered

high areas

Karaova Beli

Ak Dağı, Ördübek Yayla

Pinaceae

Cedrus libani

Pinus brutia

Pinus pinea

forests on Karaova Beli and Assos Mountain

widespread

locally planted in the lowlands

Systematic List Number 2 Birds - Kaş

The taxonomy and order of the following list largely follows Voous (1977, List of Recent Holarctic Bird Species).

Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Avlan Lake & Elmalı steppe floods
Great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Avlan Lake & Elmalı steppe floods
Black-necked grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	2 Avlan Lake
Scopoli's shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	1 off of Patara
Yelkouan shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	2 off of Patara
Great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Avlan Lake & Elmalı steppe floods, also Andriake
Glossy ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	plentiful at all wetlands this year
Night heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	4 Patara
Squacco heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	plentiful at all wetlands this year
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	4 Patara
Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	noted at all wetlands
Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	noted at all wetlands
Purple heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	noted at all wetlands
White stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	scattered
Ruddy shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Ak Dağı and frequent Avlan Lake & Elmalı steppe floods
Common shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	2 Elmalı steppe floods
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	1 Avlan Lake
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Avlan Lake
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Avlan Lake and also 25 Patara
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Avlan Lake
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Avlan Lake
Common pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Avlan Lake
Common scoter?	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	it seems very likely that the approx. 25 birds seen flying east between Kekova and Meis were this species but given the rarity of Common Scoter here, perhaps only two records in southern Turkey, I don't think we can put it down as a definite!
Short-toed eagle	<i>Circus gallicus</i>	scattered throughout
Marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	singles twice
Hen harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	a female Elmalı steppe floods
Common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1 at Karaova Beli
Long-legged buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	seen almost daily
Golden eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	an adult soaring above Ak Dağı – uncommon species in this region
White-tailed eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	an adult at Avlan
Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	scattered
Lesser kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Elmalı steppe floods and Patara
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	1 Avlan
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	heard Ak Dağı, seen Assos Dağı
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	all wetlands

Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Avlan Lake & Elmali steppe floods
Black-winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Elmali steppe floods and Patara
Stone curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	4 at Andriake, 1 Patara
Collared pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	87 in a flock at Patara
Little ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	all wetlands
Kentish plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	3 Andriake
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	1 Elmali steppe floods
Spur-winged plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	2 Elmali steppe floods and 1 at Patara
Little stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	scattered
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	5 Patara
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Avlan and Elmali steppe floods
Common snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1 Patara
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Elmali steppe floods & Patara
Marsh sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1 Patara
Green sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	all wetlands
Wood sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	all wetlands
Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	all wetlands
Little gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>	c.50 off the rivermouth at Patara
Audouin's gull	<i>Larus audouinii</i>	off the rivermouth at Patara
Lesser black-backed gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	5 off the rivermouth at Patara
Yellow-legged gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	scattered around coasts
Gull-billed tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	1 off the rivermouth at Patara
Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	off the rivermouth at Patara
Whiskered tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	4 Avlan and a flock off the rivermouth at Patara
White-winged black tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	flock off the rivermouth at Patara
Rock dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	scattered throughout
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	mainly in the mountains
Collared dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	widespread
Laughing dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Kaş, Patara etc
Turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	2 Patara
Scops owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	heard Kaş, Ahaltı etc
Little owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	1 Ördübek Yayla
Common swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Avlan, probably lowlands too
Pallid swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	coastal areas
Alpine swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	locally abundant
Common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Patara
European bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	scattered
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	scattered throughout
Green woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	heard several spots in the mountains, also on Assos
Syrian woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	Avlan Lake etc
Middle spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>	scattered in the lowlands
Lesser spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	1 Çukurbağ
Calandra lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	Elmali steppe floods
Short-toed lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	scattered throughout
Crested lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	scattered throughout
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Ak Dağı and Karaova Beli

Shore lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	common on Ak Dağı
Crag martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Ak Dağı
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	widespread
Red-rumped swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	widespread
House martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	scattered
Tawny pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Avlan
Tree pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	scattered
Meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	scattered
Red-throated pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	scattered – commoner than the other pipits
Water pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Ak Dağı
Blue-headed wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	birds of the <i>dombrowskii</i> and/or <i>superciliaris</i> races were frequently noted and <i>beema</i> too
Black-headed wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	widespread
Citrine wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	1 at Avlan
White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	scattered throughout
Yellow-vented bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthopygus</i>	Kaş and the peninsula
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Mountains
Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	scattered
Black redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>	Ak Dağı
Common redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	just 1 Ahaltı
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	2 Avlan
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	1 Patara
Isabelline wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	scattered throughout
Finsch's wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>	Ak Dağı
Northern wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	scattered throughout
Black-eared wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	scattered throughout
Blue rock thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Ak Dağı and islands around Kekova
Rock thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	Ak Dağı
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	widespread
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Avlan
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	all higher areas
Cetti's warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	scattered
Zitting cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Patara
Moustached warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	Richard photographed 1 Kaş
Sedge warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Patara
Reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Avlan
Great reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Patara
Olivaceous warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	Patara
Sardinian warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	scattered
Ruppell's warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>	scattered
Eastern orphean warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>	scattered
Lesser whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	widespread
Common whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	locally frequent
Garden warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Avlan
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	widespread
Eastern bonelli's warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	Assos Mountain & Çukurbağ
Wood warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	up to 10 daily along the willows at Avlan
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	scattered throughout

Collared flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	scattered, mainly in the mountains
Long-tailed tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	scattered
Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	widespread
Coal tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	abundant in higher forests
Blue tit	<i>Parus caerulea</i>	scattered throughout
Krüper's nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>	mountain forests
Western rock nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	scattered throughout
Eurasian nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Gomuće
Short-toed treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	scattered
Penduline tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	Avlan lake
Red-backed shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	2 Assos Mountain
Lesser grey shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	1 Assos Mountain
Woodchat shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	scattered throughout
Masked shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	Ahaltı and Patara
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	widespread and common
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Elmalı area on both days
Red-billed chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Ak Dağı and Elmalı steppe floods
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	widespread in very low numbers
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	widespread in very low numbers
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Avlan and Elmalı steppe floods
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	widespread in generally low numbers
Spanish sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	scattered
Tree sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Avlan Lake
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	widespread
Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	common in forests
Red-fronted serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>	Ak Dağı and Gomuće
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	scattered
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	widespread
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	widespread
Cirl bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	Ahatlı and Assos Mountain
Rock bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	Karaova Beli
Ortolan bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Avlan and Assos Mountain
Cretzschmar's bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>	scattered throughout
Corn bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	locally frequent

Systematic List Number 3 Butterflies - Kaş

The taxonomic nomenclature has been taken from Ahmet Baytaş's "Butterflies of Turkey" published by NTV (2007). The late spring meant a poor year for butterflies...

Papilionidae

Southern Swallowtail	<i>Papilio alexanor</i>	a few noted on Kekova
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	lowlands – just a few
Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisyi</i>	scattered - noted on 2 days
False Apollo	<i>Archon apollinus</i>	one seen Ahatlı

Pieridae

Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	scattered
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>	Xanthos
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	reasonably common
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	scattered

Lycaenidae

Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	probably this species in the mountains
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Nymphalidae

Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>	Ak Dağı
Painted Lady	<i>Cynthia cardui</i>	scattered

Satyridae

Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	Ahatlı
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Systematic List Number 4 Reptiles / Amphibians

Hylidae

Eastern Tree Frog	<i>Hyla orientalis</i>	Patara
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Ranidae

Levant Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax bedriagae</i>	common
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Bataguridae

Stripe-necked (Balkan) Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>	Andriake, Patara
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Tesdudinidae

Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>	common
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Cheloniidae

Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	1 at Andriake, several Ufak Dere on boat trip
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Agamidae

Starred Agama	<i>Leudakia stellio</i>	frequent
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Lacertidae

Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>	scattered
Sand Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>	Liquidambar Woodlands Köyceğiz

Lacertidae

Cat Snake	<i>Telescopus fallax</i>	a dead one in the duners at Andriake
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Systematic List Number 5

Marine Life

FISH – no particular order!

Lion Fish	<i>Pterois miles</i>	John photographed one below the hotel
Rivulated Rabbitfish	<i>Siganus rivulatus</i>	at most snorkelling spots
Yellow-spotted Pufferfish	<i>Torquigener flavimaculosus</i>	at most snorkelling spots
Blue-spotted Cornetfish	<i>Fistularia commersonii</i>	John saw at Ufak Dere
Garfish	<i>Belone belone</i>	one seen 'flying' on the surface east of Kekova
Ornate Wrasse	<i>Thalassoma pavo</i>	frequent, and beautiful
Blue-barred Parrotfish	<i>Scarus ghobban</i>	Ufak Dere
Mediterranean Rainbow Wrasse	<i>Coris julis</i>	scattered
Red Sea Goatfish	<i>Parupeneus forsskali</i>	abundant
Red Squirrelfish	<i>Sargocentrum rubrum</i>	just one seen Ufak Dere
Mediterranean Damselfish	<i>Chromis chromis</i>	very common
Rhomboid Sweeper	<i>Pempheris rhomboidia</i>	swarms in hollows Ufak Dere
Picarel	<i>Spicara smaris</i>	frequent
Painted Comber	<i>Serranus scriba</i>	the Aquarium
White Sea Bream	<i>Diplodus sargus</i>	scattered
Common Two-banded Sea Bream	<i>Diplodus vulgaris</i>	frequent
Sharpsnout Sea Bream	<i>Diplodus puntazzo</i>	Ufak Dere

OTHER MARINE LIFE

Barrel Jellyfish	<i>Rhizostoma pulmo</i>	east of Kekova – impressive!
Sea Gooseberry	<i>Pleurobrachia rhodopis</i>	Probably this species Ufak dere
Sea Walnut	<i>Mnemiopsis leidyi</i>	Ufak Dere
Peg Coral		