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Discover **5 species** of **mediterranean scrubland**

Each one has a story to tell



Plants and animals have developed special features that help them live in this unique natural environment



HOLM OAK
Quercus ilex

THE TOUGHEST TREE

How can you recognise it?
It has small, tough, glossy evergreen leaves. Its crown is dense and stays green all year round.

Did you know?
Its wood is so strong that it was once used to make carts and farming tools.



MASTIC TREE
Pistacia lentiscus

THE EVERGREEN SHRUB

How can you recognise it?
It has many small green leaves and a dense, rounded crown. Its fruits change colour as they ripen.

Did you know?
Its trunk produces a natural resin called "mastic", which has been used since ancient times.



MYRTLE
Myrtus communis

THE SWEET-SMELLING PLANT

How can you recognise it?
It has shiny, fragrant leaves, small white flowers and dark blue berries.

Did you know?
You can smell the fragrance of its leaves simply by gently rubbing them between your fingers.



MALTESE WALL LIZARD
Podarcis filfolensis

A GREAT SUN LOVER

How can you recognise it?
It has a slender body, a long tail and spotted or striped colours. It moves quickly among rocks and dry-stone walls.

Did you know?
It is native to the Maltese islands and loves basking in the sun to warm up and become more active.



SARDINIAN WARBLER
Curruca melanocephala

THE LITTLE BIRD OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SCRUB

How can you recognise it?
It has a grey back, a pale underside and a distinctive red eye.

Did you know?
It builds its nest among the shrubs of Mediterranean scrubland.

Every species plays an important role.
The plants and animals of Mediterranean scrubland remind us that nature knows no borders and brings Sicily and Malta together.

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