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FLOWERS

1. *Cyclamen persicum*. This flower appears on the Cyprus hills and plains in December.
2. "Paputsa" *Orchis*. There are said to be 32 different varieties of native *Orchis* in Cyprus.
3. Another of the delicate native *Orchis*.
4. Although it is known locally as a yellow anemone, this flower belongs in fact to the *Ranunculus* family. It blooms in winter and spring, and can be found near the sea.
5. *Wild Anemones*, or "Aphrodite's tears", bloom in the fields during January.
6. *Gladioli Triphylis*, known locally as "Lazarus" because it is reputed to have been found near the tomb of Lazarus at Bithany, appears towards the end of the flowering season.
7. *Tulipa Cypria* is familiar in the Myrtou area in March.

BIRDS

1. *Rock Partridge (Alectoris Graecis)* normally inhabits rocky slopes and lightly wooded high ground, but descends to lower altitudes during the winter.
2. *Serin (Serinus Canarius)* is said to be the original wild canary from which the domestic canary has been developed. The Serin is to be found mainly on the Troodos mountain range but it is fairly common all over Cyprus.
3. *Hawfinch (Coccothraustes Coccothraustes)* can be found all over the island.
4. *Turtle Dove (Streptopelia Turtur)* is migratory and usually arrives in Cyprus during April, when it can be found all over the island.
5. *Robin (Erithacus Rubecula)* lives in gardens or the undergrowths of forests and is to be seen all over Cyprus.
6. *Starling (Sturnus Vulgaris)* is common in Nicosia and can be seen in large flocks during the winter.
7. *Blackcap (Sylvia Articapilla)* visits Cyprus twice annually, from April to June and again from September to November. The bird can be found all over the island.

BUTTERFLIES

1. *Colias Edusa*, Fabricius, appears all the year round everywhere in Cyprus.
2. *Papilio Machaon*, Linnaeus, appears from May nearly everywhere in Cyprus and continues on the wing up to the end of November.
3. *Polyommatus Icarus*, Rottermburg, can be seen for most of the year everywhere in Cyprus.
4. *Charaxes Jasius*, Linnaeus, appears from July until the end of October, and is often to be found near citrus orchards.
5. *Dryas Pandora*, Schiff, can be found in Cyprus between August and October in mountainous areas, at an altitude of 3,700-4,000 feet.
6. *Vanessa Atalanta*, Linnaeus, is on the wing in Cyprus from autumn to spring.
7. *Callimorpha Quatripunctaria*, Poda, is abundant from July to October.









































