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BirdLine Operated by June Neal on behalf of BirdLife Cyprus is the bird information hotline. To hear a pre-recorded message with recent interesting bird sightings and to add your own observations, please phone 00357 **25 934076**.

The Monthly Newsletter and Society News is compiled by Jane Stylianou (mobile phone number 99558953). Any suggestions concerning subjects for future inclusion gratefully received, as are photographs of any recent sightings. Please send to janesty@yaho.co.uk.

Cover photo: The Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor* is an uncommon visitor to Cyprus with a few records most years – usually in the early spring. Highly adapted to the desert environment, it breeds in the Canary Islands, North Africa and south west Asia including the Arabian peninsula. A favoured stop off place in Cyprus is Akrotiri Gravel Pits and this individual was found on February 25th by Keith and Rajja Howard. It stayed several days enabling local birders to get good views and photographs. This photograph was taken by John East on 27th February.

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Spring 2014

For fieldtrips, please don't forget your flask of coffee and sandwiches

*Although their higher clearance is an advantage, 4x4s are not necessary for any of the field trips unless **stated otherwise** below.*

April 2014

Saturday 5th April: Cape Greko

Spring migrants

Meet 7.30 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off (please note earlier start time)

Meet 9.30 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off (a second meeting time for those unable to make the earlier one)

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April: Karpas Peninsula

Spring migrants and rare residents

Details will follow

Leader: Melis Charalambides. Home Tel: 22632155, Mobile: 99653205

Friday 18th April – Monday 21st April: Easter

Saturday 26th April: Cyprus Bird Race

Details on page 10.

May 2014

Saturday 3rd May: Neo Chorio Ringing Demonstration

Directions for Meeting Point: Drive through Neo Chorio village passing by the village church, and follow the sign for the Smyies Picnic Area. After about one kilometre the well-made track makes a sharp turn to the right. The demonstration will be at the bend on the left. You will probably see several parked vehicles. If you reach the small Ayios Minas Church on your right, you have gone too far.

Duration of the demonstration is 9.00 am -12.30 pm

Leader: Alan Crabtree. Mobile: 99455345

Saturday 10th May: Kannaviou Dam & Paphos Forest

Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds

Meet 9.30 am, Stroumbi, Esso Petrol Station, opposite turn off to Polemi.

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

Saturday 17th May: Akrotiri Peninsula

Late spring migrants and water birds

Meet 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed-beds

Leader: John Stapley. Home: 26652223, Mobile: 99554561

Social Event

Saturday 24th May: End of Season Get Together Lunch

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou

For bookings please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Mobile: 99 413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

Important Announcement: Participation in BirdLife Cyprus field meetings is at one's own risk. BirdLife Cyprus accepts no liability or responsibility for accidents, illness, injury or loss or damage to property that might occur. Field trips require light to moderate exercise. Please contact the field

trip leader for more information on difficulty, distances and terrain of a particular field trip.

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FIELD MEETING REPORT – LARNACA SEWAGE WORKS & PETOUNTA POINT– 22nd

February 2014

Doug Radford

I have been a frequent visitor and BirdLife Cyprus member since 2006. I always try to join one of the field trips when I am here, to enjoy the friendly company and take advantage of the local knowledge and expertise that is available. This trip was no exception – as well as visiting the well-known sites around Larnaca Sewage Works and Spiro's Beach, we went to two sites at Petounta that I've never visited before, and even managed to twitch a rarity on the way.

I travelled with my old friends Alan and June. Our day actually started as we approached the rendezvous, with the rare sight of a hare running across a field at Meneou. Then we stopped to look at a **Western Marsh Harrier** that floated across the road at the salt lake, and noticed a couple of waders. They were probably a Kentish Plover and a Greater Sand Plover, but the range and the position of the sun prevented us from clinching either. We also saw three male **Black Francolin** when we stopped to check some larks in a field. Patricia and Doreen joined us, and we proceeded to the hide to find only Chris waiting there. Unfortunately Stavros had been taken ill at short notice, so June gamely stepped up to the role of group leader.

As usual, one of the tanks in front of the hide was full of birds, with hundreds of **Common Coot**, **Northern Shoveler**, **mallard**, and **Eurasian Teal**. There were also more than a hundred **Little Grebe**, but only four of their **Black-necked** relatives. I am always thrilled to see the latter, as I rarely see any in the UK. Among the throng we spotted a **Gadwall**, and several **Wigeon** and **Northern Pintail**. Around the water's edge were various waders, mostly **Ruff**, with smaller numbers of **Black-winged Stilt**, **Common Redshank** and **Spotted Redshank**. In stark contrast, the pool with the new lining held few birds, but at least the geese were there; a dozen **Greater White-fronted** and a single **Greylag**.

Having enjoyed the spectacle from the hide, we moved on to the approach road to the desalination plant and added several species to our year lists. Both **Northern** and **Isabelline Wheatears** were represented, the first of two **Red-throated Pipit** was seen/heard as it flew over, and a **Spectacled Warbler** flitted over the saltmarsh. At this point, Patricia and Doreen decided to head for Oroklini, and the remaining four had a snack at the end of the track. Here we spotted a **Slender-billed Gull** among the **Black-headed gulls** on the sea.

Suitably refreshed, we retraced our tracks and checked the pools by the road. A single **Eurasian Golden Plover** joined some Ruff and Common Redshank by one pool, and single **Armenian** and **Caspian Gull** stood conveniently with several **Yellow-legged Gulls** in another. A flock of 60 **Great Cormorant** heading east served to remind us that spring migration was under way.

Only a brief discussion was necessary for us to agree to head home along the coast road via some farmland near Kiti where a **Steppe Grey Shrike** had been seen recently. June had detailed directions, and on arrival she was the first to spot the bird, a pale grey shape characteristically perched atop some tall weeds. We were able to drive closer in order to enjoy satisfying views as the shrike hunted in the small fields. A first for me!

Encouraged by our success, we headed west for Petounta. Turning towards the sea alongside a new but apparently deserted housing estate, we were encouraged to see a good stand of reeds and a shallow pool containing more good birds – one each of **Common** and **Green Sandpiper**, and a couple of **Reed Buntings**. Four **Kentish Plover** sheltered on the strandline, and an Isabelline Wheatear foraged at the edge of a field with **Common Stonechat** and **White Wagtail**. A passing flock of gulls drew our attention, and was found to contain two or three **Baltic Gull**. Alan then spotted a flock of 15 Northern Shoveler also flying east, and while looking for them I was astonished to see the unmistakable shape of a **Short-eared Owl** beating its way eastwards. Presumably it would make landfall at Karpasia.

With the sea suddenly much more appealing, we drove the short distance to Petounda Point, spotting a couple of **Stone Curlews** in young cereals on the way. The Point is clearly a good place for sea-watching in the right conditions, but we added only a couple of **Grey Heron** to our list before deciding to head for home. With the species total at 63, it had been an excellent day. It's a pity more people were not there to enjoy it.

FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKHNA DAM & OROKLINI MARSH – 8TH MARCH 2014

Martin Hellicar

Akhna Dam has always been a bit of a hit-and-miss experience for me. Sometimes it offers great sightings, at other times it is almost devoid of birds. So I was keeping my expectation levels down as the field trip kicked off on a warm and hazy morning. But it soon became obvious this was going to be no 'miss' day.

I was still busy saying hello to the dozen birders assembled by the dam wall when the cry of '**Great Crested Grebe!**' went up from Keith Howard. And there it was, in plain view in the centre of the well-filled dam and showing attractive hints of breeding plumage. And it soon got even better. We were scanning for warblers in the scrub behind the dam embankment, when Rajja Howard spotted a large bird of prey coming our way, being mobbed by a **Hooded Crow**. I saw 'headlights' on the wing and thought Marsh Harrier, but as the bird turned and came closer it became clear it was not: it was rather a splendid light morph **Booted Eagle**, and it treated us to excellent views in a lazy fly-past. **Common Coot, Common Swift, Barn Swallow, Grey Heron, European Goldfinch, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Moorhen, Crested Lark, Eurasian Magpie** and **House Sparrow** were also picked up by the embankment, while we also heard **Corn Bunting, Black Francolin, Common Quail, Cetti's Warbler** and **Spectacled Warbler**.

Moving on down the south side of the dam, we spent some time among the tamarisk bushes near the water's edge, with rich rewards. A stunning **Bluethroat** and up to 3 **Water Pipit** were busy feeding among the short growth and grassy tussocks, plus we added the following: **Great Cormorant, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Red-rumped Swallow, European Chaffinch, Common Linnnet, European Greenfinch, Zitting Cisticola, Sardinian Warbler, Blackcap, Meadow Pipit, Chiff-chaff** and fleeting views of **Eurasian Hoopoe, Song Thrush** and **Common Starling**.

Then round to the back end of the dam where a wander down to the shallow pools and mud flats produced waders of the following species: **Little Ringed Plover** (about 15), **Ruff, Common Redshank, Green Sandpiper** and **Little Stint**. Plus there were **Common Buzzard, Western Marsh harrier** and a **Common Kestrel** to add to the day's raptor list and also **White Wagtail, Common Woodpigeon** and **European Robin**.

After two hours at Akhna, and with 46 species 'in the bag', we headed for Oroklini Marsh, where we took full advantage of the excellent vantage point and views offered by the new information point. Thanks to the 3-year LIFE project coordinated by BirdLife Cyprus, the future looks increasingly rosy for the gem of a wee wetland and the new info point is a smart, user-friendly and very welcome addition. We added **Black-winged Stilt, Northern Shoveler, CommonTeal, Northern Pintail, Mallard, Red-crested Pochard, Little Grebe, Black-headed Gull** and **Common Snipe** to our day-list, plus two less expected species: **Glossy Ibis** and **Black-tailed Godwit**. We also saw more Barn Swallows, Common Coots, White Wagtails, Crested Larks, Spur-winged Lapwings, Grey Heron, Water Pipit, Blackcaps and Sardinian Warblers to the list, while a final stop down the bottom end of the marsh yielded **Collared Dove, Great Tit** and **Common Stonechat**, plus an impressive fly-over of up to 60 Great Cormorants heading East in V-formation

Totting up, we had 46 species at Akhna, 24 at Oroklini and a neat 60 species overall. A pleasing haul from a pleasant morning's birding.

FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKROTIRI PENINSULA – 15TH MARCH 2014

June Neal

Anyone who had listened to the BirdLine (25 934076) reports for 12th – 14th March would have had high expectations of many hirundines in passage, several different types of Wheatears, Pipits, waders, wagtails, warblers and possibly Wryneck resting around the Akrotiri peninsula on 15th March.

This was not the case. It was hard work finding the 55 species that were seen by 30 people who met up at Phassouri Reedbeds on a bright, sunny morning at 9.30 am. Hirundines were mainly **Common Swift** plus a few **Barn Swallows** and only a handful of **Northern House Martin**. The thousands seen earlier in the week must have been ahead of the rainstorms, passing over the island briefly to feed, then heading north.

Meadow Pipits were at Phassouri Reedbeds and a few more on Akrotiri Gravel Pits. **Ruff** at Phassouri consisted of 6 which flew off shortly after we all met up and none of the Yellow Wagtails remained there from the previous day, nor the Citrine Wagtail. This may have been due to an inconsiderate motorist who drove a 4x4 across the water meadow around 9 am, sending most species into flight.

The ever-obliging **Cattle Egret** returned, totaling 5, then **Mallard** plus 3 **Little Egret**. At least 4 **Common Buzzard** were seen and another heard calling stayed out of our sight. A possible Long-legged Buzzard was flying in the far distance but away from us, so we never added this species to our list. Three female **Western Marsh Harrier** kept appearing over the reedbeds and the aerial masts but there was no sign of the usual Kestrels.

Near the basket weaver's farm building we spent some time quietly searching the reeds and water's edge for warblers and our efforts were rewarded (for almost everyone) by views of **Sedge, Moustached** and **Eurasian Reed Warbler**. **Cetti's Warbler** and **Zitting Cisticola** were calling and a lone **Sardinian Warbler** was present.

Calling **Water Rail**, **Common Moorhen** plus a **Little Grebe** were heard, as was a singing **Bluethroat**, but were not seen.

Common Chaffinch, **Common Stonechat**, **Song Thrush**, a male **Eurasian Blackbird** plus a female **Western Black Redstart** were winter visitors still in the vicinity.

The Gravel Pits did provide views of three **Northern Wheatear** as well as a solitary **Isabelline Wheatear** and 3 Kestrels made a brief appearance but not much else. A probable Cream-coloured Courser in flight was not relocated and only seen very briefly near the pools.

Retracing our route through the Reedbeds several people were lucky to see the only **Eurasian Hoopoe** and **Great Spotted Cuckoo** of the day. John spotted a **Common Reed Bunting**.

A drive to the new port canal was our next stop – a new venue for most of the people attending. It is an area best viewed very early in the morning but we still managed to see a female Marsh Harrier and saw/heard 3 or 4 singing Reed Warblers plus more Barn Swallows and House Martins.

There did not appear to be many birds on Zakaki Pool so we went along Lady's Mile first, stopping at various points to view the waders – **Little Stint**, **Dunlin**, **Kentish Plover** and **Ruff** then at least 3 **Curlew Sandpiper** were located by Alan. **Common Redshank** was added to the list on the causeway, as we made our way towards the new hide at Zakaki. Due to mounds of spoil being

deposited our previous access route to the hide was closed off, so we doubled back to find another route, seeing another female Northern Wheatear on the way. Well worth the effort as 2 feeding **Eurasian Spoonbill** made an excellent ending to the day, together with the **Grey Heron**, **Common Kingfisher**, **Common Teal**, **Mallard**, **Water Pipit**, **Wood and Green Sandpiper**, **Yellow** and **White Wagtail**. Another 2 Common Buzzard appeared as we dispersed. They grappled briefly close by and was a final photo opportunity for some of the very determined bird watchers. Thank you all for participating, being quiet when it was necessary and for being so patient in our search for birds.



The two Eurasian Spoonbill on Zakaki Marsh photographed by Dave Walker

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS 2014 BIRD RACE

June Neal

Last year six teams took part in what was a revised programme for the bird race. Participants chose from 3 categories –

1. A full day race category with no travel or time constraints:
2. A local patch only category, defined as a radius of 15 km around one member of the team's home:
3. A time limited category, maximum 5 hrs from beginning to end.

Geoff Holroyd, from Edmonton Canada, won the Bloomsbury Publishing prize for the most money raised for his participation in our 2013 Bird Race - 120 euro to support BirdLife Cyprus's campaigns! He was a last-minute addition to the ultimate winning team, The Inglorious Bustards. Geoff had read about the Bird Race on-line and asked if he could join in with a team from the Nicosia area where he was on holiday. After the event Geoff sent thank you emails to the team members, as well as to me, saying that his day birding was certainly one of the highlights of his holiday.

Geoff had won the choice of a publication from Bloomsbury Publishing to the value of 50 British pounds. See their link <http://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/special-interest/natural-history/> and he decided upon 'Birds of the Indian Subcontinent' by Grimmett et al 2013.

Let's see if we can exceed the 5122 birds of 165 species seen in 46 locations in 2013

If you would like to take part in the 2014 Bird Race on Saturday 26th April in any one of the 3 categories please enter your team by contacting either me by email chris.june.neal@cytanet.com.cy or Maria Christodoulou, if you prefer to contact to a Greek-speaking person maria.christodoulou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy

Members of BirdLife Cyprus pay an entry fee of 5 euros per person and non-members 8 euros. The entry fee can be paid to a member of BirdLife Cyprus Council or direct to the office –

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This is a fun fund-raising event whether you are an experienced bird watcher or novice. Join in the event and support BirdLife Cyprus campaigns and if you can raise sponsorship money too you could be a contender for this year's prize from Bloomsbury Publishing.

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Dave and Jan Walker

Over two separate days on the 8th and 16th February a workshop took place at the BirdLife Cyprus offices in Strakka, Nicosia. The event was run by volunteers Albert Stoecker and Stavros Christodoulides who as you probably know are very good and enthusiastic wildlife nature photographers. The event was organised as part of BirdLife Cyprus 10 year celebrations and was open to all members who were interested in improving their own photographic and processing skills. The event was very well supported and was attended by 18 members.

On the first day of the workshop we had an introduction to Digital SLR cameras, lenses and accessories such as tripods, monopods and flashes. We were explained the differences between JPEG and RAW images and how to make changes to our camera's settings. Different settings in Manual, Aperture (Av) and Shutter (Tv) priorities were explained with recommendations for differing situations such as still and in flight photographs. We were then able to test out these settings, taking test pictures around the office. We also selected a suitable location for a feeding station to attract birds so that we could photograph them the following week.



The second day consisted of learning how to process our RAW images. Albert demonstrated his workflow through Lightroom 5. We learnt that any changes made in Lightroom are not made to the original RAW image but kept as Metadata. Lightroom is not only used for making minor changes to the image such as exposure and noise reduction but can be used as a very effective way of cataloguing images into Taxonomy, Species, Names and places where taken etc. We were also introduced to Photoshop CS6. This is a powerful imaged editor that lets you enhance, retouch and manipulate photographs.

For those of you, like us who are amateurs, Lightroom 5 should provide enough functions for your needs. We have never before used any software to correct images taken, we have usually deleted the over exposed bird flying against a bright background. Lightroom 5 enables you to correct the exposure on these sort of images and get some kind of detail back into the picture. We also find it very useful to review the pictures taken in 100% magnification mode and delete those that are not

sharp, before starting any processing.

For those of you interested in nature photography you can find more information including pictures, techniques and tips on Albert's website.

<http://www.nature-of-cyprus-photography.com/>

We would like to express our thanks to Albert and Stavros for putting on this workshop and also Maria Christodoulou Development Officer at BirdLife Cyprus who attended the office on a Saturday and Sunday for the duration of the workshop and made sure refreshments were provided.

Albert has also given us help since the workshop sorting out some learning problems we had with Lightroom, this help is very much appreciated.

HELP US WITH SURVEYS IN 2014

Andy Simpkin

After a very successful year of survey work in 2013 we now plan on doing even more this year. But we can only achieve this with the help of volunteers and there are several surveys where we need more help:

- **Common Bird Monitoring Scheme** – based on 1km x 1km squares this survey involves walking a line transect and recording all bird species seen or heard. Each site requires two visits each taking around one hour and sites will be allocated as close to volunteers homes as possible. Ideally volunteers will have at least a basic level of bird identification skills BUT training can be provided for volunteers who are inexperienced bird watchers.
- **Breeding Bird Atlas** – the aim of the atlas survey is to establish the distribution of breeding species by recording breeding evidence for all species found within 10km x 10km squares during two visits each lasting five hours. This is not suitable for people with a basic knowledge of birds.
- **Nocturnal Species Survey** – this covers the nocturnal species that are usually missed by the other surveys. Starting 30 minutes after sunset volunteers drive a route through a 10km x 10km square stopping every 2km to listen for five minutes and record all birds heard. Each survey should take around two hours. This is ideal for beginners as there are only six nocturnal species and the calls are relatively easy to learn.
- **Raptor Migration counts** – another survey for the more experienced bird watchers. We need volunteers to spend five hours at a site recording all migrating raptors. There are seven sites we need to cover at least once per week during March and April.

If you think you can help with any of these surveys please contact Martin Hellicar (martin.hellicar@birdlifecyprus.org.cy) or Andy Simpkin (andy.simpkin@birdlifecyprus.org.cy) at the BirdLife Cyprus office.

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ
Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 17



Last Month's Quiz answer

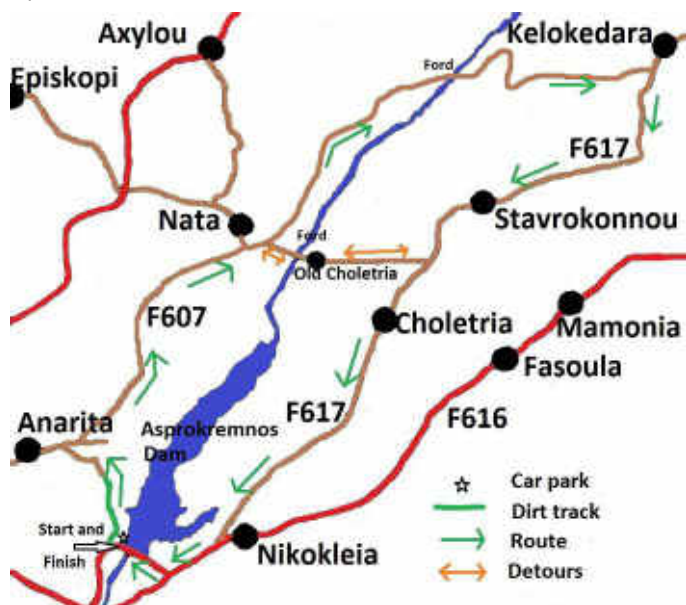
February's mystery gull is another opportunity to test your identification skills on a group of birds considered amongst the trickiest. Identifying gulls can become much easier once they are correctly aged. From the greyish, adult like scapulars and back, and juvenile brownish coverts, the bird in our photograph can quite easily be aged as an immature/non-adult.

Immature "white-headed" gulls (which include the larger species such as Yellow-legged, Caspian, Lesser Black-backed and Armenian Gulls) show flesh-coloured bare parts, while juveniles of the smaller gull species show either reddish (Black-headed and Slender-billed), dark bare parts (Mediterranean and Franklin's) or a combination of the two (Little). However, the shape of the bird is very interesting and with experience quite unique. It looks very long winged with a small, rounded head and slight bill as well as a high, round and full chest. In the presence of other gulls its size would be obvious, but even alone, the shape suggests that despite its general colouration it is not one of the larger gulls. All the large white-headed gulls show shorter wings and a heavier, angled at the gonys bill. By elimination therefore the photographed bird is a **Common Gull**, a gull that can quite easily be identified by its distinctive long-winged, round-headed and small-billed appearance. From the bicoloured (flesh and dark) bill, flesh-coloured legs and upperparts pattern it can be aged as a 1st spring (2nd calendar year bird).

SPRING BIRDWATCHING TRIP IN THE XEROS VALLEY

Alison McArthur

I hope you will enjoy this round trip of c28 kms, starting and ending at Asprokremnos Dam wall. It takes you through some dramatic scenery in the Xeros valley and covers several good birdwatching areas - - allow about three hours altogether. If you have more time to spare then there are a couple of short detours.



Most folk are familiar with the car park at the west end of the dam wall. Spend some time here checking the pine trees for migrants. This is a regular site for flycatchers, Golden Oriole and Great-spotted Cuckoo, although almost anything can turn up. Be sure to take a short walk on the track through the trees north from the car park itself. This takes you towards a weather recording station and you could find both Cyprus and Sardinian Warblers in the scrub nearby.

Looking at the map you'll see that after turning right out of the car park road you then take the first track on the right. This is the only dirt track you'll be on and it could be a bit rough for about 800 metres. As you climb the hill look left to the caves to check for Little Owls which have been long-term residents here, and then continue straight ahead until you're abeam the tall aerial mast. Shrikes and buntings like the fence around the mast, and harriers regularly quarter the fields between it and the dam. Keep a look out for Spectacled Warbler here too. Sometimes Red-footed Falcon or Lesser Kestrel hunt in this area or sit on the wires opposite the farm buildings ahead.

Proceed on the main track with the farms on your right and continue ahead when you join the tarred road. The grain silos will be on your left. This takes you to the old Anarita to Nata road (F607) where you turn right. Be aware that this becomes a very narrow twisty road and although not normally busy vehicles can be driving at great speed!

Once you are clear of the army camp perimeter, and have dropped down into the valley, then take any opportunity to park - - they are limited. Look for Roller and Little Owl around rock faces and check small areas of scrub and reeds which can hold resident warblers and migrants. After c2 kms you will see Nata village ahead, but you turn right down the hill below it (signed Choletria). At



the next fork in the road you can opt to turn right and go down to the ford on the Xeros river where birdwatching can be good. Approach carefully because anything from Little Stint to Little Egret can turn up here! Shrikes and buntings, especially Corn and Black-headed, can be attracted to the overhead wires, and the tamarisk is good for warblers.

To continue along the Xeros valley you must retrace your route back up the hill, turning right at the fork. Keep your eyes open! There can be a harrier quartering the fields below you, or Great-spotted Cuckoos chasing about, shrikes and Rollers on

tree tops or wires, wheatears atop the grape vines, and buntings or pipits rising from the roadside. Don't forget to scan the ridges for resident Bonelli's Eagle or Long-legged Buzzard. I do hope you're lucky enough to come across some of these gems.

This is a valley of dramatic scenery. Continue until you reach the ford where you must stop for a walk - - the valley closes in at this point and can therefore be good for migrants! Flycatchers, buntings and shrikes are possible and listen out for Nightingale too. Cyprus Wheatear normally breed in this area and the river can provide a glimpse of a sandpiper, egret or heron. I hope we don't all turn up at once and spoil the tranquillity of this beautiful spot which is also good for butterflies such as Cleopatra, Speckled Wood and Cyprus Grayling.

Once you set off again continue straight ahead through the citrus orchards. This twisty road climbs up through a small pine forest where you pass a sizeable Spanish Sparrow colony. Shortly beyond you can stop by a sharp right bend beside a small shady glade. This can be a good spot for Hoopoe. As you climb towards the main road you are in Long-legged Buzzard country and could catch a glimpse of one from the ridge.

Turn sharp right when you reach the F617 and head back down towards Asprokremnos Dam wall. If time permits you could turn right at the junction to Agios Pandeimonas church - - parking in the dirt 'triangle' when clear of the main road. A walk down the hill could give you a harrier or some falcons over the fields, and it is worth scanning semi-distant rocky outcrops for Rollers. This is also good Corn Bunting habitat.



Continue on the F617, which then joins the F616, and when you reach the dam wall stop at the east side. This open area often supports falls of wheatears, larks, buntings and shrikes and you should be able to find both Cyprus and Sardinian Warblers in the thorny scrub - - what a place to finish off! I hope you've enjoyed the trip, and don't forget to send your sightings to the recorder!

BLACK AND WHITE FLYCATCHERS IN CYPRUS

Jane Stylianou

Three 'black and white' flycatchers migrate through Cyprus during the spring – Eurasian Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*, Collared Flycatcher *Ficedula albicollis* and Semi-collared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*. All three species are rarely seen in the autumn and it is possible that if you spot one, you will be required to submit a Rare Bird Report in support of your record – so try and get a photo! (NB I will not be dealing with first winter plumage details nor the details of possible Collared x Pied hybrids below).

Eurasian Pied and Collared Flycatcher are by far the more commonly seen of the three species, occurring each spring in variable numbers – with some years considered 'good flycatcher' springs, while others have far fewer records. Both occur between mid- to late March until the start of May with the peak migration usually the second or third week of April. This year both male Pied and Collared have been seen since mid-March and it will be interesting to note the pattern of reports during April. Several male Semi-collared Flycatcher have already been seen at locations such as the Paphos Lighthouse and Agios Georgios Church at Akrotiri – both locations favoured by all three species. Other popular locations for these flycatchers include Cape Greco, Kiti Dam, Larnaca Desalination Plant, the Asprokremmos Dam Car Park area and the Baths of Aphrodite caravan site.

In 2013 there were a handful of records of Semi-collared Flycatcher; in 2012 only four; while in 2011 it was recorded 21 times between the end of March and start of May. Both sexes of the Semi-collared Flycatcher resemble a cross between a Collared and a Pied Flycatcher. Looking at the identification notes on the three species in the 'Birds of the Middle East' (second edition) by Richard Porter and Simon Aspinall, the male Pied Flycatcher is described as 'black and white with black-hind neck, small white forehead spot (often divided in centre) and narrow white streak at base of primaries'. The male Collared Flycatcher is the only one with a complete white collar round the hind neck. It 'has more white in the wings than the Pied including a large white spot at the base of the primaries (at best a white streak in Pied), larger white sport on forehead and often a pale rump.' As for the male Semi-collared Flycatcher it is told from the male Pied by the white half-collar which stretches onto the sides of its neck, a 'larger white spot at the base of the primaries.....more white at sides of tail and white tipped median coverts (rarely so in Pied); extent of white in rest of wing and on forehead intermediate between Collared and Pied'.

Usually though it is the females that cause the greatest ID headaches. It is worth remembering that some male Pied Flycatchers are grey brown above but still have a white spot on the forehead, which the female does not have and has far more white on the wing compared to that of a female. The black of the male is replaced by a grey-brown colour in the female Pied Flycatcher. The white on the wing is less extensive than on that of the male. Again using the 'Birds of the Middle East' the female Collared Flycatcher compared to the female Pied has 'usually greyer, less brownish, upperparts, usually pale grey hindneck, often a broad white spot at the primary base.' She is sometimes inseparable from the female Semi-collared unless the hind neck is paler greyish but the 'broad white edges to dark tertials from a clear wedge'. As for the female Semi-collared she is greyer above than the female Pied, but although she usually has more white at the base of the primary and tops of median coverts this does not always hold.

The photos below show male Pied and Collared Flycatchers and female Pied and Semi-collared. For photos of male Semi-collared and female Collared please see the links below as no photos of these species were available in the BirdLife Cyprus files.

<http://www.arkive.org/semi-collared-flycatcher/ficedula-semitorquata/image-G43203.html>

http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Image:Collared_flycatcher.jpg



Male Eurasian Pied Flycatcher. Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides.



Male Collared Flycatcher. Photograph by Dave Nye.



Female Eurasian Pied Flycatcher. Photograph by Alison McArthur



Female Semi-collared Flycatcher. Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides

LOOKING BACK AT APRIL 2009

Jane Stylianou

A look at the birds that were seen on Cyprus this time of year in the past. This month featuring April 2009.

Several interesting waders were among the first noteworthy species reported in April 2009. Four **Eurasian Dotterel** were at Paphos Lighthouse on April 1st and another was at Petounta Point on 3rd. A **Cream-coloured Courser** was at Cape Drepanum on 10th with a **Great Snipe** at Phassouri Reed Beds on the same day. A female **Caspian Plover** at Mandria on 14th was joined by a male the next day. Two **Broad-billed Sandpiper** were at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 15th and the next day an amazing eighty **Common Greenshank** were counted at Meneou. Four hundred and fifty two **Little Stint** was another very high count of migrating waders – this time at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 28th April. The month ended with a **Red-necked Phalarope** at Lady's Mile on 30th April.

Offshore at least 1000 **Garganey** were in Curium Bay on 4th April with single **Northern Gannets** being spotted in the Paphos area on 12th and 17th. The third Cyprus record of a **Pomarine Skua** was seen offshore in the same area on 16th. One observer at Cape Andreas on the last day of the month found many migrating '**Steppe**' **Buzzard** and **Western Marsh Harrier** as well as two **Short-toed Snake Eagle** and two **Lesser Spotted Eagle**.

Notable flocks of migrating hirundine included over fifty **Alpine Swift** over Pissouri on 1st April and at least thirty **Pallid Swift** at Troodos on 3rd. Four **Eurasian Crag Martin** were seen moving past Cape Greco on 9th and a single was seen at Bishop's Pool on 12th. There were only two reports of **Blue-cheeked Bee-eater** in April 2009 – three were at Mandria on 1st and two at Cape Greco on 8th.

Other interesting rarities spotted during the month included a **Trumpeter Finch** at Cape Andreas on 2nd with a **Black-bellied Sandgrouse** on the Karpasia Peninsula the next day. A **White-throated Kingfisher** on 11th and a **Richard's Pipit** the same day at Davlos with another at Cape Andreas on 28th marked some special birds in the occupied north of the island. A **Rufous-tailed Bush Robin** was found at Larnaca Sewage Works on 13th with an **Asian Desert Warbler** making a brief appearance at Paphos Lighthouse on 15th. Two **Common Rosefinch** at Cape Drepanum the same day and two **Icterine Warbler** trapped and ringed at Polis Reed Beds on 26th completed the list of outstanding birds of April 2009.

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS DATA ACCESS POLICY UPDATE

Martin Hellicar

BirdLife Cyprus has just established its *data provision and access policy*, with the aim of ensuring data we hold on bird distributions, populations, abundance and habitats can be made available for the purposes of conservation management, site safeguard, species protection, planning, environmental policy and ecological science. Provided the conditions detailed in our new *data provision and access policy* are met, BirdLife Cyprus is committed to data sharing, making research data accessible and available to other users in the interests of effective conservation.

As you know, BirdLife Cyprus undertakes many organised sample surveys and is also the custodian of the Important Bird Areas (IBA) inventory for Cyprus, drawn up on the basis of recognized and scientifically rigorous BirdLife International criteria, and approved by BirdLife International. The IBA inventory catalogues the key sites for bird conservation on the island and includes details on qualifying species and populations, site boundaries and characteristics. In addition to such systematic data, BirdLife Cyprus also holds 'raw' bird-watching data, referring simply to unsystematic sightings at various locations and various times of the year, mostly provided voluntarily by its active members and other birdwatchers who share their records. These data tend to be biased towards popular bird-watching sites, towards rarer species and towards the migration seasons. None-the-less such data can be of value in assessing the status of birds, provided its limitations are allowed for. These data are also collated in monthly and annual bird reports.

Many of the unique datasets gathered by BirdLife Cyprus are critically dependent on the fieldwork of our network of skilled volunteers. We will always seek to ensure that our volunteers receive appropriate recognition for this work. We will also further develop their access to their own data (and where appropriate to those of other contributors) and their ability to manage and analyse them through online applications.

The new *data provision and access policy* is available on-line through our website and outlines the terms and conditions for use of BirdLife Cyprus data and includes a standard form to be used when requesting data from BirdLife Cyprus.

For more information or queries please contact Research Coordinator Martin Hellicar on 22 455 072 or martin.hellicar@birdlifecyprus.org.cy .

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Jane Stylianou

4267 bird records received

163 species and forms recorded in February 2014, compared to 169 in February 2013

[Please note, the list has been edited for the purposes of this newsletter and contains records that have not been corrected or corroborated]

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιης

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dam 55 3-Feb NCP
Ayia Napa Sewage Works 46 25-Feb ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 166 14-Feb JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 57 2-Feb NCP
Panagra Dam 46 3-Feb NCP
Tsadha Golf Club Track 32 3-Feb MSS

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps*

cristatus Σκουφοβούτιης

Akhna Dam 2 6, 16, 18 & 21-Feb ME/AKe
Akhna Dam 1 11-Feb AKe
Asprokremnos Dam 5 4-Feb DJW
Kermia Beach 2 Adults - drifting west 5-Feb ME
Potamos (Liopetri) 1 9 & 12-Feb AKe

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps*

nigricollis Μαυροβούτιης

Larnaca Sewage Works 12 2-Feb JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 24 11-Feb ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 18 Four in full breeding plumage. Others acquiring it. 14-Feb JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 18-Feb ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 at least 22-Feb JN

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax*

carbo Κορμοράνος

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 137 Flying NE at 1710 24-Feb ME
Asprokremnos Dam 88 8-Feb MSS
Athalassa Park 63 7-Feb JS
Fresh Water Lake South 52 17-Feb ME
Meneou Pool 60 from W to SE 22-Feb JN
Oroklini Beach 60 Offshore heading W to E 28-Feb JS

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax*

aristotelis Θαλασσοκόρακας

Agios Amvrosios 15 coming into roost on coastal cliffs 1-Feb NCP

Cape Drepanum 1 1-Feb DJW
Dhekelia Power Station 2 20-Feb ME
Kensington Cliffs 9 21-Feb KH
Mandria 1 3-Feb CR
Timi Beach 1 7 & 23-Feb CR

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Akhna Dam 1 11-Feb AKe
Athalassa Park 1 7-Feb JS

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης



Cattle Egret, Cape Drepanum, 1st February.
Photograph by Jan Walker

Largest counts per location:

Akhna Dam 40 11-Feb AKe
Athalassa Park 4 7-Feb JS
Cape Drepanum 1 1-Feb DJW
Fresh Water Lake South c400 Many Nests now built 17-Feb ME
Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 1 2-Feb ME
Leivadia, Larnaca 2 22-Feb FGe
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 2-Feb NCP
Oroklini Marsh c30 20-Feb ME
Paphos Sewage Plant 6 19 & 24-Feb JS/MSS
Phassouri 9 10-Feb JE
Pyla 4 14-Feb BB

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Largest counts per location:

Agia Thekla 1 21 & 22-Feb AKe
Agia Trias 1 15-Feb AKe
Athalassa Park 15 23-Feb CP

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 1 2 & 20-Feb ME
 Fresh Water Lake South 1 1, 2, 5 & 17-Feb ME/NCP
 Kermia Beach 1 7 & 28-Feb AKe/JS
 Limassol Docks 1 Port channel 26-Feb JS
 Manglis Dam 1 7, 15 & 24-Feb JS/ SC with F Georgiades
 Oroklini Marsh 3 15-Feb KH
 Paphos Headland 1 20-Feb MSS
 Pedaios River, Yiorkio area. Nicosia 1 21-Feb FGe
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 1, 17, 18, 26 & 27-Feb JS/KH/CR/SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis/MSS/JN/TRE
 Zakaki Marsh and Pool 1 1, 6 & 24-Feb JN/CR

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα

Akhna Dam 1 3, 10 & 20-Feb ME
 Akhna Dam 3 6, 18 & 21-Feb AKe/ME
 Akhna Dam 2 8, 11, 16 & 24-Feb BB/AKe/ME
 Athalassa Park 2 7-Feb JS
 Athalassa Park 3 23-Feb CP
 Fresh Water Lake South 1 1-Feb ME
 Famagusta Freshwater Lake 2 2 & 17-Feb NCP/ME
 Kannaviou Dam 1 14-Feb DJW
 Panagra Dam 1 3-Feb NCP

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* Ψαροφάς

Largest counts:
 Akhna Dam 12 8 & 18-Feb BB/AKe
 Asprokremnos Dam 4 24-Feb MSS/WBC
 Athalassa Park 5 7 & 23-Feb JS/CP
 Evretou Dam 4 14-Feb DJW
 Fresh Water Lake South 7 17-Feb ME
 Germasogeia Dam 17 15-Feb ADT

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυρός Ψαροφάς
 Asprokremnos Dam 4 24-Feb WBC

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς

Oroklini Marsh 2 15-Feb KH

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο



Greater Flamingo, Larnaca Salt Lake, 16th February. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Akrotiri Salt Lake 150 possibly more 1-Feb JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake c10 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
 Clapsides Pool 81 1-Feb ME
 Kiti Meneou Pool c50 23-Feb ME
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 40 13-Feb JS
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 69 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 Imm 18-Feb ME
 Larnaca Salt Lake c250 2-Feb ME
 Larnaca Salt Lake c150 11-Feb ME
 Larnaca Salt Lake c220 26-Feb ME
 Larnaca Sewage Works 16 juveniles wading 22-Feb JN
 Meneou Pool 21 14-Feb JS
 Neapollis Pond 135 5-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 41 2-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 56 11-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 9 20-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 14 23-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh c15 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
 Silver Beach 48 22-Feb ME

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

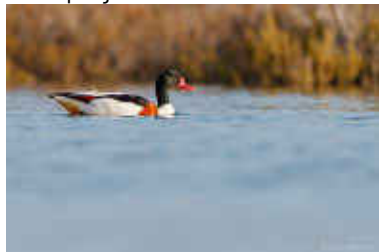
Anser albifrons Αρκόσιγνα
 Larnaca Sewage Works 13 2-Feb JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 12 20, 22 & 26-Feb JS/JN/ME

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Σπιτόσιγνα
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 2, 20, 22 & 26-Feb JS/JN/ME

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος



Common Shelduck, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 26th February. Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 27-Feb JE/TR
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 29 plus distant birds 1-Feb JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 36 In pool near Sylvana's 22-Feb AS
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 23-Feb ME
 Akrotiri Salt Lake c5 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
 Larnaca Airport Pool North 17 11-Feb ME
 Larnaca Airport Pools North 44 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Airport Pool South 14 4-Feb ME
 Larnaca Salt Lake c600 2-Feb ME
 Larnaca Salt Lake c900 11-Feb ME
 Larnaca Salt Lake 838 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Salt Lake c850 26-Feb ME
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 26-Feb ME
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 2-Feb NCP
 Neapollis Pond 7 5-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 7 2-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 11 20-Feb ME

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope*

Αρμπάσσης

Agia Eirini Dam 35 3-Feb NCP
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 1-Feb JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 13-Feb WBC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 Two male and three female 2 & 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Drake/Duck 11 & 22-Feb ME/JN
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 53 2-Feb NCP

GADWALL *Anas strepera* Κανναούπα

Agia Eirini Dam 6 3-Feb NCP
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 2, 14, 18 & 26-Feb JS/ME
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male seen by Doug 22-Feb JN
 Manglis dam 1 7 & 24-Feb JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 7 2-Feb NCP
 Ovgoros Dam 2 male + female 1-Feb NCP
 Petounta Point 2 Male and female on sea! 18-Feb JS

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 30 13-Feb WBC
 Larnaca Salt Lake 40 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 600 At least 2-Feb JS
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 190 2-Feb NCP
 Oroklini Marsh c120 2-Feb ME

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινιτζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dam 120 3-Feb NCP
 Asprokremnos Dam 46 8-Feb MSS
 Germasogeia Dam 19 15-Feb ADT
 Larnaca Sewage Works c150 22-Feb JN
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 315 2-Feb NCP
 Petounta Point 19 13-Feb JS
 Phassouri Reed Beds 19 26-Feb CR

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Bishop's Pool 2 Female 1-Feb JS/JN
 Finikaria 1 15-Feb ADT
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 1 male and 2 females 22-Feb JN
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 males 2-Feb NCP
 Oroklini Marsh 4 2 & 15-Feb ME/KH
 Oroklini Marsh 1 Drake 11 & 23-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 3 Drakes 20-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 1+ male 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Σαζάνα

Agia Eirini Dam 60 3-Feb NCP
 Athalassa Park 6 7-Feb JS
 Bishop's Pool 8 13-Feb WBC
 Evretou Dam 1 male 14-Feb DJW
 Larnaca Sewage Works 700 At least 2-Feb JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 507 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c240 22-Feb JN
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 230 2-Feb NCP

Oroklini Marsh c150 2-Feb ME
Oroklini Marsh c250 20-Feb ME
Oroklini Marsh c200 26-Feb SC with M
Charalambides & A Leventis
Ovgoros Dam 1 1-Feb NCP
Petounta Point 15 W to E 22-Feb JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Female flying
over reeds 1-Feb JS/JN
Vathia Gonia Water Treatment Plant,
Nicosia 6 7-Feb JS

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσινοτζέφαλη
Agia Eirini Dam 1 Female 3-Feb NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 male
2-Feb NCP
Oroklini Marsh 1 male 9-Feb KH
Oroklini Marsh 1 female 15-Feb KH
Oroklini Marsh 4 1 Drake / 3 Ducks 20-
Feb ME

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Κοντούρα
Agia Eirini Dam 330 3-Feb NCP
Bishop's Pool 1 Female 1-Feb JS/JN
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 40 2-Feb
NCP

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιόπαπια
Agia Eirini Dam 45 3-Feb NCP
Bishop's Pool 7 1-Feb JS
Bishop's Pool 3 3-Feb JE
Bishop's Pool 8 13-Feb WBC
Bishop's Pool 6 24-Feb JE
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Drake 11-Feb
ME
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 85 2-Feb
NCP
Ovgoros Dam 10 1-Feb NCP

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Ππισκουνούρα
Agia Eirini Dam 10 3 male 7 female 3-Feb
NCP

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

Mergus serrator Θαλασσοβουτηκτής



*Red-breasted Merganser, Agia Trias, 18th
February. Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Agia Trias 4 Females 15, 17 & 18-Feb
AKe/ME/JS

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps*

fulvus Γύπας
Episkopi Happy Valley 3 23-Feb ME
Kensington Cliffs 3 1-Feb LAC/JS
Kensington Cliffs 1 17-Feb JS
Kidasi 1 flying high over west ridge 12-
Feb CR

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus*

aeruginosus Βαλτοσιάχινο
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 14-Feb JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 Hovering in
strong wind over causeway between two
pools. Being ignored by ducks etc 2-Feb
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 1 male, 1
female and 1 juvenile 22-Feb JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 At least 1-Feb
JS/JN

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο
Akhna Dam 1 Ringtail 1-Feb ME
Akrotiri 1 10 & 17-Feb JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1 & 25-Feb JS/KH
Anarita Park 1 male 5-Feb LAC/JS
Armou Hills 1 m 15 & 23-Feb CR/BC
fieldtrip/JS/MSS
Cape Kormakitis 1 3-Feb NCP
Drouseia 1 female 19-Feb DJW
Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 1 f 15-Feb
CR/BC fieldtrip/JS
Lady's Mile 1 10-Feb JE
Larnaca Airport Fields 1 Fem 11-Feb
ME

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 Male 14-Feb JS
 Larnaca Salt Lake North 1 Male 2-Feb ME
 Mandria 1 Ring-tail 19-Feb JS
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 ringtail seen by others 1-Feb JN
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 male 20-Feb KH
 Phassouri 1 24-Feb JE
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 female 26-Feb JN
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 3-Feb MSS
 Zakaki Marsh and Pool 1 ringtail 1-Feb JN/JS

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* Τζικλοσιάχινο

Akhna Dam 1 Fem 6-Feb ME
 Anarita Park 1 1 & 19-Feb CR/DJW
 Argaka Area 1 27-Feb AD
 Dhiarizos Valley, Xtreme View café 1 12-Feb CR
 Dhiarizos R. Kouklia, Paphos 1 22-Feb DJW
 Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 1 15-Feb CR/BC fieldtrip/JS/JN
 Famagusta Freshwater Lake 1 Carrying prey 2-Feb NCP
 Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 1 4-Feb KH
 Marathounta 1 22-Feb CR
 Paphos Sewage Plant 2 26-Feb IKB
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 6-Feb CR

COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*
 Ποντικοσιάχινο



Common Buzzard, Phassouri Reed Beds, 6th February. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Feb CR/JS
 Asprokremnos Dam 3 Mobbled by Barn Swallows 24-Feb MSS
 Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 2 8-Feb MSS
 Kouklia 2 flew across road 24-Feb CR
 Mandria 2 8-Feb MSS
 Paphos Sewage Plant 2 8-Feb MSS

Phassouri Reed Beds 9 at least 6 over reedbed, closer fields on boundary and 3 circling high to N 1-Feb JN

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*
 Σιαχινολάγουδο

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 2 5-Feb LAC/JS
 Armou Hills 3 1 from Armou pair, other pair Minthis 9-Feb CR
 Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 4 15-Feb CR/BC fieldtrip/JN
 Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 2 6, 12 & 17-Feb JS
 Limni 3 Circling high overhead 18-Feb AD
 Marathounta 3 22-Feb CR
 Mesogi, Paphos 2 4-Feb DJW
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 3 3-Feb MSS

Buzzard spp - Souni 1 heard calling, not seen 14-Feb JN

BOOTED EAGLE *Aquila pennata*
 Νανογεράκα



Booted Eagle, Akhna Dam, 26th February. Photograph by Nikos Kassinis

Acheleia Bridge, Paphos 1 Dark Phase 24-Feb MSS
 Akhna Dam 1 feeding on a freshly killed Coot 26-Feb NK
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 Dark Phase 24-Feb MSS

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Περτικοσίχινο



Bonelli's Eagle, Arodes, 14th February.
 Photograph by Dave Walker

Armou Hills 1 15-Feb CR/BC
 fieldtrip/JS/JN
 Arodhes 1 19-Feb DJW
 Asprokremnos Dam 1 Adult 8-Feb MSS
 Avagas Coast 1 adult 1-Feb DJW
 Diarizos Valley, Xtreme View café 2 pair
 ads. 12-Feb CR
 Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 3 2ads, 1 imm
 together 15-Feb CR/BC fieldtrip/JS/JN
 Gerמושoγia Dam 2 Adult 17-Feb JS
 Finikaria 1 Adult 18-Feb ME
 Kamares (Tala) 1 adult 27-Feb DJW
 Kathikas 1 viewed from Pegeia 1-Feb
 DJW
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Juvenile 24-Feb
 KH
 Xerarkaka 1 adult 16-Feb FGE

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίτης

Largest counts:

Anavargos Hills 5 18-Feb MSS
 Armou Hills 4 3-Feb MSS
 Cape Greco 4 28-Feb JS
 Ezousas Valley, Paphos 4 15-Feb JS
 Mandria 5 8-Feb MSS

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλλκονο

Merlin, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 28th February.
 Photograph by Rajja Howard

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 28-Feb KH

Alassa 1 female hunting 19-Feb JN
 Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Large Dark Fem 5-Feb
 ME
 Kritou Terra 1 Hunting 6.25am 19-Feb
 DJR

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Τζόνος

Agia Eirini Dam 1 3-Feb NCP
 Anavargos Hills 1 juvenile 18-Feb MSS
 Argaka Area 1 27-Feb AD
 Asprokremnos Dam 1 Adult 8-Feb MSS
 Ayios Sozomenos 1 9-Feb CP
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 male and possibly a
 2nd flew over briefly 15-Feb JN/JS/CR/BC
 fieldtrip
 Evretou Dam 1 14-Feb DJW
 Kensington Cliffs 1 1, 21 & 26-Feb
 LAC/JS/KH/MSS
 Kidasi 2 pair flying over high 12-Feb CR
 Kouris Dam North 1 in flight 19-Feb JN
 Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Male - Eating a
 freshly killed Wader 2-Feb ME
 Mandria 1 large fem 16-Feb CR
 Pentadakytylos 1 5-Feb NCP

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περδίκι

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 7 3-Feb MSS
 Cape Greco 19 28-Feb JS
 Dhiazizos R. Kouklia 10 24-Feb MSS
 Kouris Dam North 8 6 seen, 2 other
 coveys heard 19-Feb JN
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 9 14-Feb DJW
 Pentadakytylos 8 5-Feb NCP
 Souni 6 2 birds seen, 4 other coveys
 heard 4-Feb JN

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus*

Φραγκολίνα

Acheritou 1 1-Feb ME
 Agios Amvrosios 2 Heard 4-Feb NCP
 Akhna Dam 1 Male 20-Feb ME
 Argaka Area 1 3, 13 & 27-Feb AD
 Dromolaxia 1 26-Feb SC with M
 Charalambides & A Leventis
 Evretou Dam 1 heard 14-Feb DJW
 Kouklia Soakaway 1 calling 20-Feb CR
 Larnaca Airport Pool North 2 Pair 26-Feb
 ME
 Larnaca Airport Pool South 5 3 Males 18-
 Feb ME
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 Two males
 sparring. One flew off when male Hen
 Harrier flew over. Other then starting
 calling. 14-Feb JS

Mandria Village 1 male 2-Feb LAC
 Mandria Beach 1 male 9-Feb LAC
 Mandria 2 h 20-Feb CR
 Mandria 1 24-Feb MSS
 Meneou Pool 1 Calling 14-Feb JS
 Meneou Pool 3 in field 22-Feb JN
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 2-Feb
 NCP
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 flushed 23-Feb
 CR
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 h 27-Feb CR
 Petounta Point 1 heard then seen 22-Feb
 JN
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 early on, stopped
 before 8.45 am 1-Feb JN
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 male 18-Feb KH

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορνύκι
 Mandria 1 Flushed 26-Feb IKB
 Mandria 2 27-Feb IKB

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*
 Μαυροπουλλάδα
 Bishop's Pool 1 briefly glimpsed in flight
 1-Feb JN
 Dhiazizos R. Kouklia 1 8-Feb MSS
 Paralimni Lake 2 4-Feb AKe
 Paralimni Lake 1 13-Feb AKe
 Phassouri Reed Beds 4 h 26-Feb CR
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 18-Feb KH

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*
 Στικτοπουλλάδα
 Bishop's Pool 1 13-Feb WBC

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*
 Αρκοπετεινάρο
 Largest counts:
 Agia Eirini Dam 6 3-Feb NCP
 Athalassa Park 10 7 & 23-Feb JS/CP
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 7 2-Feb
 NCP
 Paralimni Lake 16 28-Feb AKe

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπαττάς
 Largest counts:
 Agia Eirini Dam 755 3-Feb NCP
 Akhna Dam 250 6-Feb AKe
 Larnaca Sewage Works 480 14-Feb JS
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 390 2-
 Feb NCP
 Oroklini Marsh c100 26-Feb SC with M
 Charalambides & A Leventis
 Panagra Dam 160 3-Feb NCP

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός



*Common Crane, Phassouri Reed Beds, 16th
 February. Photograph by Rajia Howard*

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Juv 16 & 17-Feb
 KH/JS

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus
 himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 11, 14, 18 & 20-
 Feb ME/JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 22-Feb JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 23-Feb ME
 Oroklini Marsh 2 11 & 16-Feb ME/KH/JS
 Oroklini Marsh 4 15-Feb KH
 Oroklini Marsh 3 20 & 23-Feb ME

EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus
 oediconemus* Τρουλλουριίδα
 Larnaca Airport Pool North 5 11-Feb ME
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 3 2-Feb JS
 Lower Xeros Potamos 2 pair 20-Feb CR
 Meneou Pool 5 14-Feb JS
 Nata Ford 50+ 19-Feb IKB
 Petounta Point 2 22-Feb JN
 Sotira 1 5-Feb ME

CREAM-COLOURED COURSER
Cursorius cursor Αμμοδρόμος



*Cream-coloured Courser, Akrotiri Gravel Pits,
 February 25th. Photograph by Rajia Howard.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 25, 26 & 27-Feb
 KH/MSS/JS/CR/ME/SC with M
 Charalambides & A Leventis/JE/PS/TR

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμιδι
Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 6 2 & 20-Feb ME
Paralimni Lake 2 23-Feb AKe
Paralimni Lake 3 25-Feb AKe

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμιδι
Akhna Dam 1 24-Feb ME
Clapsides Beach 2 5-Feb ME
Lady's Mile 3 17-Feb JS
Lady's Mile 2 26-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 5 2-Feb ME
Larnaca Salt Lake North 7 11-Feb ME
Larnaca Salt Lake 9 14-Feb JS
Leivadia 1 22-Feb FGe
Neapollis Pond 8 22-Feb ME
Oroklini Marsh 1 11-Feb KH
Paralimni Lake 2 25-Feb AKe

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* Πλουμιδι
Agia Thekla 9 4 & 22-Feb AKe
Agia Thekla 8 12, 21 & 28-Feb AKe
Agia Thekla 13 14-Feb AKe
Agia Trias 1 5-Feb AKe
Agia Trias 2 10-Feb AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 26-Feb MSS
Clapsides Beach 4 1-Feb ME
Clapsides Beach 8 5-Feb ME
Kermia Beach 1 23 & 28-Feb AKe/JS
Lady's Mile 3 17-Feb JS
Lady's Mile 8 26-Feb JS
Larnaca Airport Pool North 3 26-Feb ME
Larnaca Salt Lake 8 2-Feb ME
Larnaca Salt Lake 80 14-Feb JS
Meneou Pool 1 14 & 22-Feb JS/JN
Paralimni Lake 10 25-Feb AKe
Petounta Point 4 13, 22 & 26-Feb JS/JN/CR
Petounta Point 3 18-Feb JS
Petounta Point 6 23-Feb ME
Spiros Pool 2 22-Feb JN
Spiros Pool 8 23-Feb KH
Spiros Pool 26 26-Feb CR
Timi Beach 2 20-Feb IKB

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμιδι



Greater Sand Plover, Meneou Beach, 20th February. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Agia Thekla 1 4-Feb AKe
Ayia Thekla 4 5, 21 & 22-Feb ME/AKe
Agia Trias 1 5, 18, 19, 20 & 25-Feb AKe/ME/JS
Agia Trias 3 10 & 17-Feb AKe/ME
Agia Trias 2 15-Feb AKe
Kermia Beach 1 28-Feb JS
Meneou Beach 6 Two with almost complete breeding plumage 20-Feb JS
Paphos Headland 2 5-Feb JS
Paphos Headland 4 6, 17, 19 & 20-Feb LAC/MSS/CR/JS
Paphos Headland 3 22 & 26-Feb KH/DJW

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμιδι
Acheritou 18 1-Feb ME
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c6 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
Cape Kormakitis 40 3-Feb NCP
Clapsides Beach 16 5-Feb ME
Coral Bay 8 1-Feb DJW
Larnaca Airport Pools South c100 Flying over area 2-Feb JS
Mandria Beach 31 3-Feb LAC
Mandria 23 10-Feb CR
Mandria 14 16-Feb CR
Mandria 8 19-Feb JS
Mandria 3 20 & 24-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 49 5, 6 & 19-Feb JS/LAC
Paphos Lighthouse 47 17-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 46 20-Feb MSS
Paphos Headland 11 22-Feb KH
Silverbeach Saltmarsh 8 1-Feb NCP
Silver Beach 6 5-Feb ME
Sotira 15 5-Feb ME
Spiro's Pool c250 11-Feb ME
Spiros Pool 1 22 & 23-Feb JN
Spiros Pool 3 26-Feb CR
Spiro's Pool 42 26-Feb ME

Spiros Pool 20 27-Feb JS

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμιδι

Agia Trias 3 10-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 4 15 & 17-Feb AKe/ME

Agia Trias 5 18 & 19-Feb JS/ME

Agia Trias 1 20-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 2 28-Feb JS

Clapsides Beach 1 1 & 5-Feb ME

Kermia Beach 1 7, 23 & 28-Feb AKe/JS

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus*

spinus Πελλοκατερίνα

Akhna Dam 12 6-Feb ME

Akhna Dam 4 8-Feb BB

Clapsides Pond 8 1-Feb ME

Fresh Water Lake South 1 5-Feb ME

Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 1 2-Feb ME

Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 6 3 pairs 20-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 4 14-Feb JS

Larnaca Salt Lake North 8 Very Vocal - breeding? 11-Feb ME

Leivadia 6 22-Feb FGe

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 20 2-Feb NCP

Neapollis Pond 7 5-Feb ME

Neapollis Pond 4 22-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh 5 2 & 11-Feb ME/KH

Oroklini Marsh 10 15-Feb KH

Oroklini Marsh 4 20-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh c10 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis

Paphos Sewage Plant 4 3 & 27-Feb CR

Paphos Sewage Works 7 5-Feb LAC

Paphos Sewage Plant 12 7-Feb CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 5 8, 19 & 24-Feb MSS/JS/CR

Paphos Sewage Works 9 19-Feb IKB

Paphos Sewage Plant 3 23-Feb CR

Paralimni Lake 3 17-Feb AKe

Paralimni Lake 2 23 & 28-Feb AKe

Partenitis Dam 12 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής

Akhna Dam 4 8-Feb BB

Larnaca Airport Fields 1 11-Feb ME

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 2-Feb NCP

Sotira 3 5-Feb ME

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Ασπρονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 2-Feb ME

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 1 17-Feb JS

Lady's Mile 8 26-Feb JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 28 2-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake North 2 11-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 135 14-Feb JS

Neapollis Pond 2 22-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 2 23-Feb AKe

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

Στρουθονεραλλίδι

Clapsides Beach 1 5-Feb ME

Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 6 2-Feb ME

Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 3 20-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 1 23-Feb AKe

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Agia Thekla 3 4-Feb AKe

Agia Thekla 2 5 & 22-Feb ME

Agia Thekla 1 21-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 1 10-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 3 15-Feb AKe

Larnaca Airport Pool North 2 26-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 11 2-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake North 5 11-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 25 14-Feb JS

Neapollis Pond 1 22-Feb ME

Paphos Headland 1 5, 6, 17, 19, 20 & 22-Feb JS/LAC/MSS/CR/ /KH

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής

Larnaca Salt Lake 4 26-Feb ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 18 & 23-Feb ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 20-Feb JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 at least (Doug saw 12 initially) 22-Feb JN

Phassouri Reed Beds 9 24-Feb KH

Phassouri Reed Beds 5 25 & 27-Feb KH/TR

Phassouri Reed Beds 3 26-Feb CR/MSS

Phassouri 4 27-Feb JE

Spiros Pool 4 22-Feb JN

Spiros Pool 6 23-Feb KH

Spiros Pool 12 26-Feb CR

Spiros Pool 22 27-Feb JS

JACK SNIBE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Μονοπικιάτσονο

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 1 4-Feb KH

Germosoyia Dam 1 6-Feb JS

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 16-Feb KH

Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 3-Feb MSS

COMMON SNIBE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικιατσόνι

Akhna Dam 5 6-Feb ME

Akhna Dam 4 10-Feb ME

Akhna Dam 1 24-Feb ME

Evretou Dam 2 14-Feb DJW

Germosoyia Dam 6 6-Feb JS

Finikaria 3 15-Feb ADT

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 5 12 & 24-

Feb KH/JS

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 18 26-Feb

KH

Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 1 2-Feb

ME

Larnaca Salt Lake North 9 11-Feb ME

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 27-Feb CR

Petounta Point 2 23-Feb ME

Phassouri Reed Beds 3 1-Feb JN

Phassouri Reed Beds 6 in flight 1-Feb JN

Phassouri Reed Beds 4 26-Feb MSS

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 27-Feb TRe

Zakaki Marsh and Pool 4 1-Feb JN/JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 6 & 17-Feb CR/JS

Zakaki Marsh 5 8-Feb KH

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Θαλασσομπικάτσα

Paphos Headland 1 20 & 22-Feb

MSS/KH

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπικάτσα



Eurasian Curlew, Phassouri Reed Beds, 5th February. Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 25 & 26-Feb

KH/JS/SC with M Charalambides & A

Leventis

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 1, 5 & 26-Feb

JN/KH/CR/MSS

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 18 25-Feb KH

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδα

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 1 2-Feb

ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 22-Feb JN

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Φλυαρνεραλλίδα

Acheritou 1 1-Feb ME

Akhna Dam 2 6 & 20-Feb ME

Akhna Dam 1 8, 10, 16, 21, 24, & 26-Feb

ME/BB/SC with M Charalambides & A

Leventis

Akrotiri 1 10-Feb JE

Clapsides Beach 1 5-Feb ME

Larnaca Airport Pool North 4 11-Feb ME

Larnaca Airport Pool North 7 26-Feb ME

Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 1 2-Feb

ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 22 2-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake North 2 11-Feb ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 22-Feb JN

Meneou Pool 2 22-Feb JN

Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh 1 15-Feb KH

Silver Beach 1 22-Feb ME

Spiros Pool 1 23-Feb KH/ME

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βατονεραλλίδα

Oroklini Marsh 1 11-Feb KH

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa**nebularia* Στακτονεραλλίδα

Akhna Dam 1 16-Feb BB

Paralimni Lake 1 13 & 22-Feb AKe

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Πρασινονεραλλίδα

Max counts:

Agia Varvara 2 22-Feb DJW

Akhna Dam c6 26-Feb SC with M

Charalambides & A Leventis

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 3 20-Feb

KH

Kouklia Soakaways 2 4-Feb LAC

Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 2 17 & 23-Feb AKe

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Δασονεραλλίδα

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 8-Feb MSS

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Μικρονεραλλίδα

Agia Thekla 1 28-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 1 5, 17, 20 & 28-Feb

AKe/ME/JS

Famagusta Freshwater Lake 1 2-Feb

NCP

Finikaria 1 15 & 18-Feb ME/ADT

Fresh Water Lake South 1 1 & 17-Feb

ME

Kouris Dam 1 10-Feb KH

Lemba Beach 1 6-Feb LAC

Paphos Headland 1 6, 17, 20 & 22-Feb

LAC/CR/MSS/KH

Petounta Point 1 22-Feb JN

Vathia Gonia Water Treatment Plant,

Nicosia 1 7-Feb JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Βραχονεραλλίδα

Aquamare Hotel, Paphos 2 on breakwater

17-Feb CR

Paphos Headland 2 6-Feb LAC

Paphos Headland 3 17-Feb MSS

Paphos Headland 1 22 & 26-Feb KH

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus**melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 10 8

Adults (2 complete breeding plumage)/1 2w

/ 1 1w 23-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake Hide 3+ Adults 2-Feb

ME

Larnaca Salt Lake Hide 1 4-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 2 1 w 23-Feb ME

Oroklini Beach 1 In non-breeding plumage

28-Feb JS

Oroklini Coast 7 19-Feb AKe

Oroklini Coast 5 27-Feb AKe

Oroklini Marsh 2 1 Adult - 1 1w 23-Feb

ME

LITTLE GULL *Larus minutus* Νανόγλαρος

Oroklini Marsh 1 28-Feb JS

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus**ridibundus* Χωραφόγλαρος

Largest counts:

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front c250

Many with black hoods 20-Feb ME

Fresh Water Lake South c300 1-Feb ME

Lady's Mile c100 17-Feb JS

Larnaca Airport Pool North c120 26-Feb

ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 438 14-Feb JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c130 14-Feb JS

Oroklini Coast 300 8-Feb AKe

Oroklini Marsh c200 11-Feb ME

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Ροδόγλαρος

Lady's Mile 1 24-Feb JE

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 off-shore with

Black-headed Gulls 22-Feb JN

Larnaca Airport Pool North 2 26-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 5 14-Feb JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 13+ 26-Feb ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 18-Feb ME

Oroklini Coast 12 27-Feb AKe

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος

Agia Thekla 1 14-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 2 5, 10, 17 & 25-Feb AKe/ME

Agia Trias 1 15-Feb AKe

Alakati Beach 11 5-Feb NCP

Cape Greco 2 Adult 9-Feb KH

Cape Greco Flying offshore 28-Feb JS

Kermia Beach 2 Adults 5-Feb ME

Kermia Beach 7 23-Feb AKe

Kermia Beach 2 Adult 28-Feb JS

Koma Yialou 1 2w 22-Feb ME

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Θυελλόγλαρος

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 1 Adult

20-Feb ME

Neapollis Pond 1 2w 22-Feb ME

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος

Larnaca Salt Lake Hide 1 Adult 2-Feb

ME

Petounta Point 2 flying W to E with Yellow-

legged Gulls 22-Feb JN

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus fuscus heuglini*

Σιβηρικός Γλάρος

Larnaca Airport Pool South 1 2 & 4-Feb

ME/JS

Larnaca Salt Lake Hide 2 2-Feb ME

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus**michahellis* Χινιανόγλαρος

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dam 161 3-Feb NCP

Asprokremnos Dam 100+ 19-Feb JS

Petounta Point c19 22-Feb JN

Timi Beach 46 far offshore, white-headed

gull types 7-Feb CR

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans*

Κασπικός Γλάρος

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 22 24-Feb CR

Kourris 400 15-Feb ADT

Larnaca Airport Pool South c40 2-Feb ME

Mandria 17 offshore 10-Feb CR

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*

Αρμενικός Γλάρος

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 1 Adult
20-Feb ME

Kermia Beach 1 7 & 23-Feb AKe

Lady's Mile 18 1-Feb JS/JN

Lady's Mile 3 6-Feb CR

Lady's Mile 24 Inc four adults 17-Feb JS
Larnaca Airport Pool South 9 Adults 2-Feb
MELarnaca Airport Pools South 18 13-Feb
JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 14-Feb JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 30 14-Feb JS

Larnaca Salt Lake South 3 26-Feb ME

Meneou Pool 1 22-Feb JN

Oroklini Beach 20 28-Feb JS

Oroklini Coast 1 8-Feb AKe

Oroklini Coast 10 19-Feb AKe

Oroklini Coast 5 27-Feb AKe

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Χειμωνογλάρονο

Agia Thekla 1 4-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 7 5-Feb AKe

Agia Trias 5 20 & 25-Feb AKe

Coral Bay, Paphos 2 1-Feb DJW

Dolphin Rocks 2 20-Feb ME

Dolphin Rocks 1 23-Feb ME

Oroklini Beach 5 28-Feb JS

Oroklini Coast 2 8 & 19-Feb AKe

Oroklini Coast 4 27-Feb AKe

Spiro's Beach 2 4-Feb ME

Spiro's Pool and Beach 2 On offshore
buoys 14-Feb JSSpiros Pool 3 on buoys offshore 26-Feb
CR**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο

Cape Kormakitis 3 3-Feb NCP

Phassouri Reed Beds c20 17-Feb JS

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

Φασσοπéζουνο

Argaka Area 4 27-Feb AD

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba**palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 73 9-Feb CR

Athalassa Park c100 Seemed to be in all
trees around lake 7-Feb JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 150 27-Feb CR

Phassouri Reed Beds 180 26-Feb CR

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa 30 14-Feb AKe

Akhna Dam 30 6 & 18-Feb AKe

Frenaros 20 15-Feb AKe

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia**senegalensis* ΦοινικοτράγουνοLimassol 1 perched high in palm tree,
photographed 6 & 26-Feb CR/JS**GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO***Clamator glandarius* ΚαλοχρονιάAkrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20, 25 & 26-Feb
KH/JS

Akrotiri Orchid Glade 1 23-Feb ME

Anarita Park 2 chasing 22-Feb DJW

Anavargos Hills 4 ISOP side (roosting in
Messa Chorio Hills) 27-Feb MSS

Anavargos 2 In my garden 27-Feb MSS

Armou Hills 1 23-Feb MSS

Kouklia Soakaway 1 flew upstream 20-
Feb CRMarathounta 2 calling and chasing at
8.30h over house 23-Feb CR

Pano Deftera 1 heard calling 23-Feb JN

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 18-Feb KH

Souni 2 14 & 18-Feb JN

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* ΑνθρωποπούλλιAnavargos 1 hunting in my garden 21-
Feb MSS

Polis Chrysochous 1 1-Feb AD

Tseri, Nicosia 1 5-Feb JS

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουπί

Anavargos 2 21-Feb MSS

Lythrodontas 1 heard calling on several
occasions from pine trees 13-Feb JNMarathounta 1 calling in garden, first of
year 6-Feb CRMarathounta 2 incl. 1 calling in almond
tree, 23.00h 26-Feb CRMAYMarathounta 3 chasing and calling at
23.00h 27-Feb CR

Nicosia, Old University of Cyprus Park 1
heard only 9-Feb SC
Souni 1 Heard 4, 6, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,
19, 20, 21, 22, 24 & 26-Feb JN

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Κουκουφιός
Agia Varvara 1 1 & 18-Feb CR
Anarita Park 2 pair side-by-side mutual
preening 1-Feb CR
Anarita Park 1 5 & 22-Feb LAC/JS/DJW
Anavargos 1 21-Feb MSS
Anavargos Hills 1 18-Feb MSS
Arodhes 2 19-Feb DJW
Asprokremnos Dam 1 19-Feb JS
Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Heard 1-Feb ME
Ayios Sozomenos 1 7-Feb JS
Ayios Sozomenos 4 9-Feb CP
Germosoyia Dam 1 6-Feb JS
Kili (Kamares), Paphos 1 16-Feb DJW
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 14-Feb JS
Souni 1 1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 18 & 25-Feb JN
Vrysoulles 1 10-Feb ME

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Βαλτόθουπος
Petounta Point 1 off-shore, distant but
discernible to Doug 22-Feb JN

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*

Πετροχειλίδο
Amathus Hills 18 25-Feb KH
Ay Nik (ESBA) 5 21-Feb ME
Ay Nik (ESBA) 6 21-Feb ME
Kakopetria 1 21-Feb JS
Manglis Dam 2 24-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 7 9-Feb KH
Oroklini Marsh c35 15-Feb KH
Paralimni Lake 2 28-Feb AKe
Parekklesia 1 25-Feb ADT
Partenitis Dam c5 26-Feb SC with M
Charalambides & A Leventis
Phassouri Reed Beds 20 16-Feb KH
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 25-Feb KH
Phassouri Reed Beds 70 26-Feb MSS

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχειλίδο



Pallid Swift, Oroklini Marsh, 15th February.
Photograph by Rajia Howard

Oroklini Marsh 15+ 15-Feb KH

WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER *Halcyon*

smyrnensis Συμυρνονέρουππος
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5-Feb KH

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκούνη
Agia Trias 1 28-Feb JS
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 1 2-Feb DJW
Manglis Dam 1 7-Feb JS
Ormidia Coast 1 8-Feb AKe
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Feb KH

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυλος

Limassol Port Road 1 male 15-Jan
CR/WAS
New Limassol Harbour, canal opposite 1 f
26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A
Leventis

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουξίος
Coral Bay, Paphos 1 25-Feb DJW
Dhekelia Cattery 1 26-Feb SC with M
Charalambides & A Leventis
Mandria 1 22-Feb IKB
Nata 1 5-Feb DW
Paphos 1 4-Feb Dave Bowler per DW
Paphos Lighthouse 1 26-Feb DJW
Petounta Point 1 18-Feb JS

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

calandra Μαυροτράσιηλος
Acheritou 3 1-Feb ME
Kiti 3 singing, west of Kiti 26-Feb CR
Pervolia 3 In display flight 26-Feb ME

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam c10 26-Feb SC with M
Charalambides & A Leventis
Cape Greco 13 28-Feb JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 12 20-Feb JS
Mandria 12 16-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 12+ 19-Feb JS
Petounta Point 10+ 13-Feb JS
Spiro's Pool and Beach 10+ 2-Feb JS

1-Mar

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα



Woodlark, Pegeia, 12th February. Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 64 6+ different groups 18-Feb CR

Armou Hills 18 14-Feb CR

Evretou Dam 15 14-Feb DJW

Marathounta Hills 28 8-Feb CR

Souni 22 includes a flock of 14 and

another of 8 3-Feb JN

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c50 2-Feb ME

Anarita Park 55 1-Feb CR

Acheritou c60 1-Feb ME

Mandria 285 3 & 10-Feb CR

Meneou Pool 50 at least on field 22-Feb JN

Paphos Sewage Plant 80 3-Feb CR

Spiro's Pool and Beach c50 2-Feb JS

Trachoni Pools 50 4-Feb NCP

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne**rupestris* Βραχοχειλίδοιο

Finikaria 15+ 4-Feb KH

Finikaria 10 15-Feb ADT

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Largest counts:

Athalassa Park 30 23-Feb CP

Ayia Napa Sewage Works c50 25-Feb ME

Mandria 60+ 26-Feb IKB

Oroklini Marsh c60 11-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 200 25, 26 & 28-Feb AKE

Phassouri Reed Beds 30 26-Feb MSS

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon**urbicum* Ασπροχειλίδοιο

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dam 20 3-Feb NCP

Agia Thekla 8 21-Feb AKE

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 8 At least 26-Feb JS

Germosoyia Dam 8 6-Feb JS

Oroklini Marsh 8 2-Feb ME

Panagra Dam 12 3-Feb NCP

Piania Dam 14 industrial estate 27-Feb

CR

Souni 9 24-Feb JN

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

Καμπογαλούδι

Mandria 1 21-Feb IKB

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Χωραφογαλούδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri 50+ 17-Feb JE

Anarita Park 37 18-Feb CR

Mandria 35 10-Feb CR

Paphos Headland 30+ 5-Feb JS

Paphos Sewage Plant c40 19-Feb JS

Pervolia 30 26-Feb CR

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινογιαλλούδι

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 22-Feb JN

Larnaca Airport Fields 1 18-Feb ME

Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 1 seen, other heard calling 22-Feb JN

Larnaca Desalination Plant 1 Heard 27-Feb JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Heard 23-Feb ME

Mandria 1 h 3 & 10-Feb CR

Mandria 7 16-Feb CR

Mandria c20 19-Feb JS

Mandria 5 20 & 24-Feb CR

Paphos Headland 1 19-Feb JS

Paphos Headland c10 22-Feb KH

Spiro's Pool and Beach 1 Heard 14-Feb JS

Spiros Pool 2 23-Feb KH

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Akhna Dam 1 2 & 24-Feb ME

Akhna Dam 7 21-Feb ME

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 1 4-Feb KH

Larnaca Salt Lake North 7 11-Feb ME

Mandria 1 10 & 24-Feb CR

Petounta Point 1 20-Feb JS

Petounta Point 4 27-Feb JS

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 1, 17 & 26-Feb JS/CR

Phassouri Reed Beds 13 at least 1-Feb JN

Phassouri Reed Beds 4 18-Feb KH

Zakaki Marsh 2 1, 8, 17 & 24-Feb
JS/KH/JN

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*
Ποταμοζευκαλάτης



Grey Wagtail, Athalassa Dam, 25th February.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Agia Varvara 1 1 & 22-Feb CR/DJW
Argaka Area 1 11-Feb AD
Armou Hills 1 23-Feb MSS
Athalassa Park 1 male 23 & 25-Feb
CP/AgL
Bishop's Pool 1 1-Feb JN
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 1 22-Feb DJW
Evretou Dam 1 14-Feb DJW
Finikaria 3 15-Feb ADT
Finikaria 1 18-Feb ME
Germosoyia Dam 1 6-Feb JS
Kamares (Tala) 1 6-Feb DJW
Kouklia Soakaway 1 20-Feb CR
Limassol Docks 1 Port channel 26-Feb
JS
Mandria Canal 1 23-Feb CR
Marathounta 1 16 & 21-Feb CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3 & 27-Feb CR
Souni 1 4 & 7-Feb JN

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* Άσπρος
Ζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:
Agia Eirini Dump 50 3-Feb NCP
Paphos Sewage Plant 25 23-Feb CR
Paralimni Lake c300 19-Feb ME
Paralimni Lake 100 26 & 28-Feb AKe
Pervolia 28 26-Feb CR

WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Τρυτοκάρυδο

Evretou Dam 1 Inlet area 14-Feb DJW
Kelefos Bridge 1 12-Feb CR
Kyrenia Rock Viewpoint 1 1-Feb ME

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*
Κεληδοστούθος
Kapedes 1 16-Feb ASI

Tsada north valley 1 good views, same
location as last November 5-Feb CR

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*
Κοτσινολαίμης

Largest counts:
Alakati Beach 6 5-Feb NCP
Armou Hills 6 4-Feb CR
Pentadaktylos 12 4-Feb NCP
Souni 37 14 & 18-Feb JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 6 3-Feb MSS

BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica*
Γαλαζολαίμης

Akhna Dam 3 Singing Male 21-Feb ME
Akhna Dam 1 24-Feb ME
Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 1 12 & 24-
Feb JS/KH
Larnaca Salt Lake North 1 11-Feb ME
Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Feb ME
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 f 23-Feb CR
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 1, 5, 6, 18 & 23-
Feb JN/KH/CR/ME
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 16-Feb KH
Spiro's Pool and Beach 1 14-Feb JS
Tomb of the Kings 1 female 27-Feb IKB
Zakaki Marsh 2 8-Feb KH

WESTERN BLACK REDSTART

Phoenicurus ochruros Καρβουννίαρης

Largest counts:
Amathus 5 2m and 3f 26-Feb JS
Ayios Sozomenos 5 9-Feb CP
Paphos Headland 6 5-Feb JS
Souni 12 5 females, 1 male and 6 others
in flight 10-Feb JN

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*
Παπαθικιά (Περιπεκτούδι)

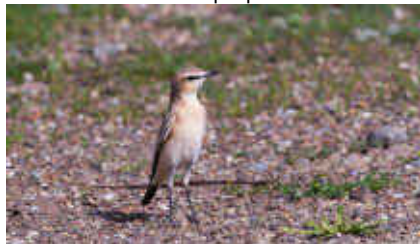
153 records received for this species this
monthmaking it the most recorded during
the month.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 16 26-Feb JN
Anarita Park 18 1-Feb CR
Cape Greco 23 28-Feb JS
Mandria 20+ 19-Feb JS
Paphos Headland 20 Probably more 5 &
19-Feb JS
Souni 18 3-Feb JN

SIBERIAN STONECHAT *Saxicola maurus*
Σιβηρική Παπαθικιά

Kensington Cliffs 1 23 & 26-Feb
DJR/MSS (Details requested)

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Διπλοσκαλιφούρτα



Isabelline Wheatear, Anarita Park, 22nd February. Photograph by Jan Walker

Agia Thekla 1 21 & 28-Feb AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 25-Feb KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Feb JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 Along coast 26-Feb JS
Akrotiri 1 27-Feb JE
Amathus 1 26-Feb JS
Anarita Park 1 22-Feb DJW
Avagas Coast 2 25-Feb DJW
Cape Drepanum 1 25-Feb DJW
Cape Greco 4 28-Feb JS
Cape Kiti 1 26-Feb CR
Coral Bay 1 25-Feb DJW
Kiti Lighthouse fields 1 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
Larnaca Airport Fields 1 23-Feb ME
Larnaca Desalination Plant 1 22 & 27-Feb JN/JS
Mandria 1 16 & 20-Feb CR
Mandria 3 22-Feb DJW
Mandria 4 24-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 2 22-Feb KH
Paphos Lighthouse 1 26-Feb DJW
Petounta Point 2 22-Feb JN
Petounta Point 1 23-Feb ME
Timi Beach 1 20 & 23-Feb IKB/CR
White River, Akamas 3 25-Feb DJW

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* Στακτοσκαλιφούρτα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 26-Feb JN
Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 females 22-Feb JN
Petounta Point 1 female 22-Feb JN.

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii* Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα

Anarita Park 5 all males 1-Feb CR
Anarita Park 1 male 2 & 5-Feb LAC/JS
Anarita Park 2 8, 10 & 19-Feb MSS/DJW/JS
Anarita Park 4 m 18-Feb CR

Anarita Park 3 male 22-Feb DJW
Anavargos Hills 1 3 & 18-Feb MSS
Armou 1 below village church, m 4-Feb CR
Arodhes 1 female 19-Feb DJW
Avdellero, Larnaca 1 female 22-Feb FGe
Ayios Sozomenos 4 7 & 9-Feb JS/CP
Cape Greco Army Camp 1 Fem - Light Throated 5, 19 & 28-Feb ME/JS
Cape Greco 2 One female light-throated and one female dark throated 9-Feb KH
Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 Fem - Light Throated 19-Feb ME
Kidasi 4 3m,1f 12-Feb CR
Marathounta Hills 3 2m,1f 8-Feb CR
Marathounta Hills 5 4 males + 1 dark-throated female (?) 21-Feb CR
Phinikas 1 male 4-Feb DJW

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* Γαλαζοκότσουφας



Blue Rock Thrush, Coral Bay, 1st February. Photograph by Dave Walker

Alakati Beach 1 Male 5-Feb NCP
Amathus Hill 1 Male 4 & 25-Feb KH
Anarita Park 1 1, 18, 19 & 22-Feb CR/JS/DJW
Armou Hills 1 Armou Village Centre 23-Feb MSS
Arodhes 1 male 19-Feb DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 m 12-Feb CR
Athienou, Larnaca 1 male 22-Feb FGe
Ayios Sozomenos 1 Male 7 & 9-Feb JS/CP
Cape Greco Army Camp 1 Male 5 & 25-Feb ME
Cape Greco 1 male 9-Feb KH
Cape Greco 5 4 male (one singing) and 1f 28-Feb JS
Coral Bay, Paphos 2 male 1-Feb DJW
Coral Bay, Paphos 1 25-Feb DJW
Kamares (Tala) 1 male 5, 6, 7, 17, 20 & 21-Feb DJW
Kensington Cliffs 2 1m and 1f 21-Feb KH
Pentadakylos 1 Male 5-Feb NCP

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Largest counts:

Livadi tou Pasha 13 13-Feb CR

Melounta 3 1-Feb NCP

Pentadaktylos 5 5-Feb NCP

Souni 5 1 male seen in flight, others heard calling in wooded area 7-Feb JN

Troodos 6 near Info Centre, feeding on juniper berries 13-Feb CR

Tsada north valley 9 males and fems 5-Feb CR

Tsada Oak Valley 6 3-Feb MSS

Tsadha Golf Club Track 3 3-Feb MSS

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos* Τζίκλα

Song Thrush, Pegeia, 11th February. Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Largest counts :

Akhna Dam c20 6-Feb ME

Amathus Hill 5 25-Feb KH

Anarita Park 8 18-Feb CR

Anavargos Hills 5 18-Feb MSS

Armou Hills 8 9 & 11-Feb CR

Ayia Napa Sewage Works 7 25-Feb ME

Cape Greco 7 28-Feb JS

Evretou Dam 5 14-Feb DJW

Germosoyia Dam 6+ 17-Feb JS

Livera 7 3-Feb NCP

Nicosia, Makedonitissa Fields c5 15-Feb

SC with F Georgiades

Oroklini Marsh 5 2-Feb ME

Perivolia 10 22-Feb FGe

Souni 33 14-Feb JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 22 23-Feb MSS

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 1 12-Feb JS

Livadi tou Pasha 2 13-Feb CR

Livadi tou Pashia 1 21-Feb JS

Troodos 1 near Info Centre 13-Feb CR

Troodos Environmental Centre 2 12-Feb

ME

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνη

Largest counts:

Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 5 8-Feb MSS

Evretou Dam 4 heard 14-Feb DJW

Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 4 15-Feb

CR/BC fieldtrip/JN

Kouklia Soakaway 4 20-Feb CR

Phassouri Reed Beds 11 calling, none seen 1-Feb JN

Tsada Oak Valley 5 3-Feb MSS

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 3 1-Feb CR

Ayios Sozomenos 3 9-Feb CP

Mandria 9 all in song 10-Feb CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 3+ 19-Feb JS

Petounta Point 3 22-Feb JN

Phassouri 8 1-Feb JN

MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus**melanorogon* Μουστακομουγιούδι

Moustached Warbler, Phassouri Reed Beds, 18th February. Photograph by Rajia Howard

Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 3 2 & 8-Feb DJW/MSS

Kouklia Soakaways 2 3, 19 & 20-Feb

LAC/JS/CR

Kouklia Soakaways 4 4-Feb LAC

Larnaca Salt Lake North 1 Singing 11-Feb ME

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 Singing

Males 2-Feb NCP

Oroklini Marsh 1 9, 11 & 15-Feb KH

Phassouri Reed Beds 3 18-Feb KH

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia**conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι

Agia Eirini Dump 1 3-Feb NCP

Armou Hills 1 9-Feb CR

Ayios Sozomenos 4 7 & 9-Feb JS/CP

Cape Greco Army Camp 2 Pair 5-Feb ME

Cape Greco 9 28-Feb JS

Lady's Mile 1 1-Feb JN

Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 22-Feb JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 14-Feb JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 2-Feb
NCP
Nicosia, Makedonitissa Fields 1 15-Feb
SC with F Georgiades
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 1-Feb JN

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης
Largest counts:

Anavargos Hills 6 3-Feb MSS
Armou Hills 11 4-Feb CR
Cape Drepanum 6 1-Feb DJW
Souni 9 17&18-Feb JN

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*
Τρυπομάζης

Largest counts:
Amathus Hill 3 4 & 25-Feb KH
Anarita Park 2 males 1-Feb CR
Ayios Sozomenos 3 9-Feb CP
Cape Greco Army Camp 2 5 & 25-Feb
ME
Cape Greco 2 28-Feb JS
Souni, 12 27-Feb JN

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*
Αμπελοπούλλι

Largest counts:
Armou Hills 3 1m,2f 22-Feb CR
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 5 19-Feb JS
Engomi 4 16-Feb FGe
Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 3 15-Feb
CR/BC fieldtrip
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 26-Feb JS
Souni 5 24 & 26-Feb JN
Strovolos, Nicosia 3 Pedeiaios River Bed
4-Feb JS

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* Μουγιαννούδι
Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 9 21-Feb ME
Armou Hills 8 22-Feb CR
Athalassa Park 15 23-Feb CP
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 12 2-Feb DJW
Famagusta Freshwater Lake 8+ 2-Feb
NCP
Germosoyia Dam 8 6 & 17-Feb JS
Souni 15 11-Feb JN

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπετος



Coal Tit, Troodos, 19th February. Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Kelefos Bridge 5 only in pines 12-Feb CR
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 3 21-Feb JS
Profitis Ilias 3 2 seen, at least 1 other
heard calling 4-Feb JN
Sykopetra 2 heard 20-Feb JN
Troodos 10 13-Feb CR
Troodos Environmental Centre 7 12-Feb
ME
Troodos 8+ 21-Feb JS
Xerarkaka 6 16-Feb FGe

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι
Largest counts:

Anavargos Hills 9 18-Feb MSS
Armou Hills 6 22-Feb CR
Asprokremmos Dam 6 12-Feb CR
Paphos Lighthouse 11 26-Feb DJW
Souni 17 7-Feb JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 6 3-Feb MSS

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria*
Βραχοβάτης

Avagas Gorge 1 19-Feb KH/DJR/MH/ASI

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης

Livadi tou Pashia 3 13 & 21-Feb CR/JS
Platania Picnic site, Troodos 1 Heard 21-
Feb JS
Troodos 4 13 & 21-Feb CR/JS
Troodos Environmental Centre 3 12-Feb
ME

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz pendulinus* Υφάντρα



Eurasian Penduline Tit, Phassouri Reed Beds, 18th February. Photograph by Rajja Howard

Oroklini Marsh 1 11-Feb KH
Oroklini Marsh 3 15-Feb KH
Oroklini Marsh 2 Males 20-Feb ME
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 16-Feb KH
Phassouri Reed Beds 10+ 18-Feb KH
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 Male & Fem 23-Feb KH

STEPPE GREY SHRIKE *Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris* Νότιος Διπλοκεφαλός



Steppe Grey Shrike, Perivolía, 16th February. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Perivolía 1 12, 16, 18, 22 & 26-Feb
BNI/JS/ME/JN/DJR/ADT/CR/SC with M
Charalambides & A Leventis
(Probable 11th record of this sub-species)

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα
Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 1 18-Feb
KH
Livadi tou Pasha 2 13-Feb CR
Profitis Ilias 1 in flight 4-Feb JN
Sykopetra 1 6-Feb JN
Troodos Environmental Centre 1 12-Feb
ME
Tsada north valley 9 follow my leader
through leafless almond bushes 5-Feb CR
Tsada Oak Valley 11 3-Feb MSS
Tsada Oak Valley 9 23-Feb MSS

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατσικωρώνα

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dump 25 3-Feb NCP
Anarita Park c20 5 & 19-Feb JS
Arodhes 16 19-Feb DJW
Marathounta Hills 21 21-Feb CR

WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Akoursos 78 1-Feb DJW
Ayios Sozomenos 100+ 7-Feb JS
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia c50 19-Feb JS
Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 85 15-Feb
CR/BC fieldtrip
Germosoyia Dam 50+ 6-Feb JS

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dump 50 3-Feb NCP
Athalassa Park c60 7-Feb JS
Kythrea Reservoir 35 4-Feb NCP
Paphos Sewage Plant 62 27-Feb CR

NORTHERN RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Akanthou Pass 1 23-Feb AKe
Kyrenia Rock Viewpoint 2 1-Feb ME

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 100 6 & 18-Feb AKe
Frenaros 100 26-Feb AKe
Larnaca Salt Lake North c4500
Murmuration 11-Feb ME
Neo Chorio 120 2-Feb NCP
Oroklini Marsh c120 20-Feb ME

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

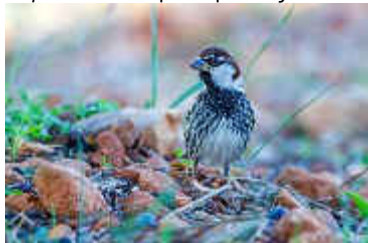
Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 20 18-Feb CR
Armou Hills 20 4 & 14-Feb CR
Armou Hills 0 nest sites under roof of new
house tiles sealed and sparrows deserted
9-Feb CR
Ayias Trias c20 19-Feb ME
Larnaca Airport Pools South c50 2-Feb
JS
Mandria 20 24-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 20+ 5-Feb JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 20 3-Feb CR
Simou 30+ 14-Feb DJW
Theletra c30 19-Feb DJW

Troodos 40 13-Feb CR
Zygi 30 26-Feb CR

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος



Spanish Sparrow, Pegeia, 17th February.
Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c100 2-Feb ME
Amathus 60 26-Feb JS
Anarita Park 70 1-Feb CR
Germosoyia Dam 50+ 6-Feb JS
Kermia Beach 40+ 28-Feb JS
Larnaca Desalination Plant c40 27-Feb JS
Mandria 82 16-Feb CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 200 27-Feb CR

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίννος

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 200 18-Feb AKe
Evretou Dam 80+ 14-Feb DJW
Phassouri Reed Beds 210 6-Feb CR
Souni 108 4-Feb JN
Troodos 50 13 & 21-Feb CR/JS
Tsada Oak Valley 50 3-Feb MSS

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Χειμωνόσπιννος

Livadi tou Pashia 1 f 13-Feb CR
Troodos 1 Persephone Trail, f 13-Feb CR
Troodos 1 Seen near start of Persephone trail near deserted stables. White rump clearly seen as flew off 21-Feb JS

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 140 in flock in trees 4-Feb CR
Mandria 40 10-Feb CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 330 many singing in cypress trees 23-Feb CR
Souni 104 7-Feb JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 72 3-Feb MSS

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris* Λουλουδάς

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c40 Near coast 17 & 26-Feb JS
Argaka Area 12 27-Feb AD
Livera 15 3-Feb NCP
Paphos Lighthouse 18 26-Feb DJW
Souni 27 26-Feb JN

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis* Σγαρτίλι



European Goldfinch, Lakatameia, 5th February.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Largest counts:

Almirolivado (Troodos) 40 21-Feb JS
Anarita Park 40 1-Feb CR
Episkopi, Paphos c50 4-Feb DJW
Kiti Dam 40+ 14-Feb JS
Livadi tou Pashia 30 13-Feb CR
Mandria 150 single large flock 10-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 43 17-Feb MSS

EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*

Θκιολαρούδι

Argaka Area 3 4 & 17-Feb AD
Argaka Area 1 10-Feb AD
Troodos 2 Persephone Trail, m,f 13-Feb CR

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο



Common Linnet, Akrotiri Fish Farm, 27th February. Photograph by Rajia Howard.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Fish Farm area 200+ 27-Feb KH
Armou Hills 90 5-Feb CR
Kiti Dam 30+ 14-Feb JS
Kolossi 55 at least in 1 flock 28-Feb JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 35 at least in flocks
beyond rabbit farm 1-Feb JN

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττη



Red Crossbill, Troodos. 19th February.
Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Troodos 2 Persephone Trail 13-Feb CR
Troodos 7 19-Feb AST
Troodos Environmental Centre 5 12-Feb
ME

PINE BUNTING *Emberiza leucocephalos*

Πευκοπιτίλλα

Troodos Environmental Centre 1 1st
Winter Fem - Description Submitted 12-
Feb ME
(Possible 7th record of this species)

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citronella*

Κιτρινοπιτίλλα

Troodos 1 near met. stn, probably 2 birds
as one flew off quickly, 14.00h 13-Feb CR
Troodos Environmental Centre 20+ Males
& Fems 12-Feb ME

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(Further details requested)

ROCK BUNTING *Emberiza cia*

Βουνοπιτίλλα

Pentadactylos Mountain 1 Probably 2
together - Description Submitted 1 Feb 14
1-Feb ME

(First reported 29th January 2014 – see last
month's Systematic List)

COMMON REED BUNTING *Emberiza*

schoeniclus Καλαμοπιτίλλα

Larnaca Salt Lake Hide 1 4-Feb ME
Larnaca Salt Lake North 1 11-Feb ME
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 14-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 9-Feb KH
Petounta Point 1 13, 18, 22 & 26-Feb
JS/JN/CR
Petounta Point 2 20-Feb JS
Petounta Point 3 2 females and 1 male
22-Feb JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 6 & 26-Feb CR/JS
Phassouri Reed Beds 7 18-Feb KH

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c30 6-Feb ME
Anarita Park 30+ 2 & 5-Feb LAC/JS
Armou Hills 21 19-Feb CR
Arodhes 27 19-Feb DJW
Germosoyia Dam 30+ 6-Feb JS

Probable escapee: Barbary Dove 1

Frenaros 8-Feb AKE

IKB Ian & Kate Bloomer
JE John East
JN June Neal
JS Jane Stylianou
KH Keith & Raija Howard
LAC Alan & Lynn Crane
MC Melis Charalambides
ME Mark Easterbrook
MH Martin Hellicar
MSS Matt Smith
NCP Nick Pegler
NK Nikos Kasinis
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WBC BirdLife Cyprus Waterbird Count

MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT February 2014

The monthly count of waterbirds organised by BirdLife Cyprus collects results from important wetlands around the island, as part of a long-term waterbird population monitoring programme. The presentation of these preliminary results in the Monthly Checklist is to acknowledge the efforts of the volunteer observers and to inform the rest of the birdwatching community of wetland bird numbers and distribution. Thanks to the wetland monitoring volunteers for their continued participation in this programme.

A total of 31 sites were counted in February with 5,525 birds of 46 species recorded. Two sites had counts over 1,000 – Larnaca Sewage Works (1,641) and Larnaca Salt Lake (1,758). Larnaca Salt Lake was good for species diversity as well as numbers of birds with 17 identified species, a total nearly matched by Oroklini (16). Coot was top species this month (920) closely followed by Shelduck (909). Greater Flamingo numbers were reduced from January (253), and numbers for the commoner ducks were also less than January – Shoveler (791), Mallard (171) and Teal (473). The commonest waders were Little Stint (138) and Kentish Plover (118). The other high counts included Black-headed Gull (624), Caspian Gull (405), Great Cormorant (133) and Little Grebe (235). Black-necked Grebe numbers increased a little from January (18).

Andy Simpkin

Site, recorder and dates for the February 2014 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date
Phassouri Reedbed	A Simpkin	21/02/2014
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake and Lady's Mile	A Simpkin	21/02/2014
Bishop's Pool	J Stapley/A Stapley	13/02/2014
Zakaki Pond	A Simpkin	21/02/2014
Larnaca Salt Lake	J Stylianou	14/02/2014
Larnaca Sewage Works	J Stylianou	14/02/2014
Oroklini Marsh	A Simpkin/M Apostolidou	18/02/2014
Achna Dam	B Barker	16/02/2014
Agia Thekla-Liopetri River Coast	A Kefalas	21/02/2014
Paralimni Salt Lake	A Kefalas	15/02/2014
Paphos Sewage Farm	P Evans	17/02/2014
Evretou Dam	D & J Walker	14/02/2014
Asprokremos Dam and Pools	P Evans	17/02/2014
Kiti Dam	J Stylianou	14/02/2014
Partenitis	S Christodoulides	26/02/2014
Mavrokolymbos Dam	D & J Walker	14/02/2014
<i>Lower Ezousas Soakaways</i>	<i>P Evans</i>	<i>17/02/2014</i>
Ezousas Motorway Soakaways	P Evans	17/02/2014
Asprokremos-Geroskipou canal	P Evans	17/02/2014
Agia Varvara Soakaways	P Evans	17/02/2014
<i>Lower Xeros Potamos Pools</i>	<i>P Evans</i>	<i>17/02/2014</i>
<i>Kouklia Soakaways</i>	<i>P Evans</i>	<i>17/02/2014</i>
Kannaviou Dam	D & J Walker	14/02/2014
Kourris Dam	A Turtle	15/02/2014
Polemida Dam	A Turtle	15/02/2014

Germasogeia Dam	A Turtle	15/02/2014
Palaichori Dam	A Tye/D Azuero	20/02/2014
<i>Farmakas Dam</i>	<i>A Tye/D Azuero</i>	<i>20/02/2014</i>
Kalo Chorio Dam	A Tye/D Azuero	20/02/2014
Klirou Dam	A Tye/D Azuero	14/02/2014
Tamassos Dam	A Simpkin	16/02/2014
Manglis Dam	J Stylianou	07/02/2014

Sites in italics had a count of 0, and are not included in the results table below.

February Site and Species Totals

SITE	Little Grebe	Great Crested Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Great Cormorant	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Greater Flamingo
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake and Lady's Mile								11	130
Bishop's Pool	21								
Zakaki Pond						1		16	
Larnaca Salt Lake									90
Larnaca Sewage Works	166		18	1					
Oroklini Marsh	22							1	33
Achna Dam		1		17		1	2	7	
Agia Thekla-Liopetri River Coast						1			
Paralimni Salt Lake	10								
Paphos Sewage Farm					11				
Evretou Dam				5				4	
Asprokremos Dam and Pools				25					
Kiti Dam									
Partenitis	1								
Mavrokolymbos Dam	2			3				1	
Ezousas Motorway Soakaways									
Asprokremos-Geroskipou canal									
Agia Varvara Soakaways									
Kannaviou Dam	12			3			1	1	
Kourris Dam				32				1	
Polemida Dam				8				1	
Germasogeia Dam				36				17	
Palaichori Dam								1	
Kalo Chorio Dam									
Klirou Dam	1			2					
Tamassos Dam				1					
Manglis Dam						1		1	
Total	235	1	18	133	11	4	3	62	253

Common Shelduck	Eurasian Wigeon	Eurasian Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Northern Pintail	Northern Shoveler	Red-crested Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	Western Marsh Harrier	Hen Harrier	Water Rail	Spotted Crane	Common Moorhen	Common Coot
27														
	1	30	11			8		8	1			1	2	30
		9	7										1	11
882		40	6						3	1				
	5	229	96	2	1	507			2					480
		144	21		1	275	1		2					80
														166
											1			10
									1					
		3	4			1								36
													3	6
														1
		7											2	3
			7											9
														20
													2	24
		10	19		1									12
													6	
		1												
													2	14
														7
				1										11
909	6	473	171	3	3	791	1	8	9	1	1	1	18	920

SITE	Black-winged Stilt	Eurasian Stone-curlew	Northern Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Common Ringed Plover	Little Stint	Dunlin
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake and Lady's Mile Bishop's Pool					39		1	3	
Zakaki Pond			1						
Larnaca Salt Lake		5		4	71		8	135	25
Larnaca Sewage Works	3								
Oroklini Marsh	5		5	25					
Achna Dam									
Agia Thekla-Liopetri River Coast					8	4			1
Paralimni Salt Lake									
Paphos Sewage Farm	1	7		4					
Evretou Dam									
Asprokremos Dam and Pools									
Kiti Dam									
Partenitis				12					
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Ezousas Motorway Soakaways									
Asprokremos-Geroskipou canal									
Agia Varvara Soakaways									
Kannaviou Dam									
Kourris Dam									
Polemida Dam									
Germasogeia Dam									
Palaichori Dam									
Kalo Chorio Dam									
Klirou Dam									
Tamassos Dam									
Manglis Dam									
Total	9	12	6	45	118	4	9	138	26

Common Snipe	Common Redshank	Common Greenshank	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Common Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Caspian Gull	Armenian Gull	Sandwich Tern	Common Kingfisher	TOTAL	species count
													211	6
													113	10
			2										48	8
						443	5		3	35	2		1758	17
						129			2				1641	14
4	2					28							649	16
			1	1									196	8
													14	4
			1	2									24	5
													24	5
2				1									56	8
													25	1
				1									1	1
				1									23	5
													7	4
2			3	1				18					24	4
3													3	1
													12	3
													33	6
				1					400				454	5
						24							59	5
3					1								99	8
													7	2
													1	1
													19	4
													8	2
				1									16	6
14	2	2	13	1	1	624	5	18	405	35	2	1	5525	46



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