Flowers and blossoms of the Greek land

Greek nature is flooded with beautiful flowers that grow in the strangest inaccessible places, but also in accessible places. In forests next to trees, on steep cliffs, in meadows and even by the sea a multitude of species make their appearance in Greek nature and pull the gaze of visitors. Colorful flowers and blossoms win impressions with their beauty and sometimes with their rarity. Every place in Greece, every garden is blooming with beautiful flowers with distinct colors and special scents.

In this presentation we will try to expose the flowers and blossoms of the Greek land. Through the stamps we would like to present the beautiful colors, shapes, shapes of flowers as well as their scents, so that the memory of the viewer is as sweet as the beautiful nature in every part of our place.

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NATURE PROTECTION

Commemorative set for the nature protection edition on September 15, 1958.

Cyclamen Greacum.

Flowers appear in autumn, from pale pink to dark purplish pink. The corolla lobes are reflexed, 15-25mm long, with pointed tips and generally 90 degrees twist.





Adonis Hibiscus Red.
Red big and beautiful buds,
flowering continuously and
suitable as Patio Plant. Named
from Greek Mythology where
Adonis, loved by Aphrodite.

Tulipa Boeotica

It has orange-red flowers.
Its leaves have wavy edges.
It is a rare species, and tends
to disappear. Grows in
cultivated areas and fields.





<u>Narcissus</u> has a rich flowering with beautiful trumpet-shaped flowers, which pop up on thin stems through the obey leaves. We find it in a wide variety of colors from white, white-yellow, yellowish-orange, reddish to rosé.

<u>Crocus Atticus.</u> It has rosy, lilac, purple flowers with thin dark ribs in the three outer tepals. Pharynx yellow. Pole with three branches intact, orange, with a wide top. Antheres yellow and appears in Attica.

Iris Cretica. The flowers of this variety are impressive, and have a blue, purple color. The plant contains a toxic substance that owes many medicinal properties as well as a volatile ketone, Iran, which is responsible for their aromatic properties.

FLORA HELLENICA

Rare wildflowers from the Greek nature with intense and bright unique colors.

Just come to discover three of them

Commemorative edition for the Greek flora by the Greek Post on March 30, 1978.



Viola delphinatha



Paeonia rhodia

It is a very beautiful and elegant viola Its name is due to the long and narrow key that carries and resembles in shape the well-known dolphin. It is a rare species occurring in crevices of limestone cliffs at 700–1400–2500 m in Greece. It is a distinctive, woody-based perennial with narrow, almost needle-like leaves and a pinkish-lilac corolla with a long, slender spur.

The flowers are white and very impressively and have a reddish color, the leaves are deep green, the buds are spherical and look like small balls, which is why in southern Rhodes the Peonies are called "bubbles". More yellow stamens grow in the center of the flower. The plant is found in some parts of Rhodes, namely: on the slopes of the hill "Prophet Elias" and prefers wet places and texts at moderate altitudes.

Campanula oreadum

The flowers of the bellflower are usually purple and have five petals. Campanula oreadum is another impressive endemic plant of Olympus. It is locally abundant in crevices of limestone cliffs in the summit area of Mt Olimbos, occurring right up from 1800 to 2900 m. Its name has Greek origin, from the words kampanoula and oreades. In Greek mythology with the collective name Oreades were known the Nymphs who lived in the mountains and protected them.



Cover from Piraeus 27 April 1978 to Xalandri with "PanHellenic Anti-cancer fund Give and Save" stamp who has returned due to non-existent road with "non-existent road at Xalandri" stamp at the front side.

FLORA HELLENICA

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Commemorative edition for the Greek flora by the Greek Post on March 30, 1978.



Ebenus cretica



Lilium heldreichii

Flower with bright pink or purple color from perennial plant with and composite pubescent leaves. These flowers bloom from late March to June. This species is native to the island of Crete. It grows on rocky hillsides or on steep cliffs.

It bears reflexed and nodding flowers, usually red or orange, not spotted, but with warts toward the base of the perianth segments. This is the ancient «purple lily», mentioned by Theophrastus. It was named and «Chalcedonicum» from Mount Chalcedon of Thessaly, from where it was described.

Fritillaria rhodokanakis

The flowers are nodding and pendent, each tepal purple with a yellow tip. It is endemic to the island of Hydra and its neighboring islands, also found in the areas of Argolida opposite Hydra. It is found growing on limestone hillsides and blooms in spring.



Cover from Lamia 28 April 1978 (shipping stamp) to «Αγ.Γεώργιος Φθιώτιδος» with two arrival stamps and returned stamp due to non-existent recipient at the front side of the cover.

THE BENEFICIAL PROPERTIES OF FLOWERS



The <u>Flower of tobacco</u> with pink lilac color has a molecule that can help exterminate cancer.

From the series "National Products" of July 01, 1953.

The Poppy is an herbaceous plant with red flowers, which bloom in spring. The fruits of the plant give us their juice where the opium used in medicine and for its spores.

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The <u>Poppy blossom</u> appears on the cover and seal.

From the series "Health" of May 22,1992.

Cover with commemorative seal «1st Panhellenic seminar of nurses of anesthesiology» Athens 07 December 1991.

WILDFLOWERS

Wild flowers scattered in Greek nature give polychromy and beautiful scents to the countryside. The glow of the colors and their smells leave us through the stamps a sweet memory of the Greek nature. Just come to discover them.

Edition for the wildflowers of Greece by the Greek Post on December 08, 1989.



Myrtus communis.

Silybum Marianum or Milk Thistle.



Plant with a strong perfume which is used in perfumery, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Its flowers are white, solitary, grow in large numbers, axillary, flowering period throughout Spring.

The flower is round like a sphere, with thorns and has ared-purple color. Thistle seeds have been shown to have healing properties for liver diseases for over 2,000 years in many societies around the world.

<u>Taraxacum officinale Cichorium.</u> Taraxacum is one of the most valuable medicinal and edible plants. It has yellow flowers that open in the morning, close at night and its leaves are toothed.



Cover from Vyrona 8 December 1989 to Sweden with first day stamp.

WILDFLOWERS

Edition for the wildflowers of Greece by the Greek Post on December 08, 1989.

<u>Papaver Rhoeas.</u> The most famous species of poppy is the common crimson poppy, which, from mid-April to late spring, blushes the fields giving beautiful images.



Cover from Paralia Dist. 22 March 1991 to P.Faliro with common stamp.

Rosa canina. Its flowers are usually light pink, but include a variety of dark pink to white. Rosa canina is a climbing species of wild rose whose fruits are used in confectionery and medicine after flowering.



Cover from Virona 8 December 1989 to Athens with common stamp at first day,

WILDFLOWERS

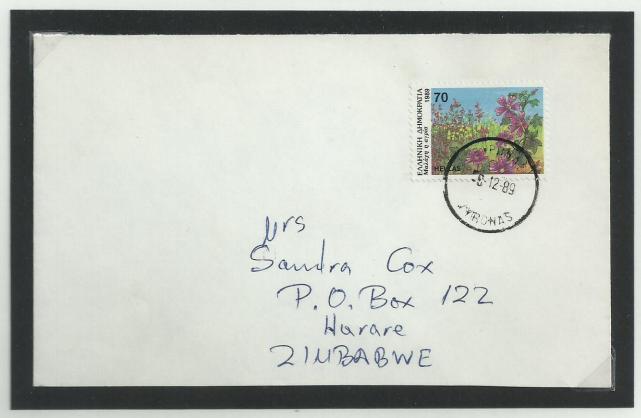
Edition for the wildflowers of Greece by the Greek Post on December 08, 1989.

<u>Anemone apennina blanda.</u> Flowers actinomorphic, hermaphrodite, terminal, solitary, daisy-like. It is the anemone of the mountains, according to Theophrastus, although one can find it even at sea level.



Cover from Vyrona 8 December 1989 to Athens with first day stamp.

<u>Malva sylvestris.</u> It has beautiful pink flowers, the petals are pink and have purple lines on them. Characteristic of the flowers of the plant is the twisting of its petals just before they open. It is used in pharmacology with many therapeutic properties such as digestive diseases.



Cover from Vyrona 8 December 1989 to Zimbabwe with first day stamp.

RESERVES AND NATURAL PARKS

Commemorative set with rare wildflowers which grow on Mount Olympus on May 24, 1999.





Olympus symbol of natural majesty with unique wildflowers such as Lilium heldreichii this is ancient «purple lily», mentioned by Theophrastus, the Buglossoides purpurocaerulea with purple blue flowers, Campanula rapunculus with cyanotic flowers, Colchicum bivonae with rose flowers and many more.

Cover with "Volos" 18.10.1999 stamp and set of four stamps.

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Cover with "Athens" 13.08.2001 stamp from Greek fauna and flora set 27.06.2001.

THE GREEK FLORA

It's the wealthiest among European countries, with the exception of the Iberian Peninsula. This wealth of flora is an integral part of our natural heritage. The stamp illustrations depict some of the numerous interesting flowers that give beauty to the Greek nature.

Commemorative edition for the Greek flora by the Greek Post on April 05, 2005.

Rhododendron luteum.

It has yellow flowers, pentameric and blooms from April to May. It spreads over a large, part of Eurasia from Poland to the Caucasus. In Greece it is known only from Lesvos.





Tulipa boeotica.

The wave tulip is perennial bulbous plant It was called "wavy leaf from its lanceolate wave leaves. The flowers are large and red with a black spot inside. It grows in wheat fields, mainly on their outskirts. It spreads to Greece, southern former Yugoslavia and Turkey. Blooms from April to May.

Narcissus tazetta. The flowers are hermaphroditic, up to 15, very fragrant, white with an inner crown of yellow or yellow-orange, blooms from December to early Spring. It is a bulbous perennial cultivated plant with a strong, cylindrical stem, with a height of 20-60 cm.



Cover from Nikaia 12 December 2006 to Athens.

THE GREEK FLORA (ON APRIL 05, 2005).



PROS PAIDICO STADMO "PINTANAKIA" N. NOTARA 73 Ar. WHYHTPIOS TK 19341 Crocus sieberi.

A small, early blooming crocus, it easily naturalises with purple color, and is marked by a brilliant orange which is mostly confined to the

stamens and style, fading through the bottom third of the tepal. An ornamental species with edible bulb. It grows in the mountainous vegetation zone of Greece

Gladiolus illyricus.

They are bulbous plants usually a crops weed.
This beauty carry showy, large, dark lilac or magenta flowers, with white streaks on the lower petals.

Cover from Ilion 14 September 2005 to Agios Dimitrios



Herbs have been used since ancient times in medicine, perfumery and various health problems. We present the beautiful flowers of two separate herbs

Commemorative set of stamps on December 15, 2016.





Origanum vulgare.

The flowers are white-purple and bloom from June mainly until August depending on the region. Oregano, in addition to the characteristic aroma and taste it gives to food, also has many medicinal properties. The oregano is collected during the flowering of the plant, these flowers are dried and then rubbed and sieved.

Salvia fruticose.

The flowers are pinkish-lavender, about 1.3 cm long, growing in whorls along the inflorescence, and held in a small oxblood-red five-pointed hairy calyx. It has a long tradition of use in Greece, where it is valued for its beauty, medicinal value, and culinary use, along with its sweet nectar and pollen.

Cover register from Ioannina to Glyfada (Attika) with -7VI 17-16 stamp.

Herbs have been used since ancient times in medicine, perfumery and various health problems. In this small tribute we highlight the flowers of the herbs that together with the flowers create a dazzling landscape of the Greek nature.

Commemorative set of stamps on December 15, 2016.



Hypericum empetrifolium.

In spring it stands out from its numerous golden yellow flowers. This plant is excellent beekeeping, and at the same time medicinal. From the flowers and leaves is collected a substance called hypericin, which is widely used in medicine.

Cover with first day stamp 15 December 2016 with similar flower as the stamp.

Sideritis clandestine.

It is widely used in Mediterranean countries as a decoction (tea). Flowers yellow or white, small, vertebrae distant or close to each other without bracts.



Cover with another first day stamp "Traditional Mediterranean gastronomy" 20 July 2020.

<u>Cistus creticus.</u> It usually has pink and purple flowers, of 4.5–6 cm diameter, in a special form, since they look like crumpled. It has the most healing, medicinal and cosmetic properties of all the species of Aladania and is found in large populations mainly in Crete



Origanum dictamus. It's an endemic plant with beautiful violet flowers which founded in Crete and used as a heyerage. It's one of the most important medicinal plants.

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Commemorative set of stamps on December 15, 2016 (leaflet of 25 stamps).

THE FEAST OF FLOWERS IN THE SPRING.

Spring in Greece, Easter, is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year, a great celebration of the senses and emotions. In the meadows, parks and streets full of flowers and bright colors and

smells, poppies and daisies that as it evening give way to the aroma of nightingale,

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People collect wildflowers and make wreaths on May Day is a big celebration.





Bees pass through each blooming flower to collect pollen.

Interssessed meadows with white daisies.

From the series "the months of April 24, 2014".



Bees workers in each lily, blooming flower rich in pollen to produce honey.

"20 May – World bee day of May 20, 2018".