



PRESS RELEASE

**First screening of BirdLife Cyprus documentary 'Wings on the Wind'**

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***Why do birds matter? What is their role in the ecosystem? Why is Cyprus important for them? The new BirdLife Cyprus documentary answers these and more questions...***

BirdLife Cyprus, in collaboration with Aigaia School of Art and Design and with the support of NABU (BirdLife in Germany) presents 'Wings on the Wind' a documentary about birds, the wonder of migration and the threats they face. The screening will take place on Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 19:30 at Aigaia School of Art and Design in Nicosia.

How did we learn about the wonder of bird migration? How long does it take? What difficulties do birds face on this journey? These are some of the questions that the 20-minute documentary deals with, while presenting impressive footage of natural landscapes and birds in Cyprus: from our endemic species, the Cyprus Wheatear and the Cyprus Warbler, to the unmistakable Roller and the bright-coloured Bee-eater.

The documentary highlights the urgent need for the protection of birds and nature in general, since unfortunately they are facing a growing number of threats. Knowledge, love and appreciation are a prerequisite for taking responsible action in favor of birds and nature, but also for humans, who also depend on healthy ecosystems.

Birds are all around us, hidden in plain sight. Even if you cannot see them, you can definitely hear them. Especially during this Spring season, when birds make their presence even more known with their song and their bold and beautiful colours to attract a mate and breed. The sounds, colours and smells are what make spring the perfect time to get to know nature as well as the rich avifauna of Cyprus. This documentary is a first step towards discovering the natural wealth of our island. The second step is to go outside, enjoy it and cherish it...

*BirdLife Cyprus created this documentary in the framework of its awareness-raising campaign against illegal bird trapping, with funding by NABU (BirdLife in Germany) and the Heinz Sielmann Foundation.*

**Documentary screening 'Wings on the Wind'**

Wednesday, 26 April 2017 at 19:30

Aigaia School of Art and Design (Ay. Omoloyites Ave. 81, 1080 Nicosia)

Greek dialogue, English subtitles

Free admission

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**Notes to the editors**

BirdLife Cyprus is a registered, non-governmental, not for profit organisation (NGO) that dedicates itself to the conservation of wild birds and their habitats in Cyprus. It was formed in 2003 through the merge of the two Cyprus Ornithological Societies and now has offices in Strakka, Nicosia comprised by professional staff [www.birdlifecyprus.org](http://www.birdlifecyprus.org)