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#### Introduction:

Although this is a tried and tested holiday that has produced excellent sightings of butterflies, birds and other minibeasts, this year was a little different as we reversed the itinerary to avoid a music festival in Kalavryta. It would be interesting to see what difference, if any, this would make of the wildlife sightings.

We arrived in Greece in the midst of a heatwave with temperatures regularly in the high 30s and occasionally up to 40°C. We were pleased that this holiday is centred around two mountain regions where the temperatures were much more comfortable and at times very pleasant.

The holiday is an excellent introduction to the wide variety of more common and endemic butterflies of the mountains of the Northern Peloponnese and Parnassos areas, and not without its historic and cultural elements as we visit the Delphi archeological site, pause at the Corinth Canal and sample delicious Greek cuisine. The rich and varied wildlife we encounter is set against a backdrop of stunning mountain scenery, which alone makes the trip worthwhile. Mount Chelmos has an open, rocky and sparsely vegetated habitat and contrasts with the verdant pine-clad slopes of the Parnassos range.

#### Day One:

A few airport glitches involving delayed flights and lost luggage meant that we got off to a later start than we would have wished. However, spirits and expectations were high as we gathered everyone and set off to the Corinth Isthmus to look at the wonder of the hand dug canal. It really is an amazing piece of engineering and well worth a stop on route to the hotel. We noted a few birds such as Common Kestrel, Hooded Crow, Jackdaw and some other common species on route. Our first insects included a Scarce Swallowtail, Violet Carpenter Bee and a few others. After spending a little time at the canal we set off again to our hotel in Kalavryta.

Unfortunately we didn't get very far as one of the minibuses developed a fault with the clutch and became undriveable. We pulled over to a lay-by and put contingency plans into place. Alice took the majority of the group off to the hotel with a taxi taking the rest. Terry stayed to negotiate a replacement minibus with the hire company, which after some protracted conversations finally concluded with a long wait at a near-by cafe, whilst the rental company organised a replacement. This did not materialise and he reluctantly agreed to get a taxi back to the hotel in Kalavryta and wait for the replacement promised for 8am. In the meantime, the group had settled in the hotel and walked out into town for a meal in a local restaurant.



Corinth Canal © Jillian M

#### Day Two:

With still no sign of the replacement bus we swapped the itinerary around to visit more local sites near to Kalavryta. We all met for breakfast at 8am and enjoyed quite a variety of cereals, fruits, eggs, pastries and breads as a buffet. After breakfast we met at the minibus to choose to walk or drive up to the war memorial on the edge of the town.

Those that chose to walk with Terry were slowed by constant sightings of birds and butterflies! Overhead there were Common and Pallid Swift, Red-rumped and Barn Swallow and House Martin zooming around. In the shrubs and trees we saw Cirl Bunting and Neil found a Sombre Tit, which is often a tricky bird to see. Serin, Hoopoe and calling Wryneck were a few of the others taking our attention.

Peloponnese Wall Lizard © Ali R



Focusing on the reason why we came here we noted a whole suite of butterflies. Eventually we met with the group coming down from the memorial and swapped notes. These included Hermann's Tortoise and the endemic Peloponnese Wall Lizard among a plethora of butterflies and bugs. We congregated around a large bramble patch, which had some open flowers and a lot of buds. It seemed to be attracting a whole host of butterflies. Most people got sightings of Ilex Hairstreak

and the gorgeous Grecian Copper. There were also a variety of blues including Lang's Short-tailed, Long-tailed, Common, Holly and perhaps best of all Ripart's Anomalous Blue. Goldenring dragonflies were also threatening to steal the show as these magnificent beasts patrolled the brambles, although not settling for us to identify to species level and there are two very to choose from out here! Marilyn found a Sloe Hairstreak as the species kept on coming. A Middle-spotted Woodpecker was heard calling and eventually seen by all. We really had to tear ourselves away as we planned to return to the hotel to cool down, before driving to our next site.

On the walk back down to the hotel we also saw a few other invertebrates, such as Owlflies, Robberflies, Bees and Burnet moths. A very handsome male endemic Peloponnese Wall Lizard was a nice sighting and gave us closer views than what we could have hoped for as it virtually ran towards the photographers.

Back at the hotel we cooled off and took on board more water as the day was now very warm. We gathered the packed lunches and set off for our second site by ferrying two groups down to the river, by the railway track. Unfortunately this shady riverine habitat has been disturbed by the removal of most of the bankside trees. We still managed to pick up a wide variety of wildlife reflecting the eclectic interests of the group. Everything from weevils to birds were photographed and admired.



Sooty Copper © Ali R

Some of the highlights being a Grecian Anomalous Blue, Sooty Copper, some lovely clearwings on Black Horehound, Small Pincertail dragonfly, Emperor and another Goldenring species that wouldn't settle. On the birding front there were more Cirl Buntings, Chaffinch and some lovely Grey Wagtails, brightening up the day.

We sat in what shade we could find and ate our packed lunches and importantly drank more water. However, the day was getting cloudy and cooler as what looked like a storm was brewing over to

the west. After admiring a Jewel Beetle species we decided to move on to our last site of the day. This was an area affectionately known to Alice as 'tortoise paradise' having found 7 in the space of half an hour on a previous visit and indeed we did encounter a several tortoises this time too!



Common Clubtail © Alice Hunter

Happily the replacement bus had arrived and Terry left the group briefly to collect the new vehicle. The group had already enjoyed some excellent sightings when he returned and a Persian Skipper was much appreciated, followed by a Common Clubtail

dragonfly. Again there was a wide variety of wildlife seen and enjoyed. For some the highlight was watching the mating flight of a pair of Southern White Admirals. The Sussex Emerald moth, a rarity in Britain, would also be high on peoples highlights lists as they appreciated its extraordinary camouflage as it hid among Hawthorn leaves.

This site incorporating a dry river bed, woodland scrub and flowery meadows was rich in species. Antlions, Butterflies, Spiders and all manner of other invertebrates were all very much enjoyed. As we were eventually leaving to return to the hotel the avian highlight was a sighting of a pair of Nuthatches, alarm calling at a Jay before taking off. It was now time to head back to the hotel and get ready for the meeting and later dinner.



Southern White Admirals © Graeme D

We met again at 6:30pm for listing and identification of the species we had seen. A list of over forty butterflies was not a bad start at all and included a few species that we do not often find. We reflected on what had been an excellent day full of interesting wildlife species and had been thoroughly enjoyable. Everyone enjoyed a drink whilst compiling the lists and sorting out identification before we headed off to a local restaurant for dinner.

We met up at 7:30pm and had a short walk to a local restaurant. We elected to sit outdoors and enjoy the spectacle of the street and hirundines overhead. A variety of dishes were brought out for all to share. The fresh greek salad was very much enjoyed, other dishes included lamb, chicken, aubergine in a rich sauce and roasted peppers stuffed with rice. All this was enjoyed in a relaxed and chatty atmosphere as the sun lowered and the day cooled off. It was an excellent start to the trip and we returned back to the hotel after our meal full of expectation for the next day.

### Day Three:



© Jillian M

We had an early start this morning, driving up to the monument at 6:30am. The lights shining on to the monument often attract a variety of moths and the cool mornings also give the opportunity to photograph roosting butterflies. Despite being already light there were a few moths to be found on the monument walls and in the surrounding vegetation such as Olive Tree Pearl, Leopard Moth and Guernsey Underwing, along with plenty of other wildlife interest to keep us amused. Only finding one Common Blue roosting was a little disappointing, but there were plenty of insects and birds. Once we felt we had exhausted the memorial site we headed

back down the valley to get some breakfast.

Soon after breakfast we met in the lobby at 9am to begin our ascent up Mount Chelmos. Once we were clear of the town and driving through some beautiful upland forest we began to see quite a lot of birdlife and then progress was slow! A few Red-backed Shrikes were seen and then a lovely Rock Thrush perched on rocks (where else!) above the road. We alighted from the minibus and had excellent views of this delightful bird. A few Corn Buntings were also seen as we headed off to our first official stop.

We shortly arrived at the Odd-spot Blue site and set out to explore the areas for our rare and elusive quarry. We soon realised that the strong gusty winds were going to make finding and identifying butterflies tricky. We did manage to see Common, Silver-studded and Balkan Zephyr Blues and both Clouded Yellow and Greek Clouded Yellow. We initially didn't venture up into the

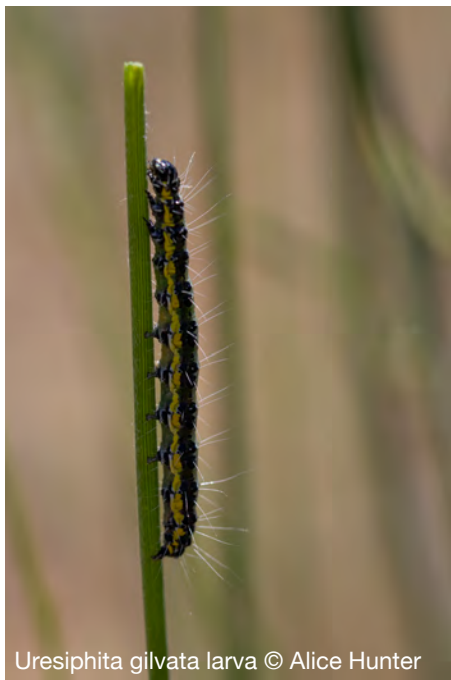
rockier area of the mountain as we thought we would head downhill to find some shelter and try again later in the hope the wind might have dropped.

This decision turned out to be a good one and we dropped a little way down the mountain road to the Chelmos Blue site. We explored the little gully and enjoyed seeing a great variety of butterflies, adding a few new species to our list. These included a rather lovely Purple-shot Copper, pristine Spotted Fritillary and a rather worn Glanville Fritillary. There were also some helice form of the Clouded Yellow to add a little more interest to the many Clouded Yellows seen. The bird interest was provided by a Subalpine Warbler and a singing Black-headed Bunting that was not located. Lastly a Short-toed Eagle passed over, characteristically soaring and hovering looking for some unfortunate reptile prey.



Purple-shot Copper © Mike L

We moved on to our next site and decided to use the shade for our picnic lunch. Whilst enjoying the food and shade we kept a watch on a patch of rather attractive thistles that seemed to be attracting a lot of insects and some nice butterflies, particularly Brimstones, more Clouded Yellows and Balkan Marbled Whites. On the abundant Spanish Broom nearby there seemed to be at least one Long-tailed Blue on each plant, many of which were busy egg-laying on the flower buds.



Uresiphita gilvata larva © Alice Hunter

While photographing and enjoying all this insect life, we were amazed to see a huge butterfly zoom over head, disappear and then return to a tree oozing sap. We knew straight away these could only be the stunning Two-tailed Pasha and once settled this was confirmed. One was a little worn but a second butterfly was a lot fresher and gorgeously marked. They were soon off again, but returned sporadically.

After all this excitement we decided on a walk down the track and later visit the quarry on the return trip. The walk was a little slow in adding more species, but still abundant with minibeasts, including a large Antlion, a variety of Burnet moths and some caterpillars spotted on the Broom which would later be identified as belonging to a moth without a common name, *Uresiphita gilvata*. The quarry proved a little more productive adding Amanda's Blue and Pygmy Skipper to the list of sightings. We also had a very tatty skipper, which appeared to

be a marbled type, but too damaged to fully identify. Whilst puzzling over the butterfly we were distracted by the sound of Ravens overhead. We looked up to see what looked like Sparrow size ravens mobbing a large bird, that could only have been a Golden Eagle! We watched as this magnificent bird soared over the mountains and eventually out of site. A lovely way to end what had been a great stop...Two-tailed Pasha and Golden Eagle!!

The wind seemed to have abated a little and we were running out of time so we decided to give the Odd-spot Blue site another go. We drove back up the hill and as we got out a young lad announced that he had found some fresh specimens and offered to take us to them up the mountain side. A few hardy guests followed and a few more stayed behind to get to grips with the different blues and in particular the Balkan Zephyr which were quite numerous here. Alice also amazingly discovered a pristine



Odd-spot Blue © Graeme D

Purple Hairstreak roosting in the grass! Once the group had returned from their successful mission we thanked the young butterfly enthusiast who, it transpired, was visiting from Serbia, and prepared to head back down to our final stop. Buoyed by the other group's success a different group formed who wished to see the 'star' of the day. Terry agreed to take them up and Alice would drive the others on to the track adjacent to the market gardens where we would meet up later.



Odd-spot Blue © Mike L

The second group walked up and as soon as we got into the more open areas and among the Spiny Thrift we soon found a number of Odd-spot Blues. They were obliging in settling down for views, but were sensitive to any approach and made photographing a little tricky. Satisfied we had at least great views we headed down, spotting a few more as we left a large dark butterfly zipped in front of us and we managed to identify it as a Great Sooty Satyr.

We descended back down to the van and drove off to meet up with the rest of the group. Here we had a shady wooded track abutting a series of market gardens. Whilst searching for butterflies we heard snatches of song from a Nightingale and the harsher calls of a Middle-spotted Woodpecker. Around the oaks we saw a few Purple Hairstreaks in their more usual setting. Zipping around were a number of Great Banded Graylings, Southern White Admiral and a few more common species.

We decided it was now time to head back for our listing, briefing and getting ready for dinner. We all met up back at the hotel at 6:30pm and went through the list and resolved identification dilemmas. After this we set off a little after 7:30pm in the buses to a delightful little restaurant about five kilometres away. The owner greeted us warmly and explained about the dishes and the relevance to Greek cuisine. He was strangely endearing and funny. Ali thought he would make a great drinking buddy! We finished ordering and then enjoyed a delicious and beautifully presented meal with some curious but delicious dishes. The beetroot mousse and zucchini fritters were very much enjoyed, with wild boar being a favourite. The evening was fun and relaxed and a little hysterical at times as the giggles seem to spread through the group. We blamed it on the wine and altitude, but it made for a thoroughly enjoyable evening to crown a fine day of some superb wildlife in a fabulous location.

© Jillian M

#### Day Four:

A couple of the group were up and about before breakfast to go on an impromptu bird walk, whilst Neil walked up to revisit the monument for the chance of more moths. The bird group had a successful morning spotting Blackcap and Cirl Bunting and then further up the track were able to enjoy at least two Sombre Tits and a close up Hoopoe. On the return walk a bright male Serin was seen, along with a Middle-spotted Woodpecker and a possible Syrian Woodpecker.

We all then met for our usual buffet breakfast before we gathered in the lobby and set off for Diakopto to purchase tickets for those who wished to make the optional train journey back to Kalavryta this afternoon. Once we had obtained the tickets and purchased a few essentials, we all set off again to the Pasha site. A short car journey away we drove down the track, only to be met with a scene of devastation as the landscape had been bulldozed. Our usual 'Pasha tree', a favourite Fig with low-hanging branches, was no more. However, we decided to make the best of the situation and found a new tree and boulders to spread our special bait. Once we had done this



Violet Dropwing © Ali R

we waited and spent our time focusing on other wildlife, of which there was plenty. Highlights included Violet Dropwing and male Southern Skimmer dragonflies, Kotscky's Gecko spotted by Sarah up a tree, a Dice Snake, Marsh Frog and other amazing insects and butterflies. A few of the group that went off for a stroll also enjoyed a Marbled Skipper that was new for the trip.

Whilst enjoying some lovely wildlife there was still no sign of the Pasha and it was nearing the time that five had to leave to catch the train up the

mountain. We had an anxious wait and the tension was broken by Sarah shouting that one had landed on a boulder. We all gathered around and were very relieved to see a well marked Two-tailed Pasha feeding on the banana paste...what a relief! It stayed for long enough for all to get photographs and admire this magnificent butterfly and in fact was still roosting in a tree when we left for the train station.



Two-tailed Pasha © Ali R

After dropping off the five commuters to begin their journey up the mountain the rest set off back up the mountain via the road. Our first stop was at a small stream in a shaded little woodland and grassland.

Here we enjoyed a few butterflies and dragonflies, but the afternoon was getting very hot. We ate our lunch in the shade of the trees, before setting off in earnest looking for wildlife. There were a few blues such as Silver-studded, Long-tailed and Escher's and a few skippers including a Hungarian Skipper.



Escher's Blue © Terry Goble

In the shady wooded area we watched a few Southern White Admirals and a Silver-washed Fritillary glide around. A male Cleopatra whizzed through without stopping but we were able to see the orange patches that make this butterfly stand out. Then Neil noticed a Green Hairstreak feeding on bramble flowers, and whilst we were watching the hairstreak we also noticed White-letter Hairstreaks

were around, finding about three individuals (the area did contain stands of elm). It was soon time to move on to the monastery, but only after we stopped for a couple of punnets of delicious cherries!

At the monastery we parked up and were immediately watching two large Greek Goldenring dragonflies speeding around the car park. We continued on, trying to stay in the shade as much as possible on what was now a very hot day. A quick toilet break turned into an epic wildlife adventure! The toilets harboured many moths sheltering from the heat of the day. Neil was very happy to spend time recording the different species. Sarah then found a European Scorpion species and a House Gecko hiding in the corner of the cubicle. Then Graeme got in on the act, finding a lovely European Velvet Ant in its burrow, which subsequently scuttled around the ground outside its burrow.

Pressing on we found mostly repeats of Hairstreaks and Whites, but did have great views of Purple Hairstreak resting in the shade of Oaks and Silver-washed Fritillary settled too. It was now time to head back to the hotel and catch up with the others. We wound our way around the monastery paths and headed to the minibuses.

We planned a visit to a new site for this afternoon, but in the full heat of the mid afternoon sun we decided to sit in a shady cafe and have some ice cream to cool down first. This worked a treat and we were soon off to the 'new site' to see what we could find. We saw mostly repeats of butterflies but we also added a Small Copper that had eluded us up until now. We had some lovely views of more Purple Hairstreak, which was helpful for those who had missed out at the monastery. Then Sarah found probably the best non-butterfly sighting of the day as we all followed her direction towards a huge vivid green and lemon yellow



Balkan Green Lizard © Terry Goble



Red-backed Jumping Spider © Ali R

Balkan Green Lizard, which hung in some branches above the path. The bright colours of the lizard made for quite a sight. A few minutes later Ali was pleased to add a gorgeous male Red-backed Jumping Spider. At this point we turned and headed back, adding a diminutive Eastern Baton Blue on the way.

After a long, hot day with some excellent wildlife we finally headed back to the hotel to cool off, relax and get ready for the briefing and listing at 6:40pm. We met and went through today's sightings and identified species from photographs that were not

done in the field. We discussed the plans for the travel day tomorrow and then dispersed to meet again in the lobby.

We set off to a restaurant, Alice had booked a meal at The Grand Chalet, which offered an amazing dining experience. Delicious and plentiful food aside, the semi-alfresco tables looked over the Vouraikos Gorge below and across to the distant mountains, a really beautiful setting for our meal. It was a fun and relaxed atmosphere and an enjoyable way to end the day. After dinner we admired the almost full moon above the illuminated monastery, a glorious evening sight. A few of the group opted for a brief stop on the return journey to a place where Nightingales were heard singing, but tonight they seemed very quiet. We decided to call it a night and arrived back at the hotel to get some rest.



© Jillian M

### Day Five:

Today was a travel day as we set off after breakfast for our new hotel in Delphi. Today was another very warm day with temperatures nudging 40°C at the hottest part of the day. Our first stop was



© Jillian M

back at the stream and woodland where we stopped for lunch yesterday. Although there were plenty of butterflies, most were repeats from the previous visit. Although a Chapman's blue was a nice addition to the list and a Cleopatra gave fly-by views as it fluttered overhead a few times.

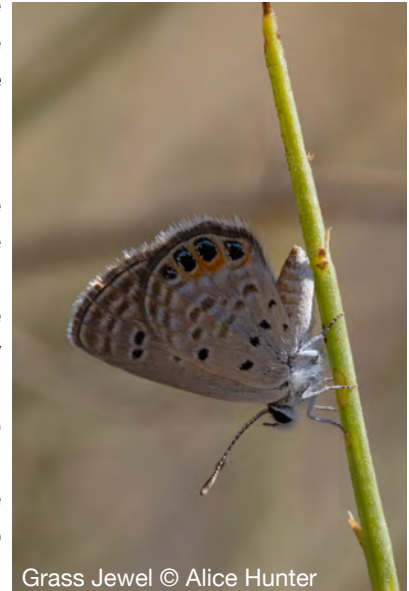
Our next stop was for facilities, drinks and a few ice creams to cool down, as we stopped at a service station. We then set off for a couple of hours over the famous bridge Rio-Antirio Bridge on our way to Galaxidi where we



were planning to have lunch. The cabled bridge made a splendid sight spanning over the Gulf of Corinth. On arrival we sought as much shelter as possible before lunch and only a few went on the short walk around the track past the 'hermits grotto'. A Hoopoe was seen and then heard calling and everyone had good sightings of the handsome Freyer's Grayling. A Ruby-tailed Wasp and large Robberflies were also observed as we strolled round. We then made our way to the restaurant to meet up with Alice and settled down to enjoy what turned out to be a huge lunch with different salads, cheese, baba ganoush, calamari, sea bass and lots of bread and vegetable dishes (gigantes).

After this feast we set off again for the last leg of our journey to Delphi. We stopped briefly for fuel and a look at the potted geraniums for the Geranium Bronze butterfly. Alas we were out of luck on this occasion and the geraniums did look a little withered and dry. Further up the hill we stopped at our site for Europe's smallest butterfly, the Grass Jewel.

After a little tricky parking manoeuvre we walked up the dry track. At first the signs looked ominous as the ground was very dry. Alice finally found one of these diminutive butterflies and after some careful searching we found a few of these delightful bejewelled butterflies. Photographing was tricky as the hot afternoon made the butterflies very flighty and they settled only occasionally. Eventually we all enjoyed good views and grabbed some photographs and made our way back to the van in the sweltering heat. Just prior to getting into the minibus we saw the peculiar, conical rock nuthatch nest. Alex managed to see the bird as it was flying around the scrubby rock face. We all climbed aboard and made the short trip up the road to Delphi where we settled into our new hotel.



Grass Jewel © Alice Hunter

Once we had settled we met on the balcony area of the hotel bar and enjoyed the spectacular views down the valley to the sparkling blue Gulf of Corinth beyond... a glorious setting. We sat here for a while enjoying the cooling breeze and a cold drink whilst we did our daily roundup of sightings. After this was complete it was time to head out for dinner, although a few elected to go to a nearby cafe and watch the European Cup Denmark v England football match (dreary 1-1!). The rest of the group headed to a restaurant for a sumptuous meal. Just before we all left we witnessed the very happy sight of Jillian wheeling her bag up the streets. She had been finally reunited with her suitcase and was very happy to have her belongings back. After our separate evenings out, most met back in the lobby of the hotel and arranged to meet for breakfast as we retired to our rooms for the night.

### **Day Six:**

We met for breakfast at 7:30am and ate on the balcony overlooking the valley down to the Gulf of Corinth, with fabulous mountain scenery and a 'river' of olive groves winding down to the coast. Watching the House Martins peel off from their wire roosts and take to the air was lovely, joining the Swallows, Swifts and a Kestrel circling on the warm air currents. A glorious start to the day... just add coffee!

It was starting to feel like it was going to be another warm day, thankfully we were heading up into the mountains. First we had a little shopping to do to purchase lunches and water for the day, a task which is simpler on route in the neighbouring town of Arachova and where the location of the supermarket allows the guests to wander a meadow in search of butterflies while the task is undertaken. This chore complete, we went on our way up the mountain, gratefully watching the temperature gauge dropping into the 20's. A slight technical hitch with the replacement minibus door threatened to derail us, but luckily Neil came to the rescue and fixed the runner and we could continue...relief all round after the last bus, thank you Neil!



Turquoise Blue © Graeme D

Our first roadside stop was very productive and brought us a few new species to the trip. The Turquoise Blue was a particular favourite as this large blue has a subtle hindwing combined with a vibrant upper-wing to rival the Adonis. We also found a Queen of Spain Fritillary and a Large Wall to add to our sightings. When we felt we had seen all we could we headed off in the search for a patch of Danewort, which seems to attract a large variety of invertebrates. On this occasion there were many Hairstreaks, Blues and others but it was the Clearwing moths that captured most people's attention.

Our next stop included our lunch break under the shade of a large Grecian fir. Here we saw a variety of blues including Chapman's, Long-tailed, Common and Balkan Zephyr as well as plenty of the diminutive Brown Argus. There were a few blues mud puddling which helped get better views of them settled. There were a few other species around including pristine Silver-washed, Spotted and Queen of Spain Fritillaries. After a lovely lunch in this picturesque meadow we set off again further up the mountain.

Our next stop was high above the tree line and was perhaps more noted for the birds than butterflies. We very much enjoyed the Alpine Choughs wheeling around and we also saw a very handsome Black Redstart and a Northern Wheatear. There were a few butterflies including a Large Wall, Painted Lady and Green-veined Whites. There were also a few moths keeping Neil and Graeme happy.

Our next stop was a little further down the mountain at a site that's often been productive, on this occasion not so much. There were plenty of Greek and common Clouded Yellows and we did identify an Idas blue. There was also a brief glimpse of a Cardinal before we moved on.

Our penultimate stop was memorable for finding a pink grasshopper! This is usually a morph of the meadow grasshopper and a striking insect nicknamed the 'Barbie' grasshopper by the group. We found some fresh Red Helleborine that were admired by all as were the Rusty Foxgloves and an attractive yellow Forester Moth, *Jordanita chloros*.



Pink Meadow Grasshopper © Alice Hunter

Our last stop was at a viewpoint overlooking the Gulf of Corinth and the valley with Arachova and Delphi hidden below us. It's a spectacular view and has the added bonus of wildlife to be found.



Parnassos Stone Grasshopper © Jillian M

We found a pair of Blue-spot Hairstreaks, which were new for the trip and one was in mint condition. We also had another Persian Skipper and the odd looking endemic Stone Grasshopper species. A Common Buzzard flew overhead and there were Sardinian Warblers calling and Cirl Bunting flying around. The afternoon was now wearing on and it was time to return to Delphi for the now usual routine of meeting at 6:30pm and heading out to a local restaurant for 7:30pm.

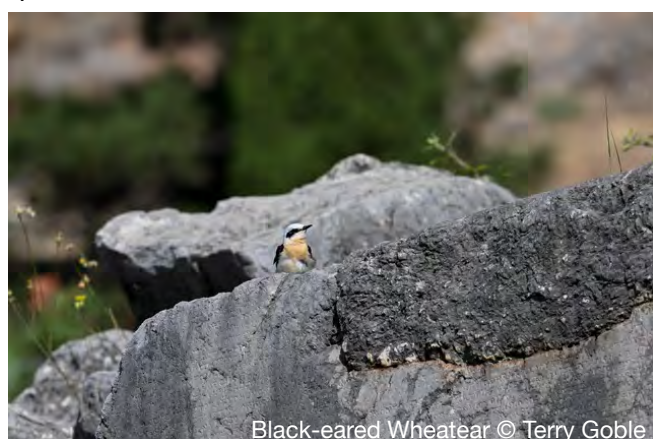
After everyone had freshened up we sat out on the balcony to watch the hirundines and enjoy the view with a drink. We then completed a round up of the day's sightings and arranged the outline of a plan for tomorrow. Now it was time to eat and we made the short walk to the restaurant. We

enjoyed a very nice meal of authentic Greek cuisine, before heading back to the hotel and getting some rest for the final full day tomorrow.

### Day Seven:

Breakfast was taken on the balcony with the stupendous view. We enjoyed our breakfast watching the hirundines and swifts and chatting. Today there was a bit more urgency to get out on time as we were going to visit Delphi archaeological site, which opens at 8am and can get very busy. In the event we managed to get to the centre just after 8am. This meant we could set off in the relative cool of the morning as it was going to be another very hot day.

Besides the historic importance of this site and the many ancient ruins there is also a good deal of wildlife. We saw many Freyer's Graylings and a lovely Greek Goldenring. However it was perhaps the birds that stole the show as we saw close views of Western Rock Nuthatch, Black-eared Wheatear and Blue Rock Thrush all in quick succession. We also saw more distant views of a Woodchat Shrike and a pair of Kestrels,



one carrying a freshly killed bird. Our visit however came to an abrupt halt as the upper reaches of the site were closed off to the public. As it was now getting very warm we decided the only thing to do was visit the air-conditioned museum.

We all set off in different groups to the museum as Ali and Sarah were busy looking for jumping spiders (ladybird spider in particular). Ian was already seeking shade and with Neil and Alex they all set off to the museum. It was indeed a cool, but also quite an impressive museum,

featuring depictions of the battle of the gods versus the giants, a huge gift to the people of Delphi of a sphinx to ward off evil, exhibits of photographs of post war Greece and artefacts from antiquity. A very interesting diversion, particularly for Graeme who inadvertently attempted to smuggle a White-spotted Chafer beetle in inside his clothing! On the way out, we got some good views of another bird for the list, a Spotted Flycatcher.

It was now time to regroup and head off out of the heat to the mountains for some cool mountain air and more butterflies. As before we drove up into the hills and watched the temperature gauge drop from 37°C to 27°C. We arrived at our main site for the afternoon, which is a fabulous upland meadow, with a stream and temporary pond (now dried out).



The site is full of promise and wildlife! We started with lunch, which was savoury pastries from a local bakery and fruit. We noticed a gathering of Whites and a Scarce Swallowtail on some Hairless Catmint. Here we found Southern Small, Large, Small and Green-veined Whites all vying for space on the flower.

We next turned our attention to the dried pond, which just about held some moisture. This was a magnet for butterflies and we spent more time than we meant to enjoy different species flying in and looking for some moisture. There were some old favourites like Greek Clouded Yellow, Long-tailed, Common and Silver-studded Blues. There were also some new species for the group such



as Nettle Tree Butterfly and Cardinal which, unlike yesterday's brief glimpse, were giving extensive close views so we could admire its exquisite colours and markings.

It was difficult to tear ourselves away from the mud-puddling butterflies, but we eventually did and started a walk along the track through the pine margins, fringing the meadow. We had not gone far when a cat was seen sitting in the meadow staring at us. We walked to the edge of the track to get a closer look and were astonished to be looking at a

European Wild Cat!! Once a few more of the group came over to see it took off, giving a glorious look at its thick, black-ringed tail confirming it was indeed a wildcat. We continued to watch the cat for a while as it lay partially hidden among the Bracken at the base of some pines. We managed a few more glimpses before it hid in thick vegetation and was no longer viewable. We decided not to stress it out anymore and walk on, but it was an incredible sighting and difficult to refocus on the butterflies for a while.



As we walked along we saw a good variety of butterflies including a Pearl-bordered Fritillary, which was another new species for the trip as well more Cardinals, Nettle Tree Butterflies and several other species. We eventually arrived at a chapel and found an excellent range of wildlife, including Clearwing moths, Oak Orb Weaver Spiders and some cracking butterflies. Ripart's Anomalous Blue was seen and a Dark Green



Fritillary which was another new species. Others included several Heath, Queen of Spain and Pearl-bordered Fritillaries. Whilst inside the chapel we were delighted to find four Large Tortoiseshell butterflies aestivating in the cool of the chapel. These large and attractive butterflies had eluded us up until now so it was great to see them.

Walking back through the meadow we continued to add species to our sightings but not just butterflies, Sarah found a Yellow-bellied Toad, and Neil found a Purple Tiger moth which was very much enjoyed, but in the warm weather it was very active and didn't stay for long once released. We finally made it back to the minibuses after a very enjoyable afternoon in this superb meadow. It was now time to move on as we had one last brief site visit before heading back.

We went back to the viewpoint mainly to find the Blue-spot Hairstreak as most had missed this delightful little butterfly. Sadly we were unable to relocate it, but had some compensation with a hill topping European Swallowtail and a pair of Common Buzzards 'sky dancing' together. It was now time to return to the hotel to freshen up for the listing and briefing. After an hour or so we all met again at 6:30pm to run through the sightings and to identify anything that wasn't identified in the field. After we completed the listing we were then ready to go to dinner. On this occasion we had a large table on an open air balcony, which had just enough breeze to make it pleasant in the still warm evening.

We ordered our food and then Jillian kindly thanked the guides on behalf of the group for a superb week of wildlife watching. The last evening as a group was a fun, enjoyable meal and was a lovely conclusion to our week as a group.

### Day Eight:

We all met for our continental breakfast on the balcony at 7:30am and had a relaxing breakfast in the company of hirundines and a Kestrel. After breakfast we finished any last minute packing and met in the lobby for an 8:45 am departure. Alice and Terry drove their vehicles round the one way system to stop outside the hotel. We loaded the minibuses and were soon on our way to Athens.

The roads were clear and we made good time. We just had one quick stop at a service station just to use the facilities and buy snacks. After setting off for the last leg of the trip we saw a Long-legged Buzzard take off from the field and fly over the minibus in front, most people getting great views of this large raptor. We arrived at the airport in good time and Alice and Terry said farewell to the guests as they still had to return their vehicles to the hire company. After we said our farewells the minibuses were returned and we caught our respective flights home, except Mike who was enjoying another evening in Athens. As we all dispersed to our respective gates the tour came to an end.

## Systematic Species Lists

<b>Butterflies</b> Species which are endemic to Greece or the Balkan Peninsula are marked ☆ and those endemic to Parnassus or Chelmos are marked (P) or (C).			17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
			day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7
<b>Family Papilionidae</b>								
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓		✓		✓
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>		✓				
<b>Family Pieridae</b>								
4	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>	✓	✓				✓
5	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Mountain Small White	<i>Pieris ergane</i>					✓	
7	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>						✓
9	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>					✓	✓
10	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓
11	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Greek Clouded Yellow ☆	<i>Colias aurorinia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
14	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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	<b>Family <i>Lycaenidae</i></b>							
16	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>			✓			
17	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Favonius quercus</i>		✓	✓			✓
18	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium ilicis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium acaciae</i>	✓				✓	
20	Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium spini</i>					✓	
21	White-letter Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium w-album</i>			✓			
22	Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>		✓				
23	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
24	Grecian Copper ☆	<i>Lycaena ottomana</i>	✓					
25	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>	✓	✓				
26	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>	✓					✓
27	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Short-tailed Blue			✓				
30	Odd-spot Blue (C)	<i>Turanana endymion</i>		✓				
31	Eastern Baton Blue	<i>Pseudophilotes vicrama</i>			✓			
32	Grass Jewel	<i>Freyeria trochilus</i>				✓		✓
33	Balkan Zephyr Blue	<i>Kretania sepphirus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Pebejus argus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
35	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>					✓	✓
36	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Mountain Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>						✓
38	Ripart's Anomalous Blue	<i>Polyommatus ripartii</i>	✓			✓		✓
39	Anomalous Blue	<i>Polyommatus admetus</i>	✓					
40	Grecian Anomalous Blue ☆	<i>Polyommatus aroaniensis</i>	✓					
41	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓
42	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>		✓				✓
44	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>					✓	
45	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>					✓	✓
46	Meleager's Blue	<i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>					✓	
47	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>				✓		
48	Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>	✓					

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	<b>Family Nymphalidae</b>							
49	Nettle Tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>						✓
50	Two-tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>		✓	✓			
51	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>						✓
53	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓				✓
54	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
55	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>						
56	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>	✓				✓	✓
57	Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>		✓				✓
58	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>					✓	✓
59	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Speyeria aglaja</i>						✓
61	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>					✓	✓
62	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>						✓
63	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓				
64	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓
65	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>					✓	✓
66	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>						✓
67	Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>					✓	✓
68	Balkan Marbled White ☆	<i>Melanargia larissa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Freyer's Grayling	<i>Neohipparchia fatua</i>				✓		✓
70	Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>		✓				
71	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Oriental Meadow Brown	<i>Hyponephele</i>					✓	✓
74	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>					✓	✓
77	Lattice Brown	<i>Kirinia roxelana</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
78	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	<b>Family Hesperidae</b>							
79	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓				
80	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alcaea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

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81	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>			✓			
82	Oriental Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus orientalis</i>		✓				✓
83	Persian Skipper	<i>Spialia phlomidis</i>	✓	✓			✓	
84	Hungarian Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>					✓	✓
86	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓
88	Pigmy Skipper	<i>Gegenes pumilio</i>		✓				

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1	Orange Naked Pearl	<i>Achyra nudalis</i>							✓
2	Pale Shoulder	<i>Acontia lucida</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	
3	Spotted Sulphur	<i>Acontia trabealis</i>			✓				
4	Leaf Blotch Miner Moth	<i>Acrocercops brongniardella</i>		✓	✓			✓	
5	Forester sp.	<i>Adscita</i> sp.		✓	✓				✓
6	A Plume Moth	<i>Agdistis adactyla</i>			✓				
7	A Many-plumed Moth	<i>Alucita desmodactyla</i>			✓	✓			
8	A Many-plumed Moth	<i>Alucita pectinata</i>						✓	
9	Least Hook-wing	<i>Ancylis comptana</i>		✓	✓				
10	A Noctuid	<i>Apaustis rupicola</i>						✓	
11	Bee Moth	<i>Aphomia sociella</i>				✓			
12	A micro moth	<i>Aprominta gloriosa</i>			✓				
13	Rose Tortrix	<i>Archips rosana</i>				✓	✓		
14	Cotoneaster Webworm	<i>Athrips rancidella</i>				✓			
15	A micro moth	<i>Blastobasis phycidella</i>					✓		
16	Rush Skeletonweed Root Moth	<i>Bradyrrhoa gilveolella</i>		✓	✓				
17	A Pyralid	<i>Bostra obsoletalis</i>				✓			
18	Yellow Shell	<i>Camptogramma bilineata</i>				✓			
19	A Plume Moth	<i>Capperia celeusi</i>				✓			
20	Pale Mottled Willow	<i>Caradrina clavipalpis</i>					✓		
21	Winter Groundling	<i>Caryocolum junctella</i>			✓				



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22	An Underwing	<i>Catocala eutychea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
23	An Underwing	<i>Catocala nymphaea</i>					✓	✓	✓
24	Oak Yellow Underwing	<i>Catocala nymphagoga</i>					✓	✓	✓
25	An Underwing	<i>Catocala separata</i>							✓
26	A Clearwing	<i>Chamaesphecia anatolica</i>							✓
27	A Clearwing	<i>Chamaesphecia annellata</i>		✓					
28	A Clearwing	<i>Chamaesphecia masariformis</i>		✓					
29	A Geometrid	<i>Charissa variegana</i>				✓			
30	Dusky Grass Veneer	<i>Chrysocramboides craterella</i>			✓				✓
31	Brussels Lace	<i>Cleorodes lichenaria</i>				✓			
32	Pellitory Beauty	<i>Cosmopterix pulchrimella</i>					✓		
33	Blair's Mocha	<i>Cyclophora puppillaria</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
34	Box-tree Moth	<i>Cydalima perspectalis</i>	✓			✓			
35	Starry Pearl	<i>Cynaeda gigantea</i>			✓	✓			
36	Purple Tiger	<i>Diacrisa purpurata</i>							✓
37	Scarce Spruce Tortrix	<i>Dichelia histrionana</i>						✓	✓
38	A Geometrid	<i>Dicrognophos sartata</i>				✓			
39	The Amah	<i>Dysauxes famula</i>	✓		✓			✓	
40	Garlic Borer	<i>Dypsessa ulula</i>		✓					
41	Common Footman	<i>Eilema lurideola</i>							✓
42	A Pyralid	<i>Ematheudes punctellus</i>			✓				
43	Spotted Sulphur	<i>Emmelia trabealis</i>				✓			
44	Rose-flounced Tabby	<i>Endotricha flammealis</i>					✓	✓	✓
45	Carrot Ridge-back	<i>Epermenia aequidentellus</i>							✓
46	A micro moth	<i>Epicallima icterinella</i>			✓				
47	Silver-spotted Veneer	<i>Euchromis ocella</i>			✓			✓	
48	Tawny Grey	<i>Eudonia lacustrata</i>				✓			
49	A micro moth	<i>Euspilapteryx auroguttella</i>			✓				
50	A Pyralid	<i>Euzopherodes lutisignella</i>	✓						
51	A Crambid	<i>Evergestis aenealis</i>							✓
52	A Crambid	<i>Evergestis mundalis</i>				✓			
53	Double-striped Pug	<i>Gymnoscelis rufifasciata</i>	✓						
54	A Noctuid	<i>Hadena adriana</i>						✓	
55	A leaf miner	<i>Hapsifera luridella</i>		✓					

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56	A micro moth	<i>Holoscolia huebneri</i>			✓				
57	Barred Red	<i>Hylaea fasciaria</i>						✓	
58	Riband Wave	<i>Idaea aversata</i>				✓			✓
59	Balkan Wave	<i>Idaea consanguinaria</i>				✓		✓	
60	Dwarf Cream Wave	<i>Idaea fuscovenosa</i>		✓		✓			
61	Gleaming Wave	<i>Idaea obsoletaria</i>						✓	✓
62	Bright Wave	<i>Idaea ochrata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
63	Coral-bordered Wave	<i>Idaea ostrinaria</i>			✓	✓			
64	Least Carpet	<i>Idaea rusticata</i>			✓	✓			
65	A gold Forester	<i>Jordanita chloros</i>						✓	✓
66	Theresian Moth	<i>Lamoria anella</i>		✓		✓			
67	Shoulder-striped Wainscot	<i>Leucania comma</i>							✓
68	Gypsy Moth	<i>Lymantria dispar</i>	✓						
69	Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>			✓			✓	
70	A Plume Moth	<i>Merrifieldia</i> sp.						✓	
71	A micro moth	<i>Mesophleps trinotella</i>		✓					
72	An Erebid	<i>Metachrostis velocior</i>					✓		
73	A Crambid	<i>Metasia olbienalis</i>							✓
74	Flame Seedhead Moth	<i>Metzneria apriella</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			
75	Spotted Knapweed Seedhead Moth	<i>Metzneria paucipuntella</i>						✓	
76	A micro moth	<i>Nemapogon</i> sp.				✓			
77	A Fairy Longhorn Moth	<i>Nemophora associatella</i>						✓	
78	White-fronted Straw	<i>Neocochylis hybridella</i>				✓			
79	A Geometrid	<i>Nychiodes dalmatina</i>			✓				
80	A Pyralid	<i>Oxybia transversella</i>					✓	✓	
81	Small Plume	<i>Oxyptilus parvidactyla</i>			✓				
82	Olive-tree Pearl	<i>Palpita vitrealis</i>			✓				
83	Translucent Pearl	<i>Paratalanta hyalinalis</i>			✓			✓	✓
84	Mother of Pearl	<i>Patania ruralis</i>			✓				
85	Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>		✓					
86	A Tortrix	<i>Phalonidia contractana</i>	✓	✓	✓				
87	Ruby Tiger	<i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i>		✓	✓				
88	Oak Knot-horn	<i>Phycita roborella</i>				✓			

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89	A Pyralid	<i>Phycita coronatella</i>						✓	
90	Spotted Knot-horn	<i>Phycitodes binaevella</i>							✓
91	A micro moth	<i>Pleurota aristella</i>			✓				
92	Diamond-back	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Guernsey Underwing	<i>Polyphaenis sericata</i>			✓				
94	Tiramisu	<i>Pseudozarba bipartita</i>						✓	
95	Common Bagworm	<i>Psyche casta</i>		☆					
96	White Plume	<i>Pterophorus pentadactyla</i>							✓
97	A Pyralid	<i>Pterothrixidia rufella</i>						✓	
98	A Pyralid	<i>Pyralis regalis</i>						✓	
99	Sand Moth	<i>Pyrausta aerealis</i>						✓	
100	Straw-barred Pearl	<i>Pyrausta despicata</i>		✓	✓				
101	Common Purple and Gold	<i>Pyrausta purpuralis</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓
102	A micro moth	<i>Pyroderces argyrogrammos</i>		✓	✓				
103	Vestal	<i>Rhometra sacraria</i>				✓			
104	Common Pink-barred	<i>Rhodostrophia vibicaria</i>						✓	✓
105	Common Grey	<i>Scoparia ambigualis</i>	✓		✓				
106	Small Bloodvein	<i>Scopula imitaria</i>			✓				
107	Mullein Wave	<i>Scopula marginepunctata</i>					✓	✓	✓
108	Tawny Wave	<i>Scopula rubiginata</i>			✓	✓	✓		
109	Mediterranean Lace Border	<i>Scopula submutata</i>							✓
110	A Geometrid	<i>Scopula vigilata</i>			✓	✓			
111	Goosefoot Runner	<i>Scythris limbella</i>						✓	
112	Pine Hawkmoth	<i>Sphinx pinastri</i>				✓			
113	Mistletoe Clearwing	<i>Synanthedon loranthe</i>				✓		✓	✓
114	A Pyralid	<i>Synaphe moldavica</i>			✓			✓	
115	Small Thistle Moth	<i>Tebenna micalis</i>				✓			
116	Sussex Emerald	<i>Thaler fimbrialis</i>		✓	✓				
117	The Pigmy	<i>Thyris fenestrella</i>				✓			
118	Four Spotted Moth	<i>Tyta luctuosa</i>		✓					✓
119	A Crambid	<i>Udea fimbriatralis</i>				✓			
120	A Crambid	<i>Uresiphita gilvata</i>			☆				
121	A micro moth	<i>Vulcaniella extremella</i>							✓
122	A Crambid	<i>Xanthocrampus saxonellus</i>		✓				✓	





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54	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓		✓	✓			
55	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
56	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		✓	✓				✓	
57	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>						✓		
58	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
59	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>		✓						
60	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			✓	✓		✓		
61	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>						🎵	✓	
63	Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓			✓		
64	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓				
65	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓		🎵		
66	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓				
67	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
68	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>			✓					
69	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>			🎵					

<b>Dragonflies and Damselflies</b> ☆ denotes endemic species			16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
			day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7
1	Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
2	Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>		✓		✓			✓
3	Greek Goldenring ☆	<i>Cordulegaster helladica</i>		?		✓		✓	
4	Common Clubtail	<i>Gomphus vulgatissimus</i>		✓					
5	Small Pincertail	<i>Onychogomphus forcipatus</i>		✓		✓			
6	Southern Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>		✓		✓			
7	Violet Dropwing	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>				✓			
8	White-legged Damselfly	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>				✓			
9	Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>		✓					

Other Notable invertebrates			16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd
			day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7	day 8
1	A Longhorn Beetle	<i>Agapanthia kirbyi</i>						✓		
2	Egyptian Grasshopper	<i>Anacridium aegyptium</i>					✓			
3	Lobed Orb Weaver	<i>Argiope lobata</i>				✓				
4	Clay Bumblebee	<i>Bombus argillaceus</i>			✓			✓	✓	
5	An Owlfly	<i>Bubopsis andromache</i>		✓						
	Mediterranean Shieldbug	<i>Carpocoris mediterraneus</i>		✓	✓				✓	
6	A Longhorn Beetle	<i>Cerambyx welensii</i>							✓	
7	Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia aurata</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
8	Green Tiger Beetle	<i>Cicindela campestris</i>						✓		
9	Spider Hunting Wasp	<i>Cryptocheilus alternatus</i>							✓	
10	A large Fly	<i>Dasyrhampis ater</i>						✓		
11	Fasciated Conehead Mantis	<i>Empusa fasciata</i>		✓						
12	Greek Marbled Bush-cricket	<i>Eupholidoptera megastyla</i>							✓	
13	Parnassos Stone Grasshopper	<i>Glyphanus obtusus</i>						✓	✓	
14	A Jumping Spider	<i>Heliophanus sp.</i>				✓				
15	Black-cloaked Bee-fly	<i>Hemipenthes morio</i>		✓	✓					
16	A Bee-fly	<i>Hemipenthes velutina</i>		✓			✓			
	A large Solidierfly	<i>Hermetic illucens</i>	✓							
17	European Mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>		✓		✓				
18	A Jumping Spider	<i>Menemerus semilimbatus</i>		✓						
19	An Opilione	<i>Metaplatybunus grandissimus</i>							✓	
20	Yellow Crab Spider	<i>Misumenia vatia</i>							✓	
21	White-spotted Chafer	<i>Oxythyrea funesta</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
22	An Antlion	<i>Palpares libelluloides</i>		✓	✓		✓			
23	Red-backed Jumping Spider	<i>Philaeus chrysops</i>				✓				
24	Bright Bushcricket	<i>Poecilimon sp.</i>				✓	✓			
25	Meadow Grasshopper	<i>Pseudochorthippus parallelus</i>						✓		
26	A Longhorn Beetle	<i>Strictoleptura cordigera</i>		✓						
27	Napoleon Spider	<i>Synema globosum</i>		✓					✓	
28	Heather Crab Spider	<i>Thomisus onustus</i>		✓					✓	
29	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	

Reptiles, Amphibians & Mammals			16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd
			day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7	day 8
1	Greek Algyroides	<i>Algyroides moreoticus</i>		✓						
2	Yellow-bellied Toad	<i>Bombina variegata</i>							✓	
3	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓					
4	European Wild Cat	<i>Felis silvestres</i>							✓	
5	Mediterranean House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>				✓				
6	Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>				✓				
7	Kotschy's Gecko	<i>Mediodactylus kotschyi</i>				✓				
8	Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>				✓				
9	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>				✓				
10	Ionian Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis ionicus</i>		✓						
11	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>							✓	
12	Peloponnese Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis peloponnesiacus</i>		✓	✓					
13	Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>		✓						
14	Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>		✓						

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Angiosperms									
<b>Cupressaceae</b>									
Italian Cypress	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>		✓			✓			✓
<b>Pinaceae</b>									
Grecian Fir	<i>Abies cephalonica</i>				✓			✓	✓
Black Pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i>							✓	✓
Gymnosperms - Dicotyledons									
<b>Acanthaceae</b>									
Spiny Bear's Breeches	<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>				✓		✓		
<b>Apiaceae</b>									
A Hare's Ear	<i>Bupleurum glumaceum</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Field Eryngo	<i>Eryngium campestre</i>			✓	✓				
An Umbellifer	<i>Opopanax hispidus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
<b>Apocynaceae</b>									
Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		



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<b>Asteraceae</b>								
Chicory	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<i>Crupina crupinastrum</i>			✓			✓	
Illyrian Cotton Thistle	<i>Onopodum illyricum</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	
	<i>Pallenis spinosa</i>		✓		✓			
	<i>Ptilostemon afer</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓
Spanish Oysterplant	<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
	<i>Senecio thapsoides</i>						✓	
<b>Boraginaceae</b>								
Pale Bugloss	<i>Echium italicum</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>					✓		
<b>Cactaceae</b>								
Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>					✓		
<b>Campanulaceae</b>								
	<i>Asyneuma limonifolium</i>			✓				
A Bellflower	<i>Campanula sparsa</i>							✓
<b>Capparaceae</b>								
Caper	<i>Capparis spinosa</i>					✓	✓	✓
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>								
	<i>Morina persica</i>			✓			✓	
A Cushion Scabious	<i>Pterocephalus perennis</i> ☆			✓			✓	✓
Narrow-leaved Valerian	<i>Valeriana angustifolia</i>			✓				
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>								
Greek Snow in Summer	<i>Cerastium candidissimum</i> ☆			✓			✓	
A Pink	<i>Dianthus biflorus</i> ☆			✓			✓	
Carthusian Pink	<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i>							✓
Hairy Rupturewort	<i>Herniaria hirsuta</i>						✓	✓
Childling Pink	<i>Petrorhagia dubia</i>		✓	✓				
<b>Crassulaceae</b>								
Stonecrop sp.				✓			✓	
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>								
Squirting Cucumber	<i>Ecballium elaterium</i>						✓	✓
<b>Ericaceae</b>								
Pinesap	<i>Monotropa hypopitys</i>							✓

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<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>								
Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>						✓	✓
Narrow-leaved Glaucous Spurge	<i>Euphorbia rigida</i>			✓				
<b>Fabaceae</b>								
Kidney Vetch	<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>			✓			✓	
	<i>Astragalus sempervirens</i> <i>subsp. cephalonicus</i>			✓			✓	✓
Pitch Trefoil	<i>Bituminaria bituminosa</i>			✓		✓		✓
A Canary Clover	<i>Dorycnium herbaceum</i>						✓	✓
Two-flowered Everlasting	<i>Lathyrus grandiflorus</i>						✓	
Loose-flowered Vetchling	<i>Lathyrus laxiflorus</i>						✓	✓
A Restharrow	<i>Ononis pusilla</i>			✓				
Spiny Restharrow	<i>Ononis spinosa</i>						✓	✓
Spanish Broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strawberry Clover	<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>			✓			✓	
<b>Fagaceae</b>								
Kermes Oak	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓
Downy Oak	<i>Quercus pubescens</i>			✓		✓		
<b>Geraniaceae</b>								
Rock Cranesbill	<i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i>						✓	
<b>Lamiaceae</b>								
Alpine Basil Thyme	<i>Acinos alpinus</i>			✓				
Black Horehound	<i>Ballota nigra</i>		✓					
Wild Basil	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>						✓	✓
Large Red Deadnettle	<i>Lamium garganicum</i>						✓	
Greek Savory	<i>Micromeria graeca</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hairless Catmint	<i>Nepeta nuda</i>						✓	✓
Cut-leaved Selfheal	<i>Prunella laciniata</i>			✓			✓	
A Sage	<i>Salvia ringens</i>			✓				
Wild Clary	<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>		✓	✓	✓			
Downy Woundwort	<i>Stachys germanica</i>						✓	✓
Yellow Germander	<i>Teucrium flavum</i>		✓					
Felty Germander	<i>Teucrium polium</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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A Thyme	<i>Thymus capitatus</i>				✓	✓		
<b>Lythraceae</b>								
Rose Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum junceum</i>					✓		
<b>Malvaceae</b>								
Eastern Hollyhock	<i>Althea pallida</i>		✓		✓		✓	
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>								
Broomrape	<i>Orobanche sp.</i>				✓	✓		
<b>Plantaginaceae</b>								
Rusty Foxglove	<i>Digitalis ferruginea</i>			✓			✓	✓
Peloponnese Toadflax	<i>Linaria peloponnesiaca</i> ☆			✓			✓	
<b>Platanaceae</b>								
Oriental Plane	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>		✓	✓		✓		
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>								
Spiny Thrift	<i>Acantholimon echinus</i>			✓				
A Thrift	<i>Armeria canescens</i>			✓			✓	
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>								
Traveller's Joy	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Violet Larkspur	<i>Delphinium consolida</i>		✓	✓				
Love in a Mist	<i>Nigella damascena</i>		✓					
Rough-fruited Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>							✓
<b>Rosaceae</b>								
A Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus pycnoloba</i> ☆			✓				
A Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>						✓	✓
Spiny Pear	<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
A Bramble	<i>Rubus sanctus</i>		✓		✓	✓		
Spiny Burnet	<i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i>					✓		
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>								
A Figwort	<i>Scrophularia canina</i> subsp. <i>bicolor</i>						✓	✓
<b>Urticaceae</b>								
Stinging Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>		✓	✓			✓	
Pellitory of the Wall	<i>Parietaria judaica</i>				✓			
<b>Verbenaceae</b>								
Vervain	<i>Verbena officinalis</i>							✓

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Chaste Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	✓			✓	✓			
Gymnosperms - Monocotyledons									
<b>Amaryllidaceae</b>									
Round-headed Leek	<i>Allium sphaerocephalon</i>						✓		
<b>Iridaceae</b>									
Turkish Marsh Gladiolus	<i>Gladiolus imbricatus</i>								✓
<b>Orchidaceae</b>									
Pyramidal Orchid	<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>						✓		
Red Helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera rubra</i>						✓		
Dark Red Helleborine	<i>Epipactis atrorubens</i>								✓
<b>Poaceae</b>									
Greater Quaking Grass	<i>Briza maxima</i>			✓			✓	✓	

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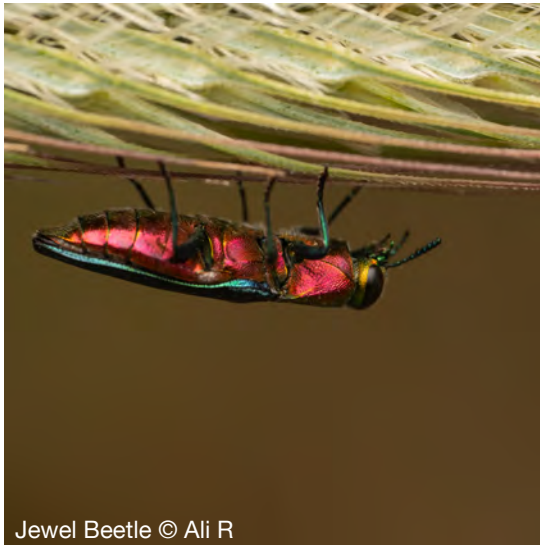
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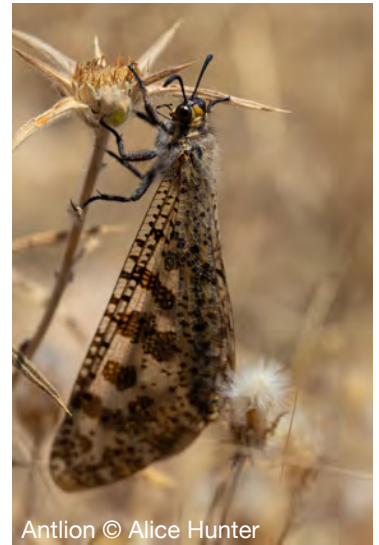
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