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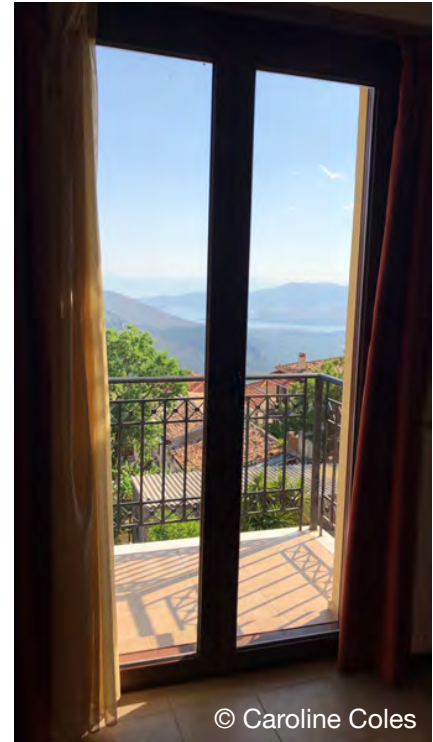
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Introduction

This dual-centre butterfly focused holiday was based around the Mount Parnassus area of southern Greece and Mount Chelmos in the Peloponnese. Our first base in the hillside town of Delphi had excellent views of the Amfissa valley, the Gulf of Corinth and the mountains of the Peloponnese. It lies at an altitude of 1000m and allowed us a chance to find many interesting species such as Europe's smallest butterfly, Grass Jewel, and also to visit the ancient archaeological site of Delphi. We would later move to a hotel in the small town of Kalavryta on Mount Chelmos on the other side of the Gulf of Corinth, to seek out a number of endemic butterflies such as Pontic, Chelmos and Zephyr Blues, the rare Odd-spot Blue and a host of other interesting species. The hotels in both locations were clean, comfortable and situated in easy reach of some lovely local restaurants for dinner each evening.

We hoped therefore for good weather, good food and a week spent watching lots of butterflies in these lovely areas. The 11 guests joining the leaders were Simon, Isabel, Rosalie, Peter K, Caroline, Neil, Janet, David, Allan, Peter H and Angela.

What follows is an outline of the week, followed by a daily diary, gallery and species lists.



Day 1, Saturday 22nd June

Alice met up with Dave in Athens airport just after midday having already organised her minibus and the rest of the group soon joined them. We were soon heading out to the waiting vehicles and spotting our first butterflies in the carpark on the way where a small patch of Birdsfoot Trefoil sported several Common Blues.

The first part of the journey took us down the rather less scenic motorways skirting the city but we made a brief stop at a service station on the way where a Scarce Swallowtail flew low over the buses as we parked. Once we left these faster roads we were able to spot a few species on our way too. The butterflies we were able to identify whilst moving included Cleopatra, Painted Lady and Clouded Yellow. A number of birds were spotted including a raptor which was probably a Short Toed Eagle, an abundance of Swifts, Swallows, House Martins and Crag Martins. Hooded Crow and Collared Dove were also noted. We also enjoyed an abundance of Clematis scrambling over the low shrubs on the dry hillsides and admired the purple profusion of flowering *Vitex agnus-castus*, known by some as the Chaste tree, and which has flowers superficially similar to those of Buddleia.

We arrived in the pretty town of Delphi in the early evening and having found our hotel we settled in with our hosts, Alexandra and Ilias before a quick introductory meeting and a walk out to a local restaurant for dinner.

Day 2, Sunday 23rd June

The day dawned bright and after a pleasant breakfast we set off up Mount Parnassus to begin our exploration of the many meadows that grace its slopes.

Stop 1. Our first stop was beyond the village of Kalivia Arachovas at a damp meadow beside the road. There was a large puddle on one side of the road but despite the appealing thought of mud-puddling butterflies and although there were no bee hives visible in the vicinity, there seemed to be rather more bees than lepidoptera. Not to be put off by this, we continued our exploration and found that although the area didn't look particularly flowery there were some nice plants to be found including buds of Rusty Foxglove and plenty of endemic *Astragalus thracicus* spp. *parnassi* forming low growing hummocks of dense leaves studded with thorns and covered in clumps of delicate pink flowers. Of course there were butterflies to be found too, the most numerous seemed to be Silver Studded Blues and Painted Ladies but there were also Small and Essex



Skipper, Large and Small Whites, Common Blue, Clouded Yellow, Small and Sooty Copper. A lovely female Adonis Blue was admired for a while and an Amanda's Blue was puzzled over for a moment or two before Richard appeared and assisted with identifying it. All the while Hoopoe and Serin called nearby. Just as we were about to get back into the vehicles, Richard caught a Field Cricket to photograph and was able to show this beautiful insect to the group. It is somewhat of a rarity in Britain and looks distinctly unlike many of its counterparts. Here they seem reasonably widespread and common but are a joy to see nevertheless.

Stop 2. We were soon moving on to a spot where Dwarf Elder, often known as Danewort, grew beside the road and the opposite bank boasted masses of *Dorycnium graecum* covered in small white flowers. We began wandering up the bank to explore and almost immediately there were several new species of butterflies seen including Ilex Hairstreak, Lang's Short Tailed Blue, Escher's Blue and a Helice form of the female Clouded Yellow. There was another Adonis Blue here too and quite a bit of a blue flower which initially appears rather like a bulb but is in fact *Asyneuma limonifolium*, a member of the bellflower family.

There was soon a call to look back towards the road where a Large Tortoiseshell was spotted sailing along just below the tree tops and shortly after this some great excitement from Dave who had reached the patch of Danewort growing behind the crash barrier and found all sorts of lovely insects nectaring. Among them, many more Ilex Hairstreak, Hungarian Skipper, Silver Washed Fritillary, Heath Fritillary and several Burnet moths. There were also a huge number of clearwing moths and more Painted Ladies plus an interesting beefy with black wings, *Hemipenthes morio*. A particularly large Horsefly landed on Caroline's camera, which turned out to be *Philipomyia graeca*.

A Red Helleborine was also found flowering behind the crash barrier and while some were photographing it, the Parnassus subspecies of Mazarine Blue was spotted. Meanwhile, Great Banded Grayling and Wood White



were seen and Jan enjoyed finding Mediterranean Shieldbugs gathering on a plant near the buses.

Stop 3. It was only a short drive to the next stop where yet more Danewort and a lovely little meadow full of vetches would prove to be full of butterflies.



Grecian Copper © Peter King

Great Banded Graylings and beautiful metallic green Rose Chafers shared the Danewort by the bus with a hornet mimicking hoverfly, while a gorgeous male Grecian Copper was spotted nectaring at the bottom of the sloping meadow. Dan got to see his first Black Veined White and along with it, Meadow Brown, Idas Blue, Red Admiral, Cleopatra, Green Hairstreak, Osiris Blue, Brimstone, Zephyr Bee and Dingy Skipper were all new additions to our ever expanding list. We also noted Clouded Yellow, Adonis Blue, Wood White, Large White and both Small and Essex Skipper here which we had already seen previously, not to mention Painted Ladies which were by far the most numerous species of the trip, seen at almost every site we visited during the week.

Stop 4. On our way back towards the road up to the Parnassus Ski Centre, we paused briefly at a lovely spot where Red Valerian grow in clumps along a steep rocky bank on the roadside. Our visit paid off as we were able to watch both Hummingbird Hawkmoth and Broad Bordered Bee Hawkmoth nectaring together on the flowers alongside Large Skipper, Large Wall, and Mountain Small White plus the ubiquitous Painted Lady and the odd Large White too.



© Dan Danahar

Stop 5. Heading on up the mountain, we stopped for lunch in a lovely flowery meadow surrounded by pine forest and with a mostly dry stream bed running through it.



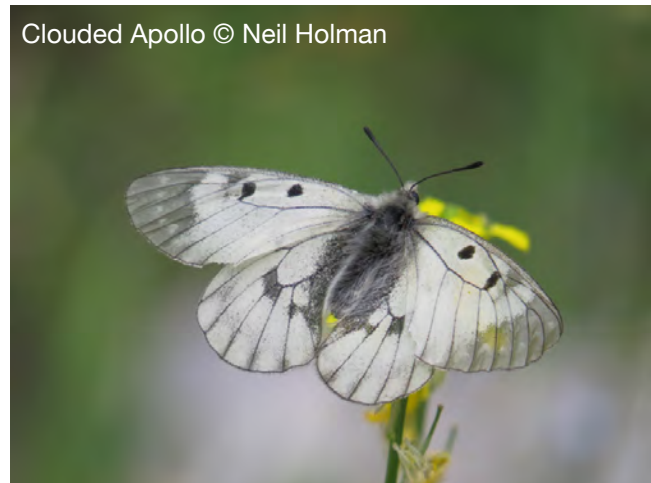
Cicada © Dave Potter

Having eaten, we took our time wandering through the meadow at leisure and discovering the natural treasures it held. Those of us that ventured into the woodland saw Speckled Wood and there were one or two Orange Tips around too. The meadow itself was full of lovely flowers including *Campanula sparsa*, Cut-leaved Selfheal, Nottingham Catchfly, Tassel Hyacinth and some gorgeous pink Dianthus. Both Red and Narrow-leaved Helleborines were flowering in the shadier spots and there were plenty of butterflies to be seen. Clouded Yellow was joined by Greek Clouded Yellow, distinguishable by its deeper orange colouring and Clouded Apollo were found here too. Small Heath, Meadow Brown and Brimstone were among some of the more familiar species to be seen but there were also Queen of Spain, Black Veined White and Camberwell Beauty flitting around. A dark form of Small Copper caused a little confusion until Richard explained that this is often an altitudinal variation. A number of small cicadas were spotted hanging on longer grass stems while a Large Tortoiseshell

was seen to perch on a lower branch of a fir tree. In the stream bed, an Olive Skipper was found puddling with several other butterflies and elsewhere, Heath Fritillary and Mazarine Blue were added to the list.

Stop 6. Having had our fill in the meadow, we moved on uphill with amazing numbers of Painted Ladies round every corner, seeming to fall like autumn leaves fluttering in a gentle breeze. An impromptu stop was made near the top of the mountain where a particularly flowery verge looked resplendent in the sun and the migrating butterflies were making the most of the nectar. Among others, there were several plants of particular interest here which are endemic to the area including *Astragalus angustifolius* ssp. *erinaceus*, *Daphne jasminea* and *Linaria peloponnesiaca*.

Stop 7. Having made it up the last little stretch to the ski centre, a stiff breeze made for a welcome relief from the heat of the sun. A flock of Alpine Chough wheeled overhead, a Citril Finch was heard calling and a family of Northern Wheatears entertained us from the top of some nearby rocks. Butterflies were altogether harder to see as the accessible areas with vegetation were very steep but Clouded Apollo, Great Banded Grayling and yet more Painted Ladies graced us with their presence. *Euphorbia myrsinites* grew in the gravel and a Cranesbill which might have been *Geranium thessalum* was found in flower. It was decided not to stay too long here as it was very exposed in the sun and we were soon moving on back down the mountain.



Clouded Apollo © Neil Holman

Stop 8. We made another brief impromptu stop at a small but pleasantly flowery roadside glade found last year. Here we added Zephyr Blue to the list and also noted Clouded Apollo, Osiris Blue, Cleopatra and Clouded Yellow, not to mention a steady stream of Painted Ladies.

Stop 9. Continuing on down the mountainside we stopped at a shrubby meadow just below where we had had lunch earlier. There were more small fir trees and an endemic Hawthorn, *Crataegus pycnoloba*, growing here. Birdsong was noticeable here with Robin, Great Tit and Chaffinch calling as we wandered in to explore. Ground Pine, *Ajuga chamaepitys* and Thyme were growing among the grass. Meadow Brown, Small Heath, Great Banded Grayling and Zephyr Blue were noted. A pale Brimstone with slightly different markings prompted a debate between Richard and Dan about the characteristics and range of Powdered Brimstone though it was eventually decided to err on the side of caution and leave it off the list. Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper was found here and there were good views to be had of Oriental Meadow Brown.



Male Ladybird Spider
© Alice Hunter

Stop 10. Our final stop on the way back was at the top of the Arachova pass. We didn't spend long here but admired the view over the valley below and the plateau behind us. We took in the pink cushions of *Pterocephalus perennis* flowering on the rock face by the road and marvelled at the tiny flower perfection of *Herniaria hirsuta*. Balkan Marbled White was seen and there were a number of chubby looking Parnassos Stone Grasshoppers which blended in wonderfully with their gravelly surroundings. Alice was particularly pleased to find a stunning male Ladybird Spider and was able to show it to a few of the group before it took refuge in the depths of a plant.

While our first day had been a full one, everyone agreed that it had been very enjoyable with lots seen. We returned to the hotel to have a relaxing drink while we updated our trip list and then walked down into the town to have a delightful dinner in a restaurant with a fabulous view over the valley.

Day 3, Monday 24th June

The following morning dawned bright and clear. Several of the group went for a pre-breakfast wander up the hill and reported that there were already butterflies on the wing. We ate and gathered our packed lunches ready for the day ahead but our first stop was only a few minutes drive away.

Stop 1. We pulled up in a shaded lay-by beyond the entrance to the ancient site of Delphi and walked back along the roadside to make our way in. A beautiful Great Green Bush Cricket was spotted as we passed a spring and a little further on, a Lattice Brown was admired.



Rock Nuthatch © Caroline Coles

Having got our tickets we made our way inside and gathered to set our plans for the morning. A Hoopoe was calling throughout the morning while Crag Martins swooped high overhead and noisy Rock Nuthatches entertained us as we climbed towards the treasuries. A little way above them a Marginated Tortoise was spotted making a meal of the only green leaf in its immediate surroundings.

Moving on beyond the Temple, where a few small flowers of *Campanula topaliana* ssp. *delphica* were spotted nestled among the enormous stonework, we came across several very large Robberflies, one of which used Isobel's hat (while still on her head!) as a hunting perch. Climbing above

the Amphitheatre we found a number of very large predatory bush crickets and on a bend beneath a tree we came across a large Spider Hunting Wasp subduing and dragging away an equally impressive Wolf Spider in the middle of the path! Alice pointed out Squirring Cucumber plants and Round Headed leek growing here and a Jay flew over. Among the butterflies seen were Meadow Brown, Large White, Cleopatra, Balkan Marbled White and Southern White Admiral though many were only glimpsed briefly in the heat of the morning.

Having mostly made it to the top to admire the stadium, we reconvened near the entrance in the shade of some large pines and then made our way back to the vehicles. We had lunch in a nearby dry spring where we sat beneath Oriental Plane and Olive trees to eat.

Stop 2. Having devoured our packed lunches we set off up the mountain once more, following the same route as the previous day and stopping in a large wet meadow just above where we had enjoyed our lunch the day before. We drove up a track a short way and walked back down it towards the road. Along the way were plenty of lovely things to admire and at one point, Richard gave a very good demonstration of the different characteristics of the various blue butterflies and what to look for to distinguish the large variety of species found in this area.



© Simon Jones

There was a wonderful forest to our right as we walked downhill, dominated by the Grecian Fir. Beneath the trees Broad Leaved, Red and Narrow-leaved Helleborines flowered and there were pale yellowish green leaves and seed pods of Hellebores seeming to almost glow in the dark



Nettle Tree Butterfly © Caroline Coles

understory. Puddling Small Whites were among the first butterflies to be seen, although Richard suggested that some dark butterflies which flew up from the track as we drove up were likely to have been Nettle Tree butterflies.

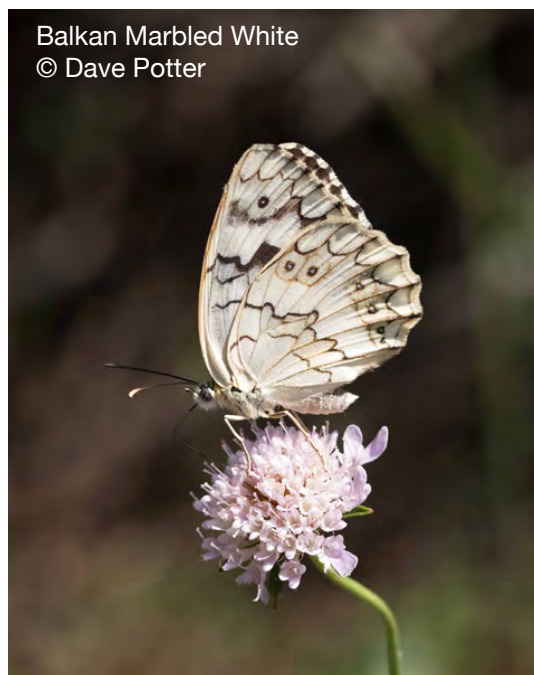
Goldcrests sang from the woods as we continued and Pearl Bordered Fritillary, Common Blue and Speckled Wood were swiftly added to the tally here. Cleopatra and Clouded Yellow followed suit along with Zephyr Blue and Parnassus Mazarine Blue. Southern Comma flitted past, Orange Tip was spotted along with Great Banded Grayling. Alice found a Broad-Bordered Bee Hawkmoth in a puddle and with Dan's help managed to revive it. Elsewhere

Chapman's Blue, Large White, Mazarine Blue, Small Copper, Comma and Large Tortoiseshell were noted along with Cream Spot Tiger Moth. In a drier section of meadow near the road, Dan found a particularly obliging Clouded Apollo and had good views of a Camberwell Beauty. Heath Fritillaries sipped from flower to flower and Alice had a brief glimpse of a Lang's Short Tailed Blue before it flew off.

Heading back through the damp meadow we found it to be full of gorgeous *Gladiolus imbricatus*. There were some Beautiful Demoiselles hanging among the long grasses and both Pyramidal and Loose Flowered Orchids were found flowering. Turquoise Blue, Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary and Meadow Brown were also noted here.

A few of the group walked up to investigate the small chapel beyond the vehicles before we made our way back down the mountain.

Stop 3. On our way home, Richard spotted a gully that he was keen to investigate just beside the main road from Arachova to Delphi and we made an impromptu stop. There was not a lot to be seen as it was only a small area but nevertheless we found Ilex Hairstreak, appropriately on Kermes Oak, a very large Bush Cricket, some lovely Balkan Marbled Whites, and most interestingly, an aberration of Blue Argus which caused quite a bit of discussion.



Balkan Marbled White
© Dave Potter

We returned to the hotel to freshen up before dinner in the same restaurant as the previous evening.

Day 4, Tuesday 25th June

The day had come to move to our second base for the holiday and so, after breakfast we packed up the minibuses. Just as we were about to leave an obliging Southern Comma settled on the pavement outside the hotel affording the whole group excellent views before we moved out.

Stop 1. Our first stop was only a few minutes down the road at Alice's Grass Jewel site. The wind whipped up as we climbed out of the van and there was some concern over whether we would find any but we carried on regardless. There were Rock Nuthatches calling incessantly nearby and

© Alice Hunter



a Kestrel flew overhead. Several Antlions were spotted, some small and damselfly-like, others larger and more heavily patterned.

On reaching the spot where we expected to see the Grass Jewels, we noted the *Corridothymus capitatus* flowering well and while some of the group walked on, Alice settled in to look. The few who walked ahead saw a tortoise but were soon called back because their target butterfly had been found. The tiny Grass Jewel was astonishingly difficult to spot but once we got our eyes in there were at least three individuals seen and most of the group managed good images of the little beauties as they battled against the breezy conditions.

The ubiquitous Painted Lady was also seen along with Meadow Brown and plenty of large Robberflies. On the way back to the vehicles, an Eastern Bath White was spotted.

Stop 2. We had a slightly longer journey ahead of us but would break it briefly to fill up with fuel in Itea and then follow the scenic coastal road to the idyllic seaside town of Galaxidi. Here we parked up on the harbour side and went for a wander up the hill opposite the town. Freyer's Graylings were numerous under the pines here and a Marbled Skipper was found. Rosemary bushes beside the path yielded stripy Rosemary Leaf Beetles, meanwhile Prickly Pears played host to Lobed Orbweaver Spiders, many of which had egg sacs. Several Hoopoes flew over and Collared Doves were plentiful here. As we returned downhill towards the road, Dan spotted another new species for the trip, a Geranium Bronze.

Galaxidi © Caroline Coles



We had a very pleasant lunch in a restaurant beside the water where Swallows nested beneath the sun canopy and each nest had a bespoke wooden balcony beneath to catch the droppings. We commented on how well it worked and were charmed to see the Swallows sitting on their balcony rails twittering at one another.

Stop 3. We continued our journey onward having eaten and followed the Gulf of Corinth to the impressive Rio Antirrio bridge, making a very brief pause for photographs on the way. Once on the other side, we made good time heading down the motorway to Diakopto and turning uphill



Lesser Fiery Copper © Neil Holman

towards Kalavryta. Our next stop was at a wet flush on the hillside where a small meadow is occasionally used by local beekeepers. Thankfully there were no hives here today but there were plenty of lovely butterflies to be seen. Among the first were Silver Washed Fritillary, a good number of which were nectaring on a fennel plant. Spotted Fritillary and Holly Blue were also seen here and many Ilex Hairstreaks were nectaring on a large patch of brambles. *Lythrum hyssopifolia* was found flowering beside the water. A whole host of new butterflies for the trip were then added in fairly fast succession including Ripart's Anomalous Blue, Lesser Fiery Copper, Sooty Copper and Pygmy Skipper. Common Blue, Southern White Admiral and a particularly dark

Balkan Marbled White were also noted. Venturing carefully onto the roadside a Bright Bush Cricket was found and in a glade along the road a few yards yielded a Swallowtail.

Exhilarated by the richness of the previous site we were chattering about our finds as we drove the last stretch of our journey to our next hotel in Kalavryta. We settled in and headed out for Pizza in the evening in good spirits.

Day 5, Wednesday 26th June

The following day dawned bright but a little cooler. We set off after a delicious breakfast to head up the mountain.

Stop 1. Our first stop was at a meadow where Pyramidal Orchid, White Helleborine, Everlasting Sweetpea, yellow Rock Rose and a white *Armeria* flowered. It was cooler here but we were able to find some butterflies roosting in the long grass. The Hellenic Mazarine Blue was found here along with Green Veined White, Silver Studded Blue, Common Blue, Zephyr Blue, Large White and Small Heath.



Stop 2. We ventured up to the top of the mountain but found rather a lot of it in cloud and the same sort of thing on the other side, so we retraced our steps a short way to a warmer spot by the junction to the Cave of the Lakes. Here we saw Golden Drops (*Onosma erecta*) flowering along with an attractive endemic Skullcap,



Scutellaria rupestris ssp. *parnassica* which Caroline found. Some lovely Peloponnese Wall Lizards were photographed and there were a few butterflies here too, mostly Ilex Hairstreak but also Balkan Marbled White.

Stop 3. As the cloud was being slow to clear and we weren't finding much here, we dropped down further to some meadows off the Cave of the Lakes road where we also had lunch. Along with the numerous Ilex Hairstreaks here, we also found Sloe Hairstreak and Purple Hairstreak. Meadow Browns were plentiful here and Small White was noted too. An Anomalous Blue caused a bit of a stir in a sheltered gully near where we parked, and where Dianthus and Larkspur flowered among the longer grasses, Small Skipper was joined by Balkan Marbled White and there was a brief glimpse of a shimmering green Forester Moth. All the while, a Nightingale sang from the depths of a patch of thick scrub. Jan found a beautiful neon yellow and blue Cuckoo wasp, relative of the Ruby-Tailed Wasp which we managed to find again still nectaring on the same Giant Fennel plant.

Stop 4. By this point, the clouds had finally lifted off the peaks and so we headed up the mountain once more to a sunlit slope where we would look for the Odd-spot Blue. Transparent Burnet Moths, Dingy Skipper and Silver Studded Blue were all found in the flowery patches of this natural rock garden. The plants themselves were of note too with one particularly striking one catching the eye of most members of the group for looking rather prickly and thistle-like but not having remotely thistle-like flowers. They were the pink and white blooms

of *Morina persica*, but there were some other nice things here too including glorious yellow Stonecrops, cushions of Thyme and hummocks of Spiny Thrift which are the foodplant of the Odd-spot Blue.

There was a lot of hunting around for this tiny butterfly and in the meantime we found several lovely *Philaeus chrysops* jumping spiders, the males of which have a striking red and black abdomen, as well as some gorgeous Owlflies. At last, there was a call that Dave had found an Odd-spot Blue, and sure enough there were eventually two or three individuals seen and thoroughly photographed! In the meantime, Richard had been talking with a keen Dutch butterfly enthusiast and he was equally pleased to see these tiny insects although he duly left us still enjoying them. We paused only once more on our way back to the vehicles to admire a particularly fresh Queen of Spain Fritillary.



Odd-Spot Blue © Caroline Coles

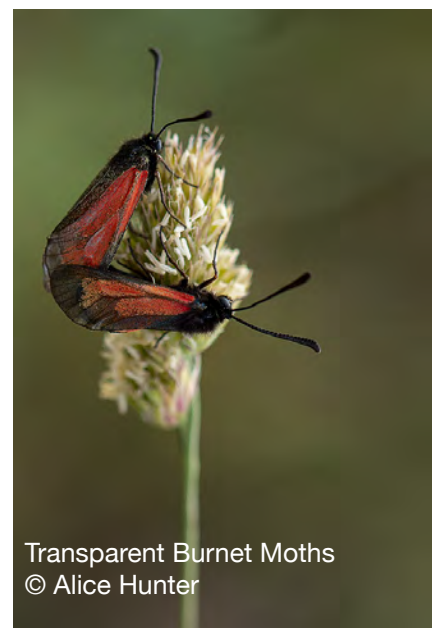
Stop 5. The time soon came to move on and we drove a short way down the hill to a damp gully with a water trough where Corn Buntings sang from some scrubby Hawthorn bushes and we were hopeful of finding Chelmos Blue. Just as we started to descend the slope, the Dutchman pulled up in his car and leapt out wielding a jam jar. It transpired that, as he knew we were hoping to see Chelmos Blue, when he found one he had caught it in the jar to show us. He told us about the site where he had caught it and left us with the jar. We continued on towards the water trough, pausing a while to admire some mud puddling blues including Chalk-hill and Turquoise as well as a couple of Skippers. Reaching a suitable spot, we carefully released the Chelmos Blue from it's jar and gathered to admire and photograph it as it settled on a mint leaf before taking its leave. Rosalie meanwhile had found a Lackey Moth caterpillar near the vehicles.



Chelmos Blue © Caroline Coles

Stop 6. We made one last stop of the day at the new site that the generous Dutchman told us he had found the Chelmos blue. While we were delighted to see one at all, it would be the icing on the cake to find one for ourselves. This new spot was particularly colourful with vetches, Pyramidal orchids and all manner of other flowers providing plenty of nectar for butterflies and other pollinators alike. Broad Boarded Bee Hawkmoths and Hummingbird Hawkmoths joined Transparent Burnet Moths and a variety of butterflies including the ever present Painted Ladies, Clouded Yellow, Small Skipper, Zephyr Blue and Clouded Apollo among others. We didn't find our own Chelmos Blue but we had fun trying!

We returned to our hotel satisfied with a good day's butterflying despite a cloudy start. We enjoyed dinner in a lovely local restaurant where we were served delicious traditional dishes.



Transparent Burnet Moths
© Alice Hunter

Day 6, Thursday 27th June

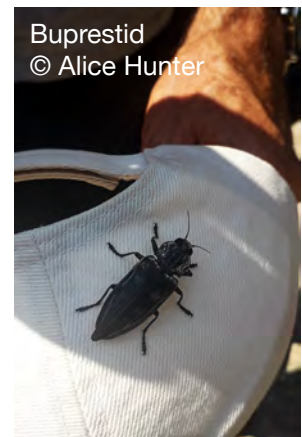
The day began bright and hot and after breakfast we set off towards the coast. Peter and Angela had set out on their own adventure today to explore the ancient site of Olympia so we were a smaller group for a few hours.



© Caroline Coles

Stop 1. We pulled into the Vouraikos Gorge with the sun blazing above us and Alice spread out the fermenting banana bait on various tree branches and leaves in the hope of luring our target species for the day, the Two Tailed Pasha. There were few butterflies on the wing here today perhaps because of the rather oppressive heat, even in the morning. Nevertheless, we spent a short while exploring and found Beautiful Demoiselles on the vegetation near the river and Small Pincertail Dragonflies hunting from a variety of perches. Speckled Wood and Freyer's Grayling were found lurking in the shadier spots and a Peloponnese Wall Lizard was seen to scuttle away. With little sign of the Pashas and not much else to look at, we decided to take a sojourn elsewhere and return in a short while.

Stop 2. We retraced our route a short way up the road to a spot where water was spilling into a shallow puddle in a layby. There were plenty of insects taking advantage of this moisture and we spent a happy half hour enjoying a steady stream of Painted Ladies, as well as puddling Wall Brown, Southern White Admiral and Pygmy Skipper. An enormous Buprestid beetle, later identified as a member of the *Chalcophora* genus, landed on Richard's head. He took his cap off to investigate and was able to show the group. Several Southern Skimmings were also zipping around and while we agreed that it was not the most picturesque stop we had made, the number of invertebrates for such a small area was impressive.



Buprestid
© Alice Hunter



© Caroline Coles

Stop 3. Having allowed time for the bait to work its wonders, we returned to the gorge and had barely got out of the minibuses when the first Pasha was spotted. Alice put some more bait nearer the vehicles under an Oriental Plane tree and was buzzed by one before she had even opened the tupperware box! These stunning large butterflies were admired for a while and a slightly tatty Swallowtail was photographed nectaring on a Cotton Thistle nearby. Cleopatra was spotted and several of the group took the opportunity to cool off by paddling in a shallow area of the river which was very refreshing. We had lunch here and enjoyed the Pashas a little longer before heading back up the mountain.

Stop 4. Our next port of call was at Mega Spilaio monastery where we had a gentle wander up the slopes and round the grounds. We were treated to impressive views over the valley and the gorge in the bottom while Crag Martins wheeled overhead and flew up to the cliff face above. The call of a Peregrine Falcon alerted us to its presence and we



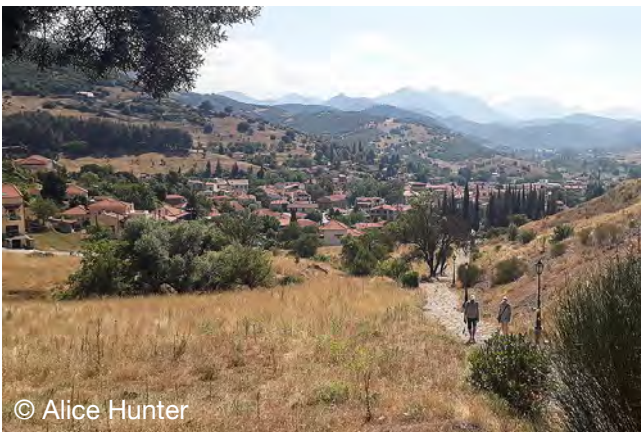
Mega Spilaio © Dan Danahar

watched it dance on the updrafts at the top edge of the rock face. An Eastern Rock Grayling was admired alighting on the path ahead of us while Clouded Yellow, Ilex Hairstreak and Balkan Marbled White were noted elsewhere. Silver Washed Fritillary and Red Admiral were spotted almost immediately and a Southern Swallowtail nectared alongside them on a patch of Red Valerian growing out of a wall. It fooled us all into thinking it a Scarce Swallowtail for some time but eventually noted to be different. A few of the group ventured into the monastery to admire the extraordinary murals.

Heading on up the hill towards Kalavryta, we made a brief stop to buy some delicious local cherries from a roadside stall in Kernitsa and on returning to town it was decided that as it was particularly hot and many of the group would rather have a relaxing afternoon, we would have some free time with an optional walk up to the Memorial on the hillside above the town.



Southern Swallowtail © Caroline Coles



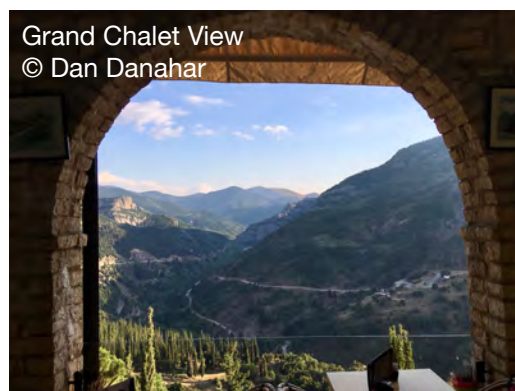
© Alice Hunter

Stop 5. A small band of intrepid guests joined Richard and Alice to walk up to the memorial later in the afternoon, pausing on the way to buy ice creams. The memorial is dedicated to the young men who lost their lives in a horrendous massacre by the Nazi forces during the Second World War. It is a humbling spot which commands a beautiful view of the town below and the planting of nectar rich plants as well as the wildflowers among the grass meant that there were many butterflies to be seen. On the way up, we checked many Fennel plants for Swallowtail caterpillars but were disappointed not to find any. We did see Balkan Marbled White and Caroline found a

Ripart's Anomalous Blue too.

A number of Great Banded Graylings were flying around the memorial and on the flowers there Common Blue, Grecian Copper, Eastern Bath White, Meadow Brown and Oriental Meadow Brown were noted among others. We took a gentle return journey and had time to change before dinner.

In the interim, at the request of our guests Dan also gave a short talk about his involvement in establishing Corfu Butterfly Conservation, the work they do and some of the species that occur on the island. Later in the evening we visited a lovely restaurant called Grand Chalet which was a short drive back down the mountain. It has fantastic views over the gorge below and we were treated to a delicious meal there as we watched the sun go down.



Day 7, Friday 28th June

Our final full day in Greece dawned bright once more and we set off uphill once again.



Stop 1. Our first stop for the day was on the far side of the mountain where a track carved its way through some rough meadows and scrubby woodland. On exiting the vehicles, several tall Illyrian Cotton Thistles standing nearby drew our eye as their broad purple flowerhead were covered in butterflies and other insects. Rose Chafers and Bumblebees butted shoulders with Painted Ladies, Meadow Browns and Brimstones. Wandering on up a gentle slope, we came to a more open area where Juniper bushes studded a rocky meadow. Several different Burnet Moths were seen here and a Balkan Lizard Orchid was found and admired by the group. A short way further on, a lovely male Meleager's Blue was spotted on a Jerusalem Sage bush.

Nearing a bend in the track, a Cardinal was spotted briefly by Alan but seemed to then vanish into thin air as butterflies seem able. Just beyond, a thicket of enormous Cotton Thistles sported Brimstones, Clouded Yellows and Cleopatras galore plus Violet Carpenter Bees and a whole host of other invertebrates. Several Greek Goldenring Dragonflies were seen darting about and one or two even settled for photographs. A female Ruddy Darter was also

noted along with Turquoise Blue, Silver Washed Fritillary, Ilex Hairstreak and Balkan Marbled White. On our return journey, the Cardinal was spotted once more and this time obliged us by allowing the majority of the group to see it, albeit rather briefly before it settled in the shade of a Kermes Oak. It transpired later in the day that both Caroline and Dave had photographed Persian Skipper here too.

Stop 2. Moving on, we made our way through the pretty little village of Zerouchla in the valley below to a forest glade. This involved a rather bumpy track and we eventually abandoned the vehicles to walk the final few hundred metres as the track disintegrated further. We had our lunch here before exploring further and our efforts were soon rewarded with a flowery meadow where Adonis Blue and Queen of Spain Fritillary were joined by Southern Small White, Common Blue, Meadow Brown and several other familiar species. Dusky Skipper was added to the list here and further up in the woodland, Dan was able to show us a beautiful pristine male Dark Green Fritillary. Dingy Skipper, Wood White and Essex Skipper were noted too. Alice picked wild strawberries for the group and





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we admired some particularly enormous Common Spotted Orchids growing on the riverbank as well as Red Helleborines in the shade alongside the track. A happy couple of hours were spent pottering around this lovely spot, ending with a group photo beneath the trees before we headed back the way we had come.

Stop 3. We made a short but productive impromptu stop beside the river on our way back where a large patch of Danewort was in full flower. Once again we found it to be a magnet for insects and there were plenty of lovely butterflies to enjoy including Green Hairstreak, Spotted Fritillary, Ilex and Sloe

Hairstreaks, Lang's Short Tailed Blue and a particularly fine Sooty Copper. Dave came across a Berger's Clouded Yellow on the far side of the road but it wasn't keen to stay put for a photograph.

Stop 4. We made another stop on our way back up the mountain at a rough track where we would look once more for our own Chelmos Blue. Rosalie spotted a beautiful red Dianthus just as we got out of the vans and we saw more of it as we climbed the track. There were Mallow Skipper and Southern Grizzled Skipper flitting along in front of us as we ambled uphill. Reaching a flowery patch on a bend where the track widened, we came across Mullein moth caterpillars on a Figwort and a lovely Golden Bloomed Grey Longhorn beetle. Common Blue and Riparts Anomalous Blue were noted and a beautiful green Balkan Wall Lizard was spotted on the rocks before it darted into some undergrowth. Caroline made her way to a steep meadow above us and photographed a Great Sooty Satyr to add to our list before we returned to the vans.

Stop 5. Our final stop was another at the memorial above Kalavryta. Those who had not been before we keen to do so



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Oriental Meadow Brown © Neil Holman

on hearing of our previous excursion and those who had were happy to return. We spent a short while photographing a great many Grecian Coppers and Oriental Meadow Browns among other butterflies and a Ruby Tailed Wasp provided an added pop of colour.

We returned for our final evening together to the local restaurant we had so enjoyed a couple of nights earlier and had another fantastic meal.

Day 8, Saturday 29th June

Another bright morning heralded the end of our trip and we bid farewell to Kalavryta soon after breakfast so as to get on the road in good time.

Stop 1. We made only the one stop on our way to the airport, calling in at the impressive Corinth Canal to admire the beauty of this incredible feat of engineering and stock up on refreshments in a local cafe. We were happy to watch a family of Lesser Kestrels swooping over the top of the canal but our rest was brief as we had planes to catch.



Alice and Dan dropped the group at the entrance to Athens airport before returning the vehicles and having hoped to see them all inside for a farewell, Alice was sad to be departing from a different set of gates as she headed off elsewhere while the others returned home. It had been a wonderful week with our final tally of butterfly species coming to an impressive 99 - beating our all time high - and a wealth of lovely flowers and other vertebrate and invertebrate species seen too.

✓ = seen

? = possibly seen

C = caterpillars

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	Apollos and Swallowtails	Family Papilionidae								
1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
2	Southern Swallowtail	<i>Papilio alexanor</i>						✓		
3	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
	Whites and Yellows	Family Pieridae								
5	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
7	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
8	Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>			✓	✓		✓		
9	Mountain Small White	<i>Pieris ergane</i>		✓	✓					
10	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
11	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
12	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis caradmine</i>			✓					
13	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Greek Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias aurorinia</i>		✓			✓		✓	
15	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>					✓			
16	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Cleopatra	<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
18	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Blues, Coppers and Hairstreaks	Family Lycaenidae								
19	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Neozephyrus quercus</i>					✓		✓	
20	Ilex Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium ilicis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium acaciae</i>					✓	✓	✓	
22	White-letter Hairstreak	<i>Satyrium w-album</i>		✓		✓				
23	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓	✓				✓	
24	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓				✓	
25	Grecian Copper	<i>Lycaena ottomana</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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26	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
27	Lesser Fiery Copper	<i>Lycaena thersamon</i>				✓				
28	Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>			✓					
29	Geranium Bronze	<i>Cacyreus marshalli</i>				✓				
30	Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirithous</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
31	Holly Blue	<i>Celastina argiolus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>		✓						
33	Odd-spot Blue	<i>Turanana endymion</i>					✓			
34	Grass Jewel	<i>Chilades trochilus</i>				✓				
35	Eastern Zephyr Blue	<i>Plebejus sepphirus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Silver Studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>		✓			✓			
37	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>		✓						
38	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
39	Mountain Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes montenskis</i>			✓					
40	Blue Argus	<i>Ultraaricia anteros</i>			Ab		✓		✓	
41	Chelmos Blue	<i>Agrodiaetus iphigenia</i>					✓			
42	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>		✓	✓		✓			
43	Parnassos Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus parnassia</i>		✓	✓					
44	Greek Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus helena</i>					✓			
45	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri dalmatica</i>		✓		✓				
46	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>		✓			✓			
47	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>			✓				✓	
48	Anomalous Blue	<i>Polyommatus admetus</i>					✓		✓	
49	Ripart's Anomalous Blue	<i>Polyommatus ripartii</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
50	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>			✓			✓	✓	
51	Meleager's Blue	<i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>							✓	
52	Chalk-hill Blue	<i>Lysandra coridon</i>					✓		✓	
53	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>			✓			✓	✓	

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54	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Aristocrats and Browns	Family Nymphalidae								
55	Nettle-tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea Celtis</i>			✓					
56	Two-tailed Pasha	<i>Charaxes jasius</i>						✓		
57	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
58	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>		✓	✓					
59	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>		✓	✓					
60	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>		✓	✓					
61	Large Tortoiseshell	<i>Nymphalis polychloros</i>		✓	✓				✓	
62	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
63	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
65	Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>		✓	✓	✓				
66	Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
67	Cardinal Fritillary	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>							✓	
68	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
69	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>							✓	
70	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>		✓	✓				✓	
71	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓			✓			
72	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
73	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>		✓	✓				✓	
74	Balkan Marbled White	<i>Melanargia larissa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Eastern Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia siriana</i>						✓		
76	Freyer's Grayling	<i>Neohipparchia fatua</i>			✓	✓		✓		
77	Grayling species	<i>Hipparchia sp.</i>			✓					
78	Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>							✓	
79	Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
80	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓ + Ab	✓	✓	
81	Oriental Meadow Brown	<i>Hyponephele lupina</i>		✓				✓	✓	
82	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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83	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
84	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
85	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata mare</i>		✓					✓	
86	Lattice Brown	<i>Kirinia roxelana</i>			✓		✓		✓	
	Skippers	Family Hesperiidae								
87	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>		✓	✓				✓	
88	Oberthur's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>		✓	✓					
89	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>					✓			
90	Hungarian Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>		✓			✓		✓	
91	Persian Skipper								✓	
93	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alcaea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>				✓				
95	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓			✓		✓	
96	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>		✓					✓	
97	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
98	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
99	Pigmy Skipper	<i>Genes pumilio</i>				?		✓		

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Other notable invertebrates

day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7	day 8
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1	Thread-winged Lacewing	<i>Nemoptera sinuata</i>		✓			
	Mediterranean Shieldbug	<i>Caprocoris mediterraneus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Praying mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>	✓	✓	✓		
	Antlion species				✓	✓	
	Robberfly species			✓	✓		
	A Horsefly	<i>Philipomyia graeca</i>	✓				
	Hornet Hoverfly	<i>Volucella inanis</i>	✓				
	A Beefly	<i>Hemipenthes Morin</i>	✓				
	A Bumblebee	<i>Bombus argillaceus</i>	✓		✓		
	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xyloscopa violacea</i>	✓				✓
	A Cuckoo Wasp	<i>Chrysis sp.</i>			✓		
	Ruby-tailed Wasp	<i>Chrysis sp.</i>					✓
	A Spider-Hunting Wasp	<i>Cryptocheilus alternatus</i>		✓			
	Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia aurata</i>	✓	✓	✓		
	Rosemary Leaf Beetle	<i>Chrysolina americana</i>			✓		
	Blister Beetle sp.	<i>Mylabris sp.</i>			✓		✓
	Golden Bloomed Grey Longhorn Beetle	<i>Agapanthia villosoviridescens</i>					✓
	Malachite Beetle	<i>Malachius bipustulatus</i>		✓			
	A large Buprestid Beetle	<i>Chalcophora sp</i>				✓	
	Greek Predatory Bush Cricket	<i>Saga hellenica</i>		✓			
	Great Green Bush Cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>		✓			
	Bright Bush Cricket	<i>Poecilimon sp.</i>			✓		
	Parnassos Stone Grasshopper	<i>Glyphanus obtusus</i>	✓				
	Field Cricket	<i>Gryllus campestris</i>	✓	✓			
	Cicada sp.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Milky Owlfly	<i>Libelloides lacteus</i>			✓		
	Tarantula Wolf Spider	<i>Lycosa tarantula</i>		✓			
	Lobed Orb-Weaver	<i>Argiope lobata</i>			✓		
	Oak Orb Weaver	<i>Aculepeira ceropegia</i>			✓		
	Red-Bellied Jumping Spider	<i>Philaeus chrysops</i>			✓		✓

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Reptiles & Amphibians

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1	Peloponnese Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis peloponnesiaca</i>		✓			✓	✓		
2	Balkan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis tauricus</i>							✓	
3	Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>			✓					
4	Slow Worm	<i>Mediodactylus kotschyi</i>			✓					
6	Marginated Tortoise	<i>Testudo marginata</i>			✓	✓				

Birds seen or heard throughout the week

			24	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>
			25	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirius</i>
1	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	26	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>
2	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	27	European Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
3	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	28	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>
4	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	29	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
5	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	30	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
6	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	31	Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
7	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius colluria</i>	32	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
8	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	33	Short-Toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
9	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	34	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
10	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	35	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
11	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	36	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>
12	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			
13	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			
14	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			
15	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>			
16	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			
17	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>			
18	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			
19	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>			
20	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			
21	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			
22	Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>			
23	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			

Notable flowers & plants seen throughout the week		
		38 Ground Pine <i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i>
		A Skullcap <i>Scutellaria rupestris</i> ssp. <i>parnassica</i>
1	Grecian Fir	<i>Abies cephalonica</i>
2	Italian Cypress	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>
3	Joint Pine	<i>Ephedra</i> sp.
4	Kermes Oak	<i>Quercus coccifera</i>
5	Downy Oak	<i>Quercus pubescens</i>
6	An Oak	<i>Quercus ithaburensis</i>
7	Herniaria	<i>Herniaria cinerea</i>
9	Traveller's Joy	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>
11	Violet Larkspur	<i>Delphinium peregrinum</i>
12	Caper	<i>Capparis spinosa</i>
14	Oriental Plane	<i>Platanus orientalis</i>
15	Spiny Pear	<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>
16	A Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus pycnoloba</i>
17	Spanish Broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>
18	Pitch Trefoil	<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>
	A Milk Vetch	<i>Astragalus thracicus</i> spp. <i>parnassi</i>
	A Milk Vetch	<i>Astragalus angustifolius</i> ssp. <i>erinaceus</i>
	Dorycnium	<i>Dorycnium graecum</i>
19	Two-flowered Everlasting Pea	<i>Lathyrus grandiflorus</i>
21	Broad-leaved Glaucous Spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
22	A Mallow	<i>Althaea pallida</i>
23	A Daphne	<i>Daphne jasminea</i>
24	Squirting Cucumber	<i>Echballium elaterium</i>
25	Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>
	A Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i>
26	Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum</i>
28	Field Eryngo	<i>Eryngium campestre</i>
29	Spiny Thrift	<i>Acantholimon echinus</i>
30	Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>
32	Dodder	<i>Cuscuta palaestina</i>
34	Golden Drops	<i>Onosma erecta</i>
36	Chaste Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>
		39 Felty Germander <i>Teucrium polium</i>
		40 Jerusalem Sage <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>
		41 Cut-leaved Self-Heal <i>Prunella laciniata</i>
		42 A Thyme <i>Corridothymus capitatus</i>
		44 Wild Clary <i>Salvia Verbenaca</i>
		46 Peloponnese Toadflax <i>Linaria peloponnesiacum</i>
		47 Rusty Foxglove <i>Digitalis ferrugineum</i>
		48 Spiny Bear's Breech <i>Acanthus spinosus</i>
		Morina <i>Morina persica</i>
		Danewort <i>Sambucus ebulus</i>
		49 Narrow-leaved Valerian <i>Centranthus angustifolius</i>
		50 Cushion Scabious <i>Pterocephalus perennis</i>
		51 A Bellflower <i>Campanula sparsa</i>
		52 A Bellflower <i>Campanula topaliana</i> ssp. <i>delphica</i>
		53 A Bellflower <i>Asyneuma limonifolium</i>
		55 Phagnalon <i>Phagnalon graecum</i>
		56 Globe Thistle <i>Echinops sphaerocephalus</i>
		57 Spanish Oysterplant <i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>
		59 Hollow-leaved Asphodel <i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>
		60 A Star of Bethlehem <i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>
		Tassel Hyacinth <i>Muscari comosum</i>
		61 Round-headed Leek <i>Allium sphaerocephalon</i>
		Marsh Gladiolus <i>Gladiolus imbricates</i>
		62 Broad-leaved Helleborine <i>Epipactis helleborine</i>
		63 Red Helleborine <i>Cephalanthera rubra</i>
		Narrow-leaved Helleborine <i>Cephalanthera longifolia</i>
		Common Spotted Orchid <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>
		Loose-flowered Orchid <i>Orchis laxiflora</i>
		64 Pyramidal Orchid <i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>
		Balkan Lizard Orchid <i>Himantoglossum jankae</i>



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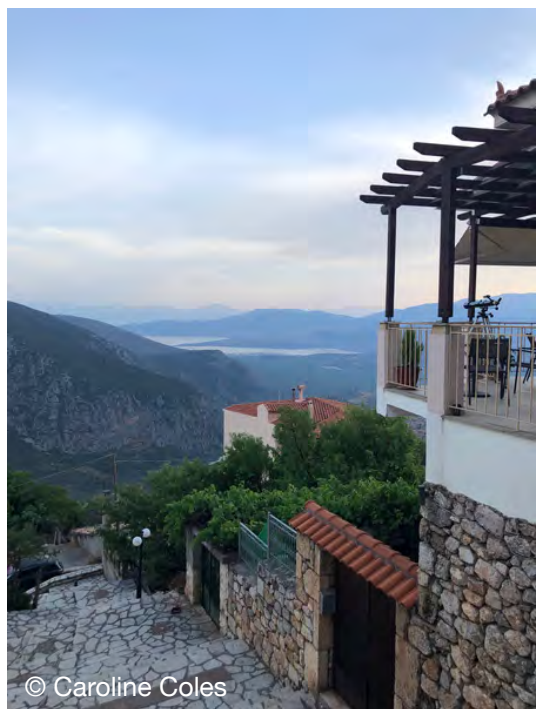
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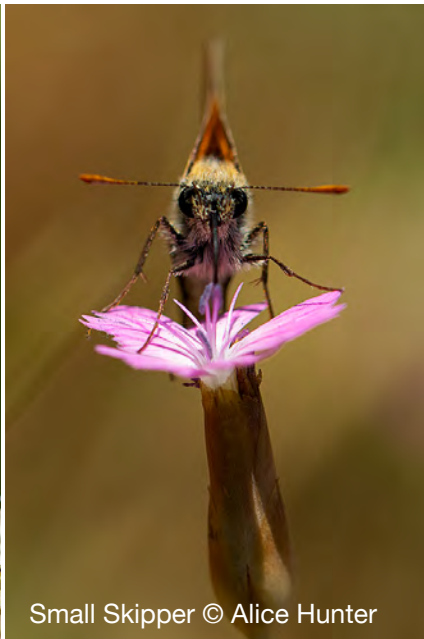
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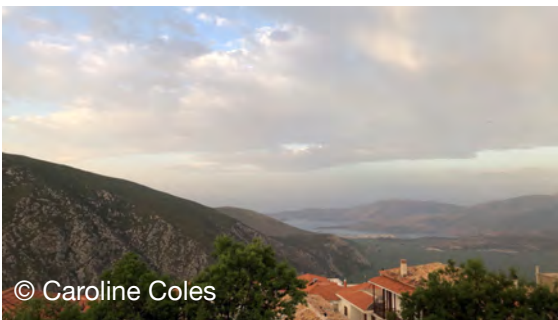
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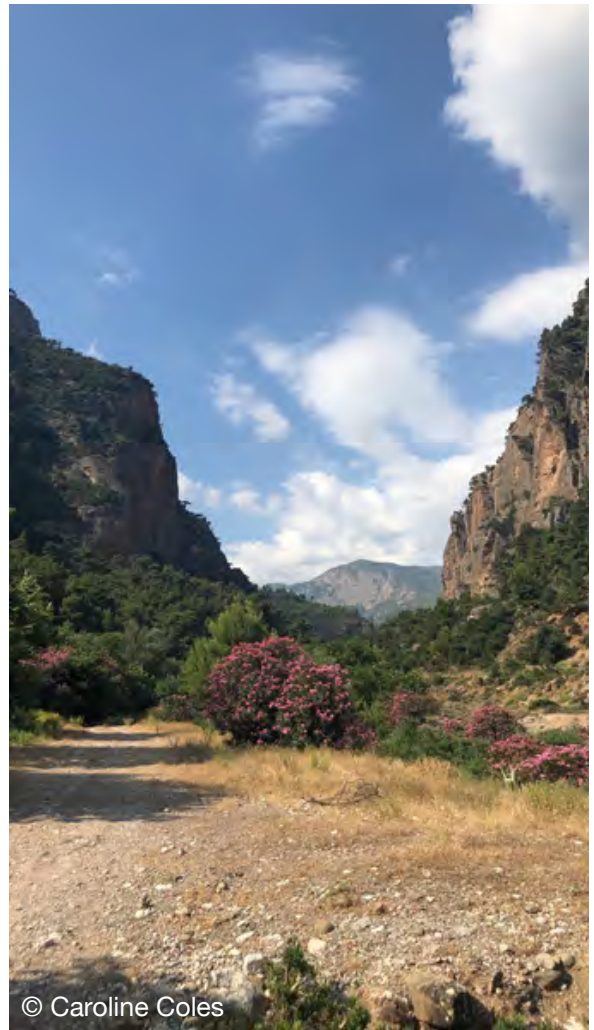
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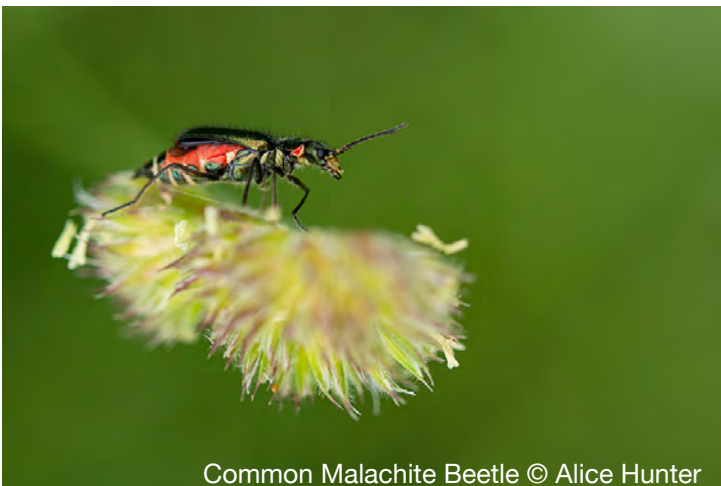
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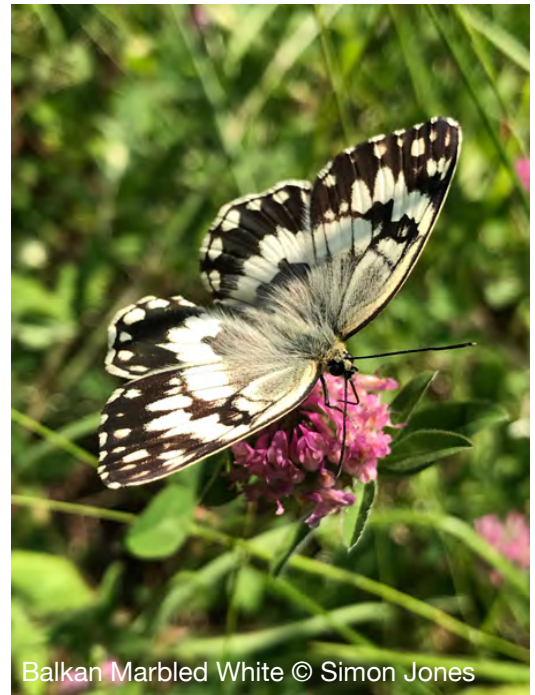
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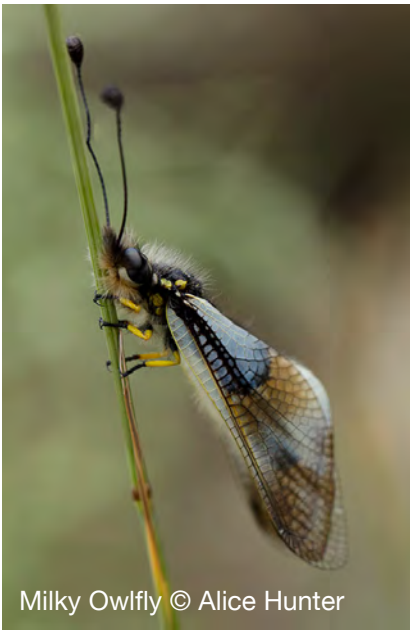
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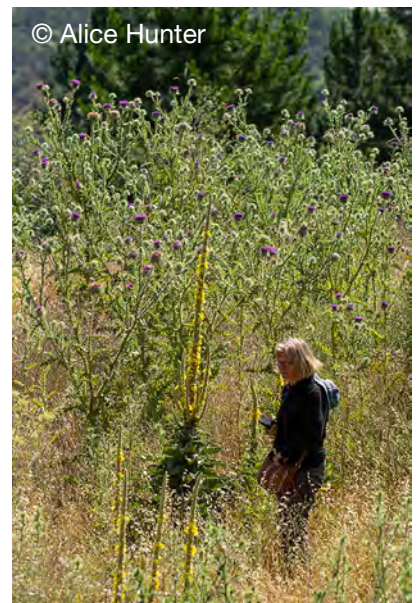
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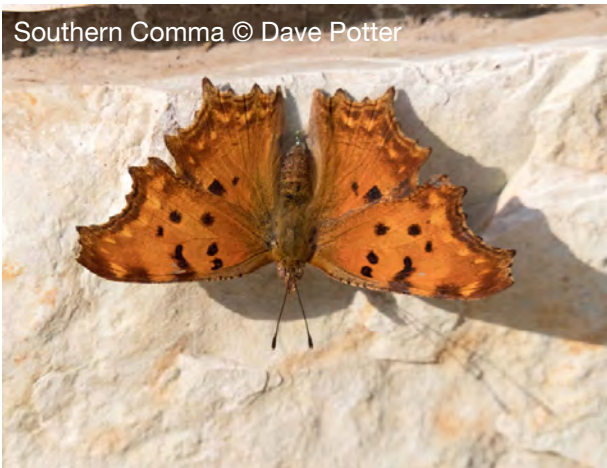
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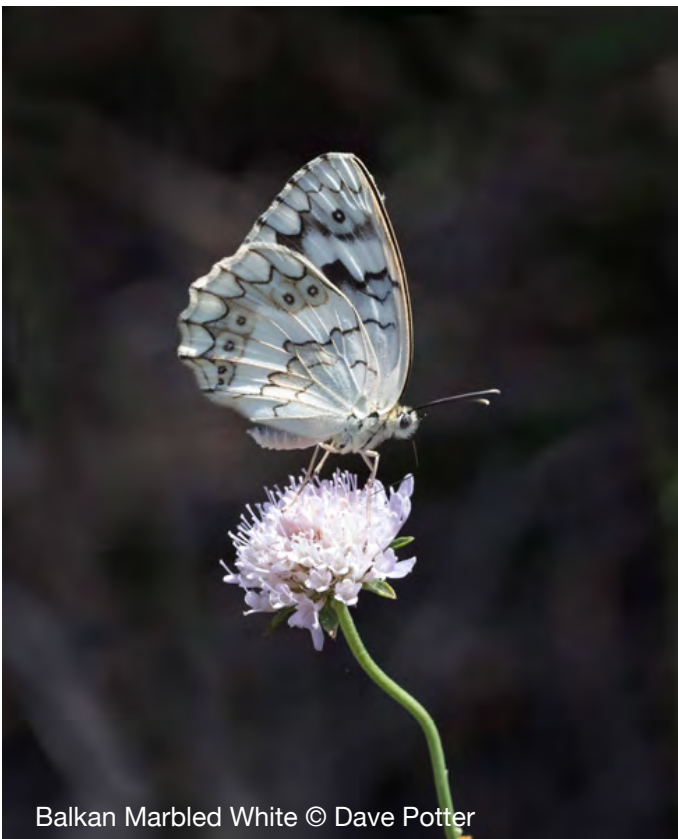
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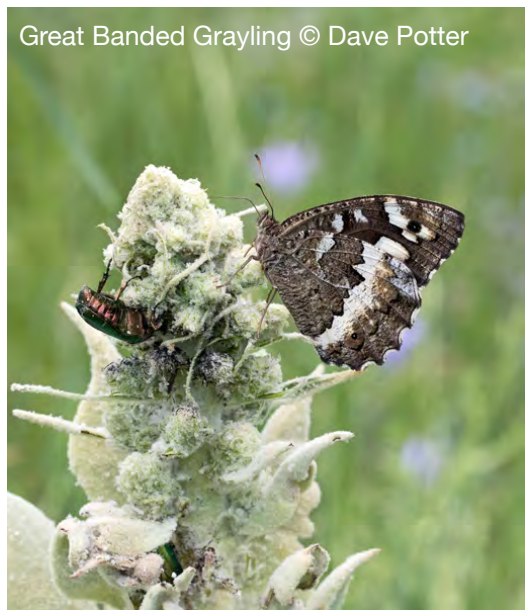
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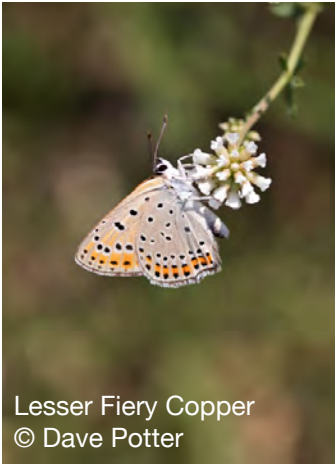
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