

CRETE AUTUMN FLOWERS

This is a list of flowers shown as flowering in October, with a summary of main flowering times and habitats. There may be other late, lingering flowers, or ruderal species in flower especially if there's been some rain. Trees & shrubs may have additional autumn flowers, such as strawberry trees *Arbutus* sp and Judas tree.

Main references: *Wild Flowers of Crete* by Vangelis Papiomitoglou and *Flowers of Crete* by J Fielding & N Turland.

- Endemic to Crete



Cyclamen graecum; *Sternbergia sicula*

COMPOSITAE			
<i>Atractylis gummifera</i>	Pine thistle	Sept-Nov	Barren, stony locations, throughout
<i>Bellis sylvestris</i>	Southern daisy	Oct-Feb	Fields, meadows, olive groves
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i>	Flat-topped carline thistle	Aug-Oct	Dry, infertile locations
<i>Cichorium spinosum</i>	Spiny chicory	July-Oct	Stony locations, inc at sea level
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	Stink aster	Aug-Oct	Roadsides etc
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	Aromatic inula	Sept-Nov	Common
<i>Inula crithmoides</i>	Golden samphire	Sept-Oct	Coastal
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	Spanish oyster plant	June-Oct	Barren places, waste ground
<i>Staehelina fruticosa</i>		July-Oct	Phrygana
CRUCIFERAE			
<i>Cakile maritima</i>	<i>Sea rocket</i>	Mar-Oct	Coastal
ERICACEAE			
<i>Erica manipuliflora</i>	Autumn heather	Aug-Nov	Thickets & phrygana
LABIATAE			
<i>Origanum dictamnus</i> •	Cretan dittany	June-Oct	Cliffs, gorges
<i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	Mar-Oct	Phrygana
LEGUMINOSAE			
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	<i>Carob</i>	Aug-Nov	Widespread
MORACEAE			
<i>Ficus carica</i>	Fig	Apl-Oct	Widespread
POLYGONACEAE			
<i>Polygonum idaeum</i>		July-Oct	High plateaus
PORTULACAEAE			
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	<i>purslane</i>	Aug-Oct	Gardens, fields
PRIMULACEAE			
<i>Cyclamen graecum</i>	Greek sowbread	Aug-Nov	Stony locations
<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>	Ivy-leaved sowbread	Sept-Nov	W Crete, also cultivated
RANUNCULACEAE			
<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i>	Virgin's bower	Oct-Feb	Hedgerows, maquis
RUBIACEAE			
<i>Putoria calabrica</i>		July-Oct	W Crete only
SOLONACEAE			
<i>Nicotiana glabra</i>	Tree tobacco	Mar-Oct	Roadsides
<i>Mandragora autumnnalis</i>	Mandrake	Sept-Apl	Stony locations
THYMELACEAE			
<i>Daphne gnidiodes</i>		Sept-Nov	Stony places near the sea
<i>Thymelea hirsuta</i>		Sept-Mar	Coastal
UMBELLIFERAE			
<i>Eryngium creticum</i>		June-Oct	Wastelands
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock samphire	Aug-Oct	Coastal rocks, inc near Plakias

VERBENACEAE			
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste tree		Gorges, also ruderal e.g. Plakias
AMARYLLIDACEAE			
<i>Narcissus serotinus</i>	Autumn daffodil	Sept-Nov	Stony places, olive groves
<i>Pancratium maritimum</i>	Sea daffodil	July-Oct	Beaches, inc Plakias
<i>Sternbergia greuteriana</i> •		Sept-Nov	Mostly E Crete, stony places & phrygana
<i>Sternbergia lutea</i>	Common sternbergia	Sept-Nov	W Crete, doubtfully native, also cultivated
<i>Sternbergia sicula</i>		Sept-Nov	Stony places, phrygana. Kotsiphou.
ARACEAE			
<i>Arisarum vulgare</i>	Friar's cowl	Oct-Apr	Stony or shady places.
<i>Biarum davisii</i>		Sept-Nov	Phrygana, bare places inc Kotsiphou
<i>Biarum tenuifolium</i>		autumn	Rare, E Crete
IRIDACEAE			
<i>Crocus boryi</i>		Oct-Nov	Stony places, E Crete
<i>Crocus cartwrightianus</i>	Greek saffron crocus	Oct-Dec	Stony places, W Crete
<i>Crocus laevigatus</i>		Sept-Nov	Stony places, throughout
<i>Crocus oreocreticus</i> •		Oct-Dec	Mountains
<i>Crocus tournefortii</i>		Oct-Nov	Stony places, olive groves, E Crete
LILACEAE (includes what some call Colchiceae & Hyacinthaceae)			
<i>Allium callimischon</i> ssp <i>haemostictum</i> •		Sept-Oct	Phrygana, W Crete
<i>Allium tardans</i> •		Sept-Oct	Phrygana, throughout
<i>Asparagus aphyllus</i>		June-Oct	Olive groves, hedges
<i>Colchicum macrophyllum</i>		Sept-Nov	Pine forests and olive groves
<i>Colchicum pusillum</i>		Oct-Jan	Stony locations, phrygana, thickets
<i>Scilla (=Prospero) autumnalis</i>	Autumn squill	Sept-Nov	Rocky locations, roadsides
<i>Urginea maritima</i>	Sea squill	Aug-Oct	Widespread, stony places, not just coastal
<i>Smilax aspera</i>	Common smilax	Sept-Nov	Hedges; Plakias
ORCHIDACEAE)			
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Autumn lady's tresses	Sept-Nov	Phrygana, thickets, olive groves

08/20