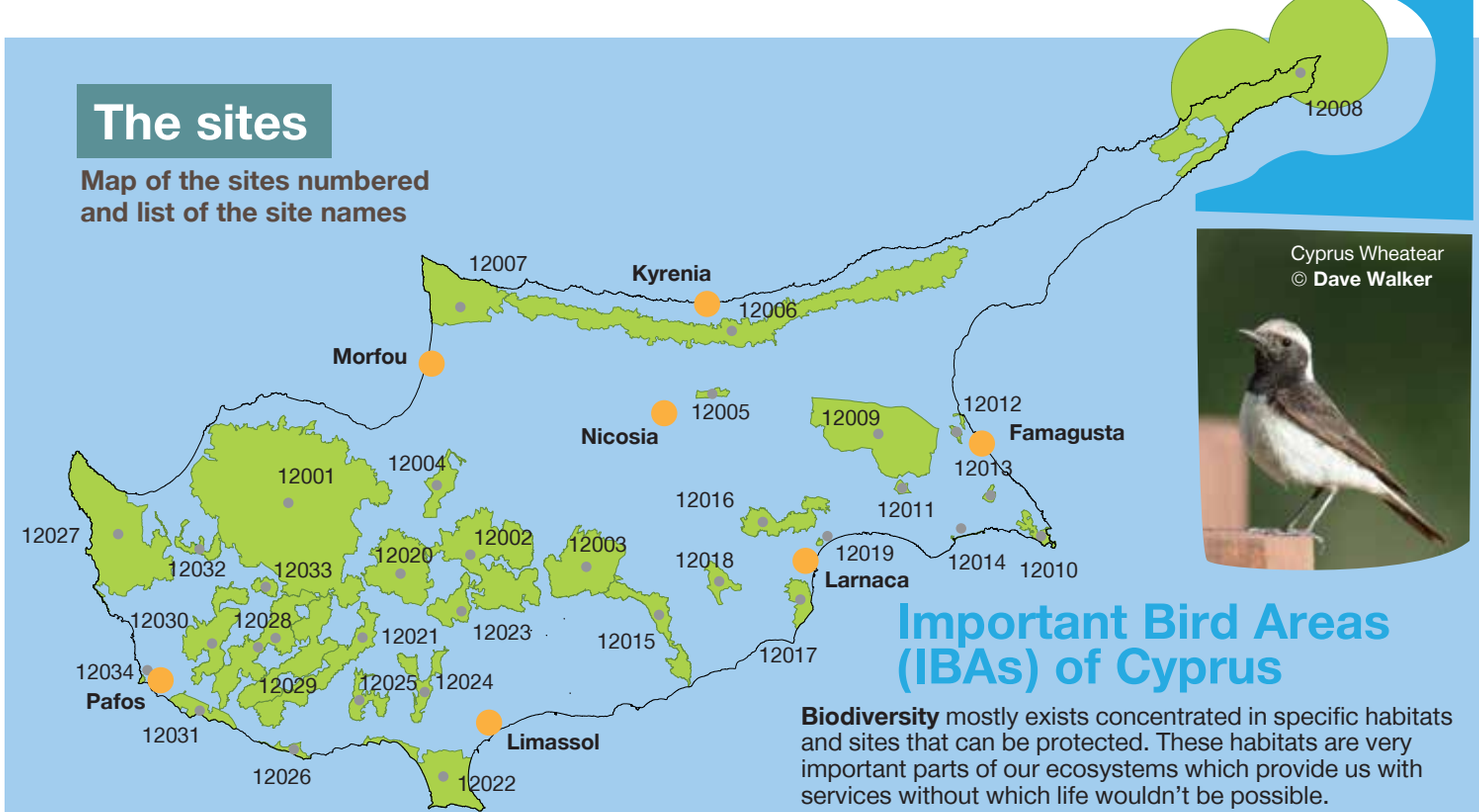
The sites

Map of the sites numbered and list of the site names



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Pafos Forest	12001	Panagia Stazousa River	12018
Adelphoi Forest - Papoutsa	12002	Oroklini Lake	12019
Mahairas Forest - Tzionia	12003	Troodos Forest	12020
Atsas - Agios Theodoros Area	12004	Cha Potami River	12021
Mia Milia Sewage Treatment Plant	12005	Akrotiri Peninsula - Episkopi Cliffs	12022
Pentadaktylos Mountains	12006	Xylourikos Valley	12023
Kormakitis Peninsula	12007	Limnatis Valley	12024
Karpasia Peninsula - Kleides Islands	12008	Paramali River and Plateau	12025
Mesaoria Plain	12009	Cape Aspro	12026
Cape Greco	12010	Akamas Peninsula & Agia Aikaterini - Agia Paraskevi Gorges	12027
Akhna Dam	12011	Xeros Valley and Hanoutaris Cliffs	12028
Famagusta Lakes	12012	Diarizos Valley	12029
Paralimni Lake	12013	Ezousa Valley and Cliffs	12030
Agia Thekla - Liopetri River	12014	Pafos Plain	12031
Pentashoinos River	12015	Saramas Valley	12032
Koshi - Pallourokampos and Troulloi Plain	12016	Vouni Panagias	12033
Larnaca Salt Lakes	12017	Kato Pafos Lighthouse Area	12034

Important Bird Areas (IBAs) of Cyprus

Biodiversity mostly exists concentrated in specific habitats and sites that can be protected. These habitats are very important parts of our ecosystems which provide us with services without which life wouldn't be possible.

IBAs (Important Bird Areas) are sites recognized by BirdLife International according to internationally agreed scientific criteria, for their importance for birds and other biodiversity. The most precious sites for birds have been identified by BirdLife Cyprus as IBAs and Cyprus is proud to have **34** such valuable sites. Along with joy for the international recognition of these sites as important for the protection of birds comes also a challenge: **to protect them!**

To develop a better understanding of the state in which these important sites are, to detect the threats they face and to be able to act on time, as well as to assess the progress made towards protecting them, **monitoring** of these sites is necessary.

Would you like to be a part of it?

Akrotiri Peninsula © **Silvio Rusmigo**

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By becoming an IBA Caretaker,

YOU will be able to channel your concern about the protection of your local nature in a dynamic, constructive and empowering way. Joining this network of volunteers will enable you to play an active role in the protection of these 34 important sites for birds and biodiversity in general.

Your role as an IBA Caretaker:

- Care about your IBA by making a commitment to visit the site at least three (3) times a year and report on its state
- React on time in the event of immediate and serious threats to the site
- Promote the site and the importance of its protection

The role of BirdLife Cyprus:

- Keep IBA Caretakers, informed and trained about their role
- Act as central point linking IBA Caretakers between them
- Collect, analyse and interpret the information provided by the IBA Caretakers

Vouni Panagias © **Silvio Rusmigo**

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Project Actions

The project includes actions that aim to establish a network of IBA Caretakers in Cyprus through:

- Informing potential volunteers of this new initiative.
- Attracting volunteers to the role through dissemination of useful materials, essential information tools and organisation of introductory events.
- Providing training and guidance to volunteers in nature conservation issues, bird identification, protected area management issues and public awareness issues in order to raise capacity for taking on this role.
- Providing volunteers with unique IBA Caretakers merchandise to create a sense of community.
- Setting up of intranet to act as the main information centre about the project and through which reports by the IBA Caretakers will be submitted.
- Arranging training for volunteers, and exchanging experiences and best practices with experts from abroad, e.g. UK and Greece.
- Exchanging experience with Fuglavernd (BirdLife Iceland) in setting up a similar network of volunteers in Iceland (one of the funding countries of the EEA Grant).

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