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Celebrating autumn bird migration with BirdLife Cyprus

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Bird migration is among the wonders of the natural world. This time of year, thousands of migratory birds leave Europe to travel towards Africa, where they will spend the winter. Many of them are currently passing through Cyprus. Join BirdLife Cyprus on **Saturday 6 October at the Athalassa National Forest Park at 9:30am to discover the magical migration journey and the beauty of wild birds through birdwatching, drawing activities and a birdbath making workshop.** Find us at the birdwatching hide and the tables next to the south parking area (Latsia entrance).

Bird migration is one of the greatest mysteries of the animal kingdom. Now is the time when autumn migration is in full swing, making it the ideal opportunity to go out and get to know the magical world of birds. But why do birds migrate? How do they find their way? How long does it take them to complete the journey? These and many other questions are answered in BirdLife Cyprus' new publication 'What journey is this?' a drawing and craft book to accompany the birdwatching guide 'What's that bird?', which will be given to event participants.

This event is taking place as part of the 25th EuroBirdwatch, where 38 national partners of BirdLife International in Europe and Central Asia organize events on the weekend of 6 and 7 October and invite the public to observe birds and learn interesting facts about bird migration and the threats they face on their journey. In Cyprus, in addition to the event at the Athalassa National Forest Park on Saturday 6 October at 9:30am, two further field trips will take place in other districts to watch and count birds, on **Sunday 7 October at 9am** at the following locations:

- Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol from 9:00-12:00. Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299
Meet 9.00 am Zakaki Hide, Google Maps Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/KwUTFfcpxDz>
- Paphos Plain, Paphos. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Alan Crane, Mobile: 99276310
Meet 9.00 am Lark Corner, Mandria, Paphos
Google Maps Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/HgekCfCUzp82>

Participation is free and open for all. We will provide binoculars and telescopes so we can better enjoy our feathered friends as well as all necessary materials for the drawing and birdbath making activities.

Registrations for the birdbath making workshop are obligatory due to limited availability. Please register by Thursday 4 October at 22455072, 97890004 or natalie.stylianou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy
For more information on the event please contact BirdLife Cyprus at 22455072.

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Notes to the editors:

1. BirdLife Cyprus is a registered non-governmental organization (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
2. BirdLife International is a global Partnership of conservation organizations that strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity, working with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources. BirdLife Partners operate in over one hundred countries and territories worldwide. BirdLife International has offices in Brussels (Belgium), Cambridge (UK), Nairobi (Kenya) and another five locations worldwide. BirdLife Cyprus is the Cyprus representative of BirdLife International. www.birdlife.org
3. EuroBirdwatch is an annual event centrally organized by BirdLife International comprising hundreds of nationally-organised activities all over Europe. It provides an excellent opportunity for everyone to get out, observe and enjoy Europe's wild birds at first hand in a special weekend of activities, usually the first weekend of October. It is organised by BirdLife's National Partners to explore the magic and beauty of birds in the wild. www.eurobirdwatch.eu