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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: This European Hobby *Falco subbuteo* was photographed during August in the Tala area of Paphos by Dave Walker. This summer two pairs were discovered to have bred successfully to the north of Paphos. For several years adults have been seen summering in the area but breeding was never proved. Successful breeding was noted in the Pentadactylos range in the early 1990s by Peter Flint and Paphos pairs gave the first proven breeding in the government controlled areas of the island.

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Autumn 2014

For field trips, 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.*

October 2014

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Leader: Claire Papazoglou. Mob: 99545094

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Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 9991866

For more information please contact Maria Christodoulou on 22 455072 or email maria.christodoulou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy.

Note: Binoculars and bird guides will be provided by BirdLife Cyprus.

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Friday 10th to Sunday 12th October: Karpasia Peninsula

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.

Details will follow.

Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides. Note, there is a 50 euro deposit on each booking.

Saturday 18th October: Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam & Anarita Park

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

Late autumn migrants and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am Mandria (please note the earlier start time), 'Lark Corner', on coastal track opposite rocky islands.

Saturday 25th October: Larnaca Sewage Works

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Early wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.30 am, dirt track leading to Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

November 2014

Saturday 1st November: Paphos Lighthouse

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

Winter visiting passerines and shore birds.

Meet 9.30 am, near beach cafe at CTO beach, west end of Paphos Lighthouse archaeological site.

Saturday 15th November: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665

Waterbirds and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, car park adjacent to the new hide at Zakaki ponds off the road to Lady's Mile. Note this meeting point is near the one used some years ago before the drainage works commenced.

Saturday 22nd November: Athalassa Park and Agios Sozomenos

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

This is a new location for one of our field trips and is aimed at our Nicosia-area members. Winter residents and visitors such as the regular, but fairly scarce, Finsch's Wheatear.

Meet at 9.30 am. From the big Nicosia general hospital roundabout, take exit towards GERI, then, after the traffic lights, take exit on left signposted for 'Athalassa Park' and follow narrow surfaced track to car park, where we will meet.

Saturday 29th November: Troodos

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Winter visitors and mountain endemics.

Meet at 9.30 am, Forestry Department Environment Centre next to Dolphin Restaurant.

December 2014

Saturday 6th December: Kidasi

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

Saturday 13th December: Larnaca Sewage Works

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.30 am, dirt track leading to Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

January 2015

Saturday 10th January: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665

Wintering gulls, waterfowl and passerines.

Meet at 9.30 am, car park adjacent to the new hide at Zakaki ponds off the road to Lady's Mile. Note this meeting point is near the one used some years ago before the drainage works commenced.

Saturday 10th January: New Year get-together

Details to be announced

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 – AKHNA DAM, Saturday 23rd August 2014

Martin Hellicar

With only three people turning up, this can hardly lay claim to having been a 'well attended' field trip, but at least it meant we could all jump into one car and cover the dam in a very low-emission way! The day was particularly hot and humid, so not surprising that not many chose to come out, but the birds on offer made it very worth it for those who did...

Water levels at the dam were just about ideal for birds, with plenty of muddy areas and shallow water for waders, but also deeper areas. A feature was the numbers of **Spur-winged Lapwing**, with 5 counted, but the highlight was four handsome **Collared Pratincole**, of which we managed excellent views. Two of the pratincoles were seen flocking with a huge flock of **Barn Swallow**, looking for all the world like an out-size Swallow itself (at least in shape).

There were **Little Egret** (3) and **Cattle Egret** (5), plus a couple of **Black-winged Stilt**. Half a dozen **Little Ringed Plover** fed busily on the muddy stretches, as did a solitary **Glossy Ibis** and a **Wood Sandpiper**. Along the muddy edges and among the low vegetation on the dry bed of the dam were good numbers of **Yellow Wagtail** (about 20 in number, all appeared to be juveniles) and also at least one winter plumage **Citrine Wagtail**. Three **Grey Heron**, a **Moorhen**, a **Little Grebe** and three **Coot** completed the waterbird numbers.

There were four **Red-backed Shrikes** and three **Masked Shrikes**, plus three **Hoopoes** - one of which was cooperative enough to provide great close-up views. A **Common Whitethroat** was spotted feeding in low bushes, plus **Spectacled Warbler**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Cetti's Warbler**, **Crested Lark**, **European Goldfinch**, **House Sparrow**, **Collared Dove**, **Hooded Crow** and a single **Common Swift**. Last but not least, a **Long-legged Buzzard** was spotted circling over the far end of the dam

A 29-species 'haul' in total was ample compensation for the sauna-like conditions!

On the road back, we all stopped off at Oroklini Marsh, where **Greater Flamingos**, **Common Redshank**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Common Ringed Plover**, **Little Stint**, **Common and Green Sandpiper**, **Mallard**, plus a further 72 Spur-winged Lapwings, were added to the day list.

FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKROTIRI PENINSULA 30th August 2014

June Neal

Being the first day of the autumn raptor count we were hoping not just to see a take-off of Demoiselle Crane but also raptors to start off the season. There were no Demoiselles on the Salt Lake but many **Grey Heron**, about 25 **Greater Flamingo** and distant, shimmering white blobs that we eventually agreed were approximately 25 **Little Egret**. The heat haze was bad, even for the early start, and the hazy cloud over the hills made for poor distance visibility. From the area of Bishop's Pool a raptor flew towards us, with the light conditions it was difficult to identify the species as we discounted various birds, concluding on a falcon of some sort. By then it had vanished behind the trees to be replaced by another – a **Common Kestrel**. Two raptors to begin the count and the time was only just after 8.30 am.

Crested Lark and two **European Roller** flew by. **Common Swift**, **Barn Swallow** and a handful of **Red-rumped Swallow** fed over the track leading to Bishop's Pool. An elusive Bunting was seen by a few as we drove along the track but was never 'christened'. **Eastern Olivaceous Warbler** and a couple of **Sardinian Warbler** were in the bushes near the gate as I waited. Meanwhile a couple of **Eleonora's Falcon** and a **Peregrine** entertained those already at the pool.

The low water level on the pool (due to a fractured pipe bringing in water from Germasogeia Dam) made a great area for feeding waders including – several **Black-winged Stilt**, **Glossy Ibis**, about ten **Green Sandpipers**, five or more **Wood Sandpiper**, 13 **Little Stint** and four **Ruff**; one or two **Common Ringed Plover** plus single **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Common Greenshank**, **Common Snipe** and **Common Sandpiper** and **Spur-winged Lapwing**. Also present was a lone **Little Egret**, many **Little Grebe**, **Common Teal**, **Rock Pigeon**, **Yellow Wagtail**, a few **Moorhen** and **Coot**. A **European Turtle Dove** in flight, **Cetti's** and **Willow Warbler** were added to the ever-growing list. More Eleonora's Falcon arrived and one enjoyed a bath whilst another perched in a tree waiting the opportunity to catch its next feed. After watching this species we concluded that the unidentified falcon at the Salt Lake was probably an Eleonora's Falcon too.

It was far too hot for most of us to consider walking around the pool, preferring the shade and breeze during a coffee break before moving onto Lady's Mile. Eugene, the last to leave and close the gate, was fortunate enough to see a male **Black Francolin** on the main track. Amongst the many **Little Stint** and **Kentish Plover** in the shallow pools four **Common Ringed Plover** and one **Broad-billed Sandpiper** plus a solitary **Black-winged Stilt** fed. A flock of 17+ **Greater Flamingo** flew along the coast towards the port – a beautiful contrast in colours and shapes against the port's cranes and silos.

Zakaki Pool provided an oasis – not just for the birds but for us observers in the shade of the hide and the chance to enjoy the breeze coming off the salt marsh. Additional species added to our list included a **Eurasian Spoonbill**, dozing on one of the mounds in the pool, at least two **Common Kingfisher**, two juvenile **Collared Pratincole**, a **Garganey** and a flying **Ferruginous Duck**. Discussion about the size of **Reed Warblers** and close observations of those visible from the hide led to the conclusion that there was at least one **Eurasian Reed Warbler** and a **Great Reed Warbler**.

Also present were more **Little Egret**, several **Mallard**, **Glossy Ibis**, four **Spur-winged Lapwing** (having bred in the area), **Little Stint**, a **Green Sandpiper** (or two), **Yellow Wagtail** including at least 2 male **Feldegg** and a solitary juvenile **Greater Flamingo** with very pink legs and bill but hardly any pink plumage. More feeding **Barn Swallow**, **Common Swift** and **Red-rumped Swallow** put in an appearance. A total of 49 species were recorded during the morning and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, despite the early disappointment of not seeing any **Demoiselle Crane**. Join us next year and hope for them to stop over the evening before our August field meeting.

FIELD MEETING REPORT– PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE 20th September 2014

John Stapley

A group of 20 members, friends and visitors equipped with sun hats and plenty of water set off from the beach car park in glorious sunshine with clear blue skies. Within a few paces, we came across a **Northern Wheatear** perched on a post, a **Common Kestrel** sitting on the perimeter fence and two **Hooded Crows** foraging for scraps on the beach. A **Crested Lark** called from one of the metal stanchions – part of the fence.

A **Ruddy Turnstone** flew past us along the shore but was missed by most of the party. However, we noted where it had settled and followed it, locating it a few minutes later with three of its colleagues. This time, all birders were able to get good views of this regular winter visitor to this section of the Paphos coast. A **Common Sandpiper** that flew in at around the same time was less amenable and remained hidden from the group. As we reached the headland, a solitary **Yellow-legged Gull** sat on the outermost concrete block rather like a sentinel guarding its part of the shore.

Things were particularly quiet as we made our way into the Archaeological Site; nothing seemed to be moving except for a family of Hooded Crows disturbing the silence with their domestic row and a few **House Sparrows** twittering in the nearby bushes. A **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen typically flitting from a lower branch to catch its lunch before returning to the same branch to look for its next morsel. Its mate was seen a few trees further away. Some of the different calls of **Great Tits** were heard before they were located in the tree tops. A 'little brown job' was spotted perched at the top of a tree some 40 metres away. Some had noticed a reddish tinge beneath its tail suggesting a **Common Redstart**. As if on cue, the bird took off and obligingly flew over our heads where its reddish under-tail was clearly visible to all and its identity confirmed.

The first of several **Red-backed Shrikes** was observed atop a bush looking out for its next meal. In the shade of the tall trees, we came across a **Eurasian Hoopoe** searching for grubs on the ground. Although it refused to keep still for more than a few moments, everybody was able to get a view of this stunning bird through the telescope.

Out into the open again, we spotted a **Lesser Grey Shrike**. Amazingly a Red-backed Shrike flew into the same bush allowing those less familiar with these species a clear view with which to compare the two. A lone **European Turtle Dove** flew over our heads. In amongst the densest part of the site, a **Golden Oriole** was spotted but missed by most of the group as was a **Common Kingfisher** which seemed to be way off course. We delayed a while trying to find the Golden Oriole but were unsuccessful, although a **Yellow Wagtail** flew overhead and a young Common Kestrel showed beautifully in a nearby tree.

Some **European Goldfinches** were seen feeding on the ground while after having heard them previously a **Sardinian Warbler** was spotted skulking in the bushes. Nearby, we disturbed a pair of **Eurasian Collared Doves** and in distant trees were a **Whinchat** and a second Lesser Grey Shrike. There were more Crested Larks in the area.

Having borrowed the all-important key, we were able to exit the Archaeological Site through a turnstile gate thus creating a welcome short-cut back to the car park via the coastal walk. A pair of Common Kingfishers sat at the water's edge ready to dive on any unsuspecting fish. Whilst observing them, six **Greater Sand Plovers** flew in and settled nearby. Unfortunately, time did not allow us the opportunity to check whether these represented a different group from the earlier-seen four or simply whether we had failed to spot two of them previously.

For some of us, the cold drink (or two) that followed at a harbour cafe was most welcome after an interesting morning's birding.

MANAGEMENT WORKS IN PROGRESS AT OROKLINI LAKE

Melpo Apostolidou

[22/09/2014 – 31/10/2014]

As part of the EU funded LIFE Oroklini project management works will start on 22/09/2014. The works aim to improve the nesting conditions for Oroklini birds.

More specifically:

- ✓ We are will be conducting water management works. These works will ensure suitable levels of water for birds during their breeding season (spring). The water management works do not aim at raising the water levels of the lake but will allow dropping them if and when needed.

- ✓ We will remove some of the reeds from the north part of the lake. Reeds have been encroaching fast taking over ideal habitat for important bird species.

- ✓ We will install an eel pass. This way we are helping eels migrate from the sea into the lake.

- ✓ We will create a nesting islet at the north compartment of the lake, -if conditions allow. This will benefit important bird species.

All these works will require the presence of some heavy machinery on site and the aim is for all management works to be completed by the end of October (2014).

Responsible for these works is BirdLife Cyprus - which is a non-governmental organisation working for the protection of birds and also the coordinating partner to the LIFE project. All works will be closely overviewed to ensure minimum disturbance to birds.

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EUROBIRDWATCH 2014 EVENTS

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Εκδηλώσεις Ευρωπαϊκής Ημέρας Πτηνοπαράτηρησης (EuroBirdwatch 2014)

Σάββατο 4 Οκτωβρίου: Ημέρα Ευρωπαϊκής Πτηνοπαράτηρησης - Επίδειξη Δακτυλίωσης στο Κάβο Πύλα, Επίδειξη δακτυλίωσης από τις 9:00 – 12:30πμ. Οδηγίες για το σημείο συνάντησης: Στον αυτοκινητόδρομο Α3 (Λάρνακα – Αγία Νάπα), πάρτε την έξοδο προς Ξυλοφάγου και στρίψτε δεξιά για να περάσετε πάνω από τον αυτοκινητόδρομο. Συνάντηση στη μεριά του χωματόδρομου στα αριστερά όπου θα συναντήσετε το αυτοκίνητο που θα ακολουθήσετε.

Υπεύθυνη: Κλαίρη Παπάζογλου, Τηλ: 99 545 094.

Κυριακή 5 Οκτωβρίου: Ημέρα Ευρωπαϊκής Πτηνοπαράτηρησης.

Ο Πτηνολογικός θα καταγράψει τη φθινοπωρινή μετανάστευση από διάφορα σημεία δίνοντάς σας την ευκαιρία να δείτε αρπακτικά πουλιά, άλλα μεγάλα πουλιά που χρησιμοποιούν ανοδικά ρεύματα αέρα (soaring birds), γερανοί, μελισσοφάγοι και άλλα περνούν πάνω από την Κύπρο κατά το ταξίδι της αποδημίας (περισσότερες πληροφορίες εδώ).

Όλες οι καταγραφές θα προστεθούν στο σύνολο των καταγραφών της Ημέρας Ευρωπαϊκής Πτηνοπαρατήρησης ώστε να αυξήσουν τον αριθμό των πουλιών και των ειδών που καταγράφοντε σε Ευρωπαϊκό Επίπεδο.

Σημείωση: Κυάλια και οδηγί πουλιών θα προσφερθούν από τον Πτηνολογικό.

Πάρκο Αθαλάσσης, Λευκωσία. 09:30 - 12:00

Υπεύθυνος: Μάρτιν Χέλλικαρ. Τηλ: 99907893

Συνάντηση στο νότιο χώρο σταύθμεσης (από τον κυκλικό κόμβο του γενικού νοσοκομείου προς Γέρι, στα αριστερά)

Χερσόνησος Ακρωτηρίου. 09:00 - 12:00

Υπεύθυνος: Σταύρος Χριστοδουλίδης. Τηλ: 99425050

Συνάντηση στο Λιβάδι Φασουρίου.

Πεδιάδα Πάφου. 09:00 - 12:00

Υπεύθυνη: June Neal. Τηλ: 25932008/ 99918665.

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TALK BY DICK FORSMAN, AUTHOR OF 'THE RAPTORS OF EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, 17TH OCTOBER 2014, 19.00 AT AKROTIRI, LIMASSOL

Within the framework of the 'IBACareCY Project' for the Development of a Network of Important Bird Area (IBA) Caretakers in Cyprus, which is generously funded by the EEA Grants Cyprus NGO Programme, BirdLife Cyprus invites you to a talk by the famous Finnish ornithologist, world raptor expert and the author of 'The Raptors of Europe and the Middle East', Dick Forsman.

This will take place on 17 October 2014 at 19:00, at the new Akrotiri Environment Centre in Limassol. The talk is open to the public and all members and friends are invited to attend. During the event there will also be a presentation on the IBACareCY Project and the new BirdLife Cyprus publication 'Important Bird Areas of Cyprus'.

Please RSVP by 10 October at 22455072 or vasiliki.anastasi@birdlifecyprus.org.cy .

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there!

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ
Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 21



Last Month's Quiz answer

During most times of year raptor identification is pretty straightforward. A large, broad-winged raptor in the summer is almost certainly either a Long-legged Buzzard or a Bonelli's Eagle, while in the winter Common Buzzard is very likely. During the two passage periods however, especially during autumn when birds of prey are more plentiful and often in confusing juvenile plumage, things can get very confusing.

At Akrotiri it is possible to observe hundreds of raptors on a good day in September. The vast majority are Honey Buzzards and knowing this species well is key to finding something different! Honey Buzzards have a characteristic shape and jizz, with a very small bill giving them a "pigeon-headed" appearance. The tail is long and broad and the wings are parallel. Our mystery bird (which was photographed soaring with Honey Buzzards in September) clearly has broader wings (with obvious bulging secondaries) and a large, powerful bill. The large bill is a good pointer that this is an eagle, while the long tail, dense, fine barring of its flight feathers and rather uniform plumage (showing a paler belly and slightly darker breast) identify it as a juvenile **Bonelli's Eagle**. Sometimes even familiar species can be tricky in unfamiliar settings, but with careful observation, identification of most raptors is possible.

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS AKAMAS WEEKEND 12 – 14 September 2014

June Neal, Alan Crane & Patricia Stavrou

On the Friday evening we joined other interested people in the audience at Droushia Heights Hotel for a most interesting and informative lecture by John Stapley on the work of BirdLife Cyprus. The slides had been compiled by four of the ten full-time staff in the office. The talk ranged from the Important Bird Areas (IBAs), Special Protected Areas (SPAs) and the initiatives to manage and monitor these, the birds and bio-diversity; Cyprus' farmland birds and the impact of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), monoculture and other threats; the campaign against illegal trapping and killing and the various surveys being conducted island-wide; the Oroklini Lake LIFE project and the vital involvement of the local population and educational visits by schoolchildren and other groups, as well as the future management of the IBA: Volunteers are always sought to help out with keeping people informed, assisting in surveys and the soon-to-be-introduced 'Caretaker Scheme'. Check out <http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/> for more information if you were not fortunate enough to be able to attend

This was followed by dinner and the opportunity to socialise and plan for the Saturday's activities - a pre-breakfast stroll to find the bird species around the hotel and Droushia village and then the boat trip from Latchi. Both events were excellent. The short stroll (attended by eight of us) down a lane opposite the hotel produced 23 species including at least seven Golden Orioles, Spotted Flycatchers, European Bee-eaters, one Common and several Lesser Whitethroats, two juvenile Red-backed Shrikes, Blackcaps, Willow Warblers, single Eastern Olivaceous Warbler a possible European Honey Buzzard and calling Corn Bunting. Also heard was a Eurasian Nightjar calling. A couple visiting the site after breakfast were also treated to a Peregrine Falcon and a Lesser Grey Shrike. The Sunday morning stroll to the same spot (attended by just two of us before the departure to the bird ringing) added a juvenile Lesser Grey Shrike and Jackdaws to our list of sightings and we were pleased that at least two Golden Orioles were still about.

AKAMAS BOAT TRIP 13th September

Alan Crane

Thirtytwo of us gathered at the Y&P Taverna for the annual cruise along the coast of the Akamas from Latchi, a lower number than usual but providing the benefit of making it easier to move about the traditional Cypriot boat Koulla. A recent refurbishment of the Koulla meant that we all had "tables" which was a big plus, although the solid wood seats perhaps need cushions!

Leaving Latchi harbour sadly there were no kingfishers nor gulls on the rocks, however 20 minutes into the cruise a flying flock of around 40 Purple Herons were seen. This was quickly followed by a Shag and 80 to 90 Little Egrets on the mainland rocks. A little farther along the coast we saw a group of about 5 Rock Dove like birds, I guess it is a matter of personal opinion as to whether or not the birds in this area are true Rock Doves. A further 8 Little Egrets were on Saint George's island. On the seaward side of the Koulla a single Grey Heron was seen flying and immediately afterwards a Glossy Ibis overtook us on the landward side. Before reaching the farthest point of the cruise we saw a yellow legged gull and one or two may have seen a possible White Stork.

The Koulla then anchored in the Blue Lagoon for lunch. Lighting a traditional charcoal BBQ on a traditional boat like the Koulla always amazes me and within minutes some two-thirds of the passengers had jumped overboard - albeit into calm, blue, warm water. This left myself and a small number of other brave souls to maintain a lookout for birds and to be available to taste the wine as soon as it was opened. Seen as reward were 16 Grey Heron (a flock of 15 and later a single bird), about 6 Barn Swallows and a distant small flock of less than 10 Bee-Eaters. I refrain from indicating the number of glasses of wine tasted.

The meal of chicken and pork souvla, couscous, salad, pasta and garlic bread was excellent as normal and having eaten in comfort due to the new "tables", the Koulla then headed back towards

Latchi. Far more birds were on Saint Georges island as we slowed to drift past, about 50 Little Egrets, 2 Cattle Egrets, 5 Grey Herons and 2 Shags.

Approaching Latchi a flock of nearly 20 waders were flying back and forth low over the water. These were eventually identified as Redshanks. Then when almost at the entrance to the harbour another, or more probably the same, flock were observed. This time a more accurate count of 18 was possible.

The annual cruise is more of an enjoyable social occasion than a concerted birdwatch, but none-the-less around 250 birds were seen representing 12 or 13 different species.

RINGING DEMONSTRATION – 14th September 2014

Patricia Stavrou

On Sunday the ringing demonstration took place, beginning at 9am, past the village of Nea Horio at the picnic site opposite the small church of Ayios Minas. Alan, Mel and Graham had put the nets up very early and were busy ringing long before we all arrived, having ringed twenty birds, four species which were not caught later; Spotted Flycatcher, Cetti's Warbler, Creztschmar's Bunting and Red-backed Shrike.

Twenty seven members enjoyed a very interesting and informative ringing demonstration. Mel was ringing the birds, explaining all about the birds and giving members a chance to hold and photograph them. Graham was in charge of writing down the details; species, size of ring, sex, weight, how much fat and muscle, length of wings and tail etc. Alan with his great sense of humour was keeping everyone amused and supervising; on one or two occasions his expert opinion was required; was it a young collared or pied flycatcher?

During ringing demonstration 25 birds were caught.

1 Collared Flycatcher, 5 Blackcap (1 male and 4 female), 1 Garden Warbler, 4 Great Tit, 3 Willow Warbler, 5 Sardinian Warbler, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Reed Warbler and 1 Pied Flycatcher. There were nine different species of birds.

Thanks Alan, Mel and Graham for a very enjoyable few hours. Please could we have more ringing demonstrations during the year!

RED-FOOTED FALCON IN CYPRUS IN THE AUTUMN

Jane Stylianou

The Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* is a common passage migrant through Cyprus with the larger numbers recorded occurring in the autumn. A few years one or two birds may be observed in August and early September but it is more commonly recorded from mid-September onwards with the last week of that month and first two weeks of October the main weeks of its migration.

A small migratory bird, the passage of the Red-footed Falcon seems to occur on broad fronts. According to The Birds of the Western Palearctic (Concise Edition) Volume 1 (1998): "Autumn movement heaviest over the eastern Mediterranean; most Siberian birds apparently travel west between 50° and 60°N, pass north of Caspian and Black Seas, and then (joined by European birds, south over Balkans, west Turkey, and Cyprus towards Egypt." The birds start to leave their breeding grounds in the far north of their range in August but most leave in September with the "final exodus normally early October in south Russia and mid-October in central Europe" . This means that in general the passage across the Mediterranean is at its peak in late September and early October – and this is certainly backed up by the reports of the species in Cyprus.

Red-footed Falcon are sociable throughout the year and often flocks pre-migration. Several hundred seen migrating together are not uncommon. They nearly always breed colonially and colonies may contain several hundred pairs. They often use the old nests of other species such as Rook, Carrion Crow or Magpie. Breeding in eastern Europe and Asia, the species has become under increasing pressure as a result of agricultural changes and in some areas due to the persecution of the *corvid* species whose nests they use or the clearance of the trees in which the *corvids* nest. EU Life projects in Hungary and Romania, for example, have attempted to address this issue in recent years. BirdLife International currently assesses it as Near-threatened. According to the IUCN Red List, its main range is from Belarus south to Hungary, northern Serbia and Montenegro, Romania, Moldova and east Bulgaria, then eastward through Ukraine and north-west and south Russia and north Kazakhstan to extreme north-west China and the upper Lena river (Russia). It winters in southern Africa, from South Africa northwards to southern Kenya.

On its passage through Cyprus, its small compact and striking appearance combined with its feeding and flocking activities while on the island, combine to make it a popular species with birders, photographers and nature lovers alike. The adult male is unique and its dark bluish grey body and coverts with dark orange/red 'trousers' are diagnostic. In flight its flight feathers are a pale silvery grey. Its feet are the same colour as its 'trousers'. The adult female has pale rufous buff underparts with very little marking and a slate-grey back which has dark barring. Its head is a yellowy white and it has a short dark moustachial stripe. Its feet are orange. Juvenile birds have buff underparts which are strongly streaked dark and a short dark moustachial stripe like the female which also goes through the eye. Its back is a brown colour with a greyish tint and dark streaking. The underwing of the juvenile and the female display a dark trailing edge.

In flight it can resemble a Common Kestrel and at times even a Hobby as both catch insects on the wing. It can also hover. While feeding during migration in Cyprus it can be seen flying down to feed on fields and then returning to its perch (often electricity wires) – an action which it may repeat many times. The Akrotiri peninsula especially around Phassouri Reed Beds and Plantations, and Paphos Plain – Mandria and Paphos Sewage Works for example – are two sites where they are most frequently encountered in late September and early October. Groups of up to 80 are not uncommon with smaller groups of between six and thirty more usual. In 2008 at least

1200 were found in the Phassouri Plantations on 14th October. 201 were counted over the Akrotiri Environment Centre on 3rd October 2010 and 114 in the Akrotiri area on the next day. On 30th September 2011 over 480 were in the Phassouri Plantations on 30th September.

Now is the time to get out and see these attractive falcons which can often be quite 'photograph friendly'!





Photographs previous page: Male Red-footed Falcon (top) and juvenile Red-footed Falcon (below) both by Dave Nye.

This page: Female Red-footed Falcon by John East.

LOOKING BACK AT OCTOBER 2009

Jane Stylianou

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

October 2009 seems to have been a relatively quiet month – more quality than quantity. Sixty two **Scopoli's Shearwater** were seen off Cape Kormakiti on 4th while Akrotiri had the more interesting raptor records: 240 **Red-footed Falcon** were counted there on 5th October while a **Saker** was at Phassouri Reed Beds the next day. Seven **Black Stork** were also in that area on 10th – this time on the Salt Lake. In the east of the island a **Corncrake** was seen at Agia Napa Sewage Works at the start of the month. Seventy **Alpine Swift** were counted over Akhna Dam on both 8th and 16th .

The only gulls of note were two **Little Gull** seen at Larnaca Sewage Works on 13th October and at the end of the month four **Lesser Short-toed Lark** were in the nearby fields from 29th to 31st. Up to four **Bluethroat** were seen at Zakaki Marsh between 25th to 28th October while the Paphos area had two **Richard's Pipit** earlier in the month. The final day of October 2009 produced at **Broad-billed Sandpiper** on Lady's Mile.

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR AUGUST 2014

Jane Stylianou

4052 bird records received

162 species and forms recorded in August 2014, compared to 175 in August 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

Max counts per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 38 3-Aug ME

Athalassa Dam 40 30-Aug FGe

Bishop's Pool 52 1-Aug CR/Cho

Kannaviou Dam 2 14-Aug DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works c30 15-Aug

ME/PS

Oroklini Marsh 9 15-Aug ME/PS

Zakaki Marsh 4 8-Aug CR/CHO

SCOPOLI'S (CORY'S) SHEARWATER

Calonectris diomedea Πελαγόμευχος

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 distant, heading

west 7.45h 11-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 19-Aug CR

Pomos Point 6 10-Aug CS

Pomos Point 2 11-Aug CS

Pomos Point 1 16-Aug CS

Pomos Point 3 23-Aug CS

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax*

carbo Κορμοράνος

Kannaviou Dam 3 2 adult 1 juv 14-Aug

DJW

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax*

aristotelis Θαλασσοκόρακας

Aphrodite's Rock, Paphos 2 7-Aug JS

Dhekelia 4 2-Aug ME

Dhekelia 8 15-Aug ME/PSm

Dhekelia Power Station 5 29-Aug BB

Kensington Cliffs 4 ads. 1-Aug CR/CHO

Kensington Cliffs 7 27-Aug MSS

Latchi 1 27-Aug JS

Mandria 1 ad. flying past 13-Aug CR

Mandria 2 25-Aug MSS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 juv 11-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 15-Aug CR

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus*

onocrotalus Ροδοπελεκάνος

Oroklini Marsh 1 14, 15, 21, 22, 26, 28 &

31-Aug ME/PSm/FGe

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus*

Νανοβωδιός

Agios Georgios pond, Athalassa forest 1

Adult, most probably male 21-Aug FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 prob.male 1-Aug

CR/CHO

Zakaki Marsh 1 female 4-Aug TR

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON



Juvenile Black-crowned Night Heron, Zakaki Marsh, August 1st. Photograph by Chris Holt.

Max count per location and interesting records:

Akhna Dam 7 (1 juvenile) 7-Aug AKe

Bishop's Pool 2 ads. 1-Aug CR/Cho

Ezousas Pools 3 31-Aug MSS

Fresh Water Lake South 1 Adult 17-Aug ME

Oroklini Marsh 3 2 Adult / 1 Imm 2-Aug ME

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 heard calling in Polis campsite trees 11-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 79 3 groups 19-Aug CR

Zakaki Marsh 31 27-Aug MSS

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάγος



Squacco Heron, Ezousas Pools, August 2nd. Photograph by Chris Holt.

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam 4 2-Aug AKe
 Asprokremnos Dam 1 31-Aug MSS
 Fresh Water Lake South 7 17-Aug ME
 Latchi 3 Migrating 19.00 25-Aug JS
 Lower Ezousa Pools 1 2-Aug CR/CHO
 Phasouri Reed-beds 3 23-Aug SC
 Zakaki Pool 2 20-Aug ADT

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Max count per location and interesting records:

Agia Napa Football Fields 3 25-Aug AKe
 Akhna Dam c400 3-Aug ME
 Aradippou Slurry Pits c6 11-Aug SC
 Fresh Water Lake South c30 5, 10 & 17-Aug ME
 Oroklini Marsh 20+ 9-Aug JS
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 21-Aug CR
 Parthenitis Dam 20 28-Aug FGe
 Phassouri Reed-beds c6 18 & 20-Aug SC

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Max count per location and interesting records:

Akhna Dam 5 31-Aug FGe
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20-Aug SC
 Akrotiri Salt Lake, 25 probable mid salt lake 30-Aug JN
 Athalassa Dam 4 30-Aug FGe
 Bishop's Pool 3 1-Aug CR/Cho
 Evretou Dam 1 27-Aug JS
 Fresh Water Lake South 4 24-Aug ME
 Kyrenia 51 Flying East 26-Aug DJW
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 23-Aug JS
 Limassol Harbour c6 flying over 20-Aug SC
 Oroklini Marsh 10 2-Aug ME
 Parthenitis Dam 1 2 & 15-Aug ME/PSm

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 8 & 18-Aug

CR/Cho/SC

Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 7.20h 11-Aug

CR

Pomos Point 11 Flying west 26-Aug CS

Pomos Point 42 Flying west 27-Aug CS

Zakaki Marsh 20 27 & 31-Aug MSS/UM

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* Ψαροφάς

Largest counts and interesting reports:

Akhna Dam 10 21-Aug ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake 107 roosting in the

morning (7:30 am) 28-Aug UM

Alagati: Village 11 Flying East 26-Aug

DJW

Coral Bay 19 flying south 22-Aug DJW

Latchi 5 In flock with sixteen Purple Heron

25-Aug JS

Latchi 1 with 52 Purple Heron migrating

25-Aug JS

Pachyammoa Bay 3 Flying west 27-Aug

CS

Pachyammoa Bay 4 Flying west 31-Aug

CS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 3-Aug CR/CHO

Polis Chrysochou Bay 13 7-Aug CR/CHO

Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 11-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 23 2 groups 19-

Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 60 10.30h - 12.10h,

2 groups 27-Aug CR

Smyies, Paphos 16 Prob this species

seen in the distance migrating 25-Aug JS

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυρός Ψαροφάς

Latchi 16 In flock with five Grey Heron

25-Aug JS

Latchi, 22 11.30am 25-Aug JS

Latchi, 52 Migrating 18.15 - 19.30 25-Aug

JS

Limni Mines, Polis 4 Migrating over

11.00am 26-Aug JS

Pachyammoa Bay 38 Flying west 28-Aug

CS

Pachyammoa Bay 45 with 4 Grey Herons

in the same flock. 31-Aug CS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 7.40h 11-Aug

CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 21 13.30h 15-Aug

CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 17 4 groups, 8.40 -

15.30 19-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 95 4 groups, 9.30 -

16.30h 22-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 48 10.30h - 13.00h,
2 groups 27-Aug CR
Smyies, Paphos 49 Over area NE to SW
migrating 25-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 ad 23 & 30-Aug
SC/JN/JS

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα



*Glossy Ibis, Zakaki Marsh, August 8th.
Photograph by Chris Holt.*

Max counts per location and interesting records:

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 16-Aug AKE
Akhna Dam 51 27-Aug ME
Bishop's Pool, 9 30-Aug JS/JN
Evretou Dam 1 27-Aug JS
Ezousas Pools 3 21 & 31-Aug CR/MSS
Fresh Water Lake South 5 10 & 17-Aug
ME
Germasogeia area of Limassol 10 25-Aug
PL
Kyrenia c170 flying west, circa taken from
photo 25-Aug DJW
Kyrenia 34 Flying East 26-Aug DJW
Latchi 8 2+3+3 between 18.30 and 19.05
24-Aug JS
Latchi 28 Heading W 18.30pm 26-Aug JS
Lower Ezousa Pools 3 21-Aug CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 6-Aug ME
Partenitis Dam 6 28-Aug FGe
Phasouri Reed-beds 5 25-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 412
52+8+22+220+60+50, 9.30h - 17.40h 3-
Aug CR/Cho
Polis Chrysochou Bay 419
70+58+34+30+108+1+40+60+18 7-Aug
CR/Cho
Polis Chrysochou Bay 506 8 flocks from
north, 8.15 - 15.30h 11-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 414 11 groups,
6.55h - 14.25h 15-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 52 2 groups 19-
Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 10 22-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 266 4 groups,
9.45h - 11.40h 27-Aug CR
Pomos 45 5-Aug MSS
Zakaki Marsh 7 24-Aug JS

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς



*Eurasian Spoonbill, Zakaki Marsh, August 30th.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Zakaki Marsh 1 30 & 31-Aug
JS/JN/ADT/UM

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Max counts per location and interesting reports:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 Flying over 28-Aug
TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 110 very little water, and
probably very salty 25-Aug CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake, 25 in flight moving S
30-Aug JN
Fresh Water Lake South 29 10-Aug ME
Lady's Mile 17 flying E over coastline 30-
Aug JN
Larnaca Sewage Works, 23 Sixteen in a
flock that didn't settle and were flying
around all the time 10-Aug JS
Meneou Beach 1+ Heard flying over
21.00pm 8-Aug JS
Oroklini Marsh 56 24-Aug ME
Partenitis Dam 1 juvenile 2 & 11-Aug
ME/SC
Polis Chrysochou Bay 10 ads, incl 1 imm,
flying up and down coast 17.30h 3-Aug
CR/Cho
Polis Chrysochou Bay c50 Flying W
around 9,00am 24-Aug SBr
Zakaki Marsh 1 30 & 31-Aug JN.JS/UM
Spiro's Beach 4 Flying West 17-Jul ME

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 2, 10, 12, 13 & 16-Aug ME/JS/PSm

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Ayia Napa Sewage Works 1 30-Aug SC with A Leventis

Bishop's Pool 1 30-Aug JS

Evretou 1 Unseasonal, but has been seen there for several weeks previous. 2-Aug RAT

Larnaca Sewage Works, 4 12-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 17 23-Aug JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flying in flock of Garganey 19-Aug CR

Sotira Pond 1 30-Aug ME

Zakaki Marsh 3 30-Aug JS

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινιζέφαλη

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 23-Aug SC

Athalassa Dam 10 30-Aug FGe

Bishop's Pool 3 21-Aug JSta

Fresh Water Lake South 8 5-Aug ME

Kannaviou Dam 37 1 group of 32 Juv + 3 m, 2 fem 14-Aug DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works c200 2-Aug ME

Oroklini Marsh 27 26-Aug ME

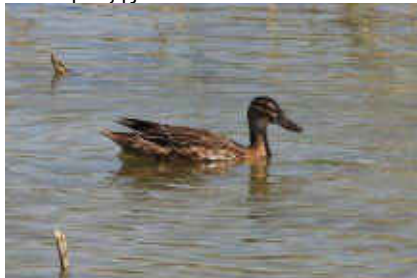
Phassouri Reed-beds 4 27-Aug MSS

Sotira Pond 3 30-Aug ME

Zakaki Marsh 20 8-Aug CR/Cho

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

Μασουρατζής



Garganey, Zakaki Marsh, August 8th.
Photograph by Chris Holt

Max count per location plus interesting records:

Akhna Dam 3 Ducks 15, 21 & 29-Aug ME/PSm

Bishop's Pool 12 21-Aug JSta

Evretou Dam 9 17-Aug FGe

Fresh Water Lake South 10 Ducks 5-Aug ME

Kannaviou Dam 1 17-Aug FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 23-Aug JS

Latchi, c35 over sea 18.45pm 24-Aug JS

Latchi, c170 on sea seen 18.15: 19.30 25-Aug JS

Latchi c110 heading inland over Polis

18.55pm 26-Aug JS

Latchi c35 at sea 27-Aug JS

Lower Ezousa Pools 4 21 & 28-Aug CR

Oroklini Marsh 6 Ducks 21-Aug ME

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 27-Aug MSS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 131 18+18+95 3-Aug CR/Cho

Polis Chrysochou Bay 10 7-Aug CR/Cho

Polis Chrysochou Bay 218 4 flocks 7.45 - 15.15h, including one flock flying with group of 80 Glossy Ibis 11-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 262 9 flocks, 6.55h - 14.25h 15-Aug CR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 438 11 groups,

8.40 - 15.30h 19-Aug CR

Pomos Point 25 25-Aug CS

Zakaki Marsh 3 18, 25 & 31-Aug

TRe/CR/ADT

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Σαζάνα

Fresh Water Lake South 1 Fem 24-Aug ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 2-Aug SC/ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 2 Pairs 15-Aug ME/PSm

Larnaca Sewage Works 53 23-Aug JS

Zakaki Pond 1 male 27 & 31-Aug UM

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια

Bishop's Pool 1 fem. type 1-Aug CR/Cho

Fresh Water Lake South 1 5 & 10-Aug ME

Fresh Water Lake South 8 17-Aug ME

Kannaviou Dam 1 14-Aug DJW

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 18-Aug SC

Zakaki Marsh 1 4, 8, 9, 18 & 30-Aug

TRe/CR/Cho/SC/JN/JS

Zakaki Marsh 2 31-Aug ADT

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis*

αρίνορος Μελισσοσίχνο

Akhna Dam 3 30-Aug AKe

Anavargos Hills 1 31-Aug MSS

Bishop's Pool 1 27-Aug MSS

Mandria 5 Forming a kettle over garden
30-Aug LAC
Marathounta 1 very distant seaward over
mast, photographed by Matt Smith 31-Aug
CR
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 23-Aug JN
Souni 1 disturbed from roost in woods
near George's fruit farm 8-Aug JN
Souni 1 29-Aug JE

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα
Armou Hills 1 17.30h over village 27-Aug
CR

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps
fulvus* Γύπας
Agios Therapon 1 Soaring near turning to
Agios Therapon 4-Aug JS
Kamares (Tala) 1 25-Aug DJW
Kensington Cliffs 9 27-Aug MSS

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus
aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 female, preening on
salt marsh 27-Aug JN
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 30-Aug JS
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 juvenile 20 & 25-
Aug SC/CR
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 27-Aug MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 27 & 28-Aug
MSS/ADT/JE

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*
Καμποσιάχινο
Agia Napa Football Pitches 1 Ringtail 30-
Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Male 30-Aug
ME/SC with A Leventis
Akhna Dam 1 Ringtail 8 & 28-Aug ME
Cape Greco 1 male 26-Aug JO

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*
Διπλοσιάχινο
Armou Hills 1 18.20h, erupted from pine
tree 3-Aug CR/CHO
Asprokremnos Dam 1 1-Aug MSS
Kamares (Tala) 1 2 & 15-Aug DJW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 4-Aug DJW

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*
Σιαχινολάγουδο
Largest counts:
Agios Amvrosios, Limassol 2 adults 22-
Aug JN
Akhna Dam 2 8, 9 & 15-Aug ME/PSm
Armou Hills 3 3 & 6-Aug CR/CHO

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 1-Aug ME
Evretou Dam 2 9-Aug CR/CHO
Kantou 2 adults soaring 2-Aug JN
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 7-Aug CR/CHO
Tsada Oak Valley 2 7-Aug JS
Tsada to Stroumbi road 2 7-Aug JS
Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 7-Aug JS

BOOTED EAGLE *Aquila pennata*
Νανογεράκα
Akhna Dam 1 Dark Phase 8-Aug ME

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*
Περτικοσιάχινο



Bonelli's Eagle, Kathikas, August 7th.
Photograph by Dave Walker

Anavargos 1 24-Aug MSS
Armou: Tsadha Track 1 6-Aug MSS
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 1 juv 25-Aug MSS
Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 4 2ads, 2 imms
4-Aug CR/CHO
Fresh Water Lake South 2 Adults 10-Aug
ME
Kamares (Tala) 2 adult 3 & 20-Aug DJW
Kathikas 4 2 adults, 2 Juv flying together
7-Aug DJW
Lower Xeros River 1 juv, over bridge on
Limassol road 25-Aug CR

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός
Akhna Dam 1 31-Aug FGE

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*
Κίτσης
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c4 20-Aug SC
Anavargos Hills 4 31-Aug MSS
Armou Hills 3 24-Aug CR
Perivolia 4 10-Aug JS
Potamia 4 21-Aug FGE

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

Μαυροφάλκονο

Mandria 1 Female on ground 29-Aug
LAC**EURASIAN HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

Δενδροφάλκονο

Akhna Dam 1 8-Aug ME
 Anavargos Hills 2 31-Aug MSS
 Armou Hills 1 stooping 21-Aug CR
 Armou Hills 2 29 & 31-Aug CR
 Armou: Tsadha Track 1 6-Aug MSS
 Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 1 9-Aug JN
 Baths of Aphrodite, Paphos 1 In
 off sea 27-Aug JS
 Bishop's Pool 1 27-Aug MSS
 Evretou Dam 1 9-Aug CR/CHO
 Evretou Dam 2 14-Aug DJW
 Kamares (Tala) 2 2-Aug DJW
 Kamares (Tala), 2 1 on nest 3 & 4-Aug
 DJW
 Kamares (Tala) 3 2 adults feeding chick
 7 & 8-Aug DJW
 Kamares (Tala) 3 2 adult, 1 Chick 24,
 29 & 30-Aug DJW
 Nicosia, Pedagogical Academy Forest 1+
 10 & 21-Aug SC
 Tsada 2 Pair plus 2+ chicks on nest 7-
 Aug JS
 Tsada 5 including ads. feeding 3 downy,
 but well-grown young in nest in cypress tree
 15-Aug CR
 Tsada 1 juv near nest site 23-Aug CR
 Tsada to Stroumbi road 1 7-Aug JS
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 Seen at 7.00pm
 7-Aug JS
 Zakaki Marsh 1 25-Aug TRe

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora*

Μαυρομμάτης



*Eleonora's Falcon, Kensington Cliffs,
 August 1st. Photograph by Chris Holt.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 13-Aug TRe
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 25 & 31-Aug
 CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 0847-0849 one dark
 phase 30-Aug JN
 Aphrodite's Rock, Paphos 1 7-Aug JS
 Aphrodite's Rock, Paphos 2 27-Aug JS
 Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 1 probable,
 only seen briefly then lost behind the pines
 9-Aug JN
 Bishop's Pool 3 1-Aug CR/CHO
 Bishop's Pool 4 27-Aug MSS
 Bishop's Pool 4 0917-0930: one light and
 one dark 30-Aug JN
 Bishop's Pool 3 0936 one bathing in pool
 and on rocks, others flying overhead, all
 dark phase 30-Aug JN
 Bishop's Pool 2 0942 light phase 30-Aug
 JN
 Evretou Dam 1 9-Aug CR/CHO
 Kensington Cliffs 7 1-Aug CR/CHO
 Kensington Cliffs 5 13-Aug ME
 Kensington Cliffs 9+ 27-Aug MSS
 Lara 1 28-Aug CS
 Lower Ezousa Pools 1 13-Aug CR
 Marathounta 1 5-Aug CR/CHO

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Τζάνος

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 27-Aug AKE
 Akhna Dam 1 11 & 20-Aug ME/SC
 Bishop's Pool 1 seen by others 0917 30-
 Aug JN
 Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 1 m on cliff face
 4-Aug CR/CHO
 Kamares (Tala) 1 2-Aug DJW
 Oroklini Hills 1 Male 26-Aug ME

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περδίκι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 15 25-Aug ME
 Armou Hills 22 21-Aug CR
 Avgorou 11 6-Aug ME
 Cape Greco 60 26-Aug JO
 Mandria 23 13-Aug CR
 Nicosia, Makedonitissa c40 several
 groups 22-Aug SC

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus*

φραγκολίνα

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Football Fields 3 25 & 28-Aug
 AKE
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 25-Aug ME
 Akhna Dam 2 Male / Fem 31-Aug ME
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits c4 including 1 young
 juvenile 20-Aug SC
 Argaka Area 6 30-Aug AD

Bishop's Pool 1 male seen by Eugene
30-Aug JN
Evretou Dam 1 male 14-Aug DJW
Ezousas Pools 2 31-Aug MSS
Larnaca Airport Fields 1 Male 15 & 23-
Aug PS/ME/JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 4 male, 2
female, feeding in open fields 2-Aug SC
Meneou Beach 1 Calling 23-Aug JS
Nicosia, Makedonitissa 1 male 22-Aug
SC
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 fem flushed 21-
Aug CR
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 16 & 28-Aug
ME/JN
Potamia 1 21-Aug FGe
Sotira Pond 1 Male 30-Aug ME

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλλάδα
Ezousas Pools 1 31-Aug MSS
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 18 & 27-Aug
SC/MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 18, 23 & 27-Aug
TRe/SC/MSS
Zakaki Marsh and Pool 2 seen by others
including Mike Bowden 23-Aug JN

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*

Στικτοπουλλάδα
Ezousas Pools 1 31-Aug MSS

LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva*

Μικροπουλλάδα
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 27-Aug MSS

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετειναρο
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam c10 including 4 juvenile 11-
Aug SC
Athalassa Dam 12 30-Aug FGe
Fresh Water Lake South 13 5-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 15+ 15-Aug ME/PSm
Zakaki Marsh 14 8 adults, 6 juveniles 16-
Aug JN

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπατιάς

Largest counts:
Athalassa Dam 8 30-Aug FGe
Bishop's Pool 16 1-Aug CR/Cho
Fresh Water Lake South 9 5-Aug ME
Larnaca Sewage Works c60 2-Aug SC
Zakaki Marsh 10 8-Aug CR/Cho

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Anthropoides virgo*

Νυφογερανός
Akrotiri Salt Lake 17 present 9.00 - .55h
when they took off and headed SW 25-Aug
CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 52 roosting in the
morning (7:30 am) 28-Aug UM
Akrotiri Salt Lake 50+ Flying over near
Bishops Pool entrance 10.30ish 28-Aug
TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 71 Inc 2 or 3 Juvs - Obs
from 0830 - 1020 when departed West over
Akrotiri 28-Aug ME/ISB
Anarita 100+ Not seen but probably this
species. Heard around midnight flying over
28-Aug LM
Anavargos Present 2 flocks flew over the
house at night 27-Aug MSS
Pissouri Bay c30 Two small groups
totalling c30 coastal area before 7.00am
25-Aug NK/GF
Polis Chrysochou 20+ Two small flocks
heard flying over 9.30-9.45pm 27-Aug
SBR

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER

Haematopus ostralegus Στρειδοφάγος
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flying south west
along the coast, 2 ads, 14.25h 19-Aug CR

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus*

himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς



Black-winged Stilt, Zakaki Marsh, August 8th. Photograph by Chris Holt.

Max count per location:
Akhna Dam 9 11-Aug SC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 pits in scrub, nearest
Phasouri Reed-beds 23-Aug SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 female and juv, juv
alone 22-Aug MH
Aradippou Slurry Pits 5 2 adult, 3 juvenile
11-Aug SC
Athalassa Dam 3 30-Aug FGe
Bishop's Pool 18 21-Aug JSta

Evretou Dam 2 17-Aug FGe
Fresh Water Lake South c40 17 & 24-Aug
ME
Lady's Mile 1 juvenile 20, 22, 23, 27, 28
& 30-Aug SC/JE/MSS/TRre/JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 10 2-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh c40 15-Aug ME/PSM
Partenitis Dam 3 28-Aug FGe
Phassouri 1 3-Aug JE
Zakaki Marsh 9 six adult and three young
4-Aug JS

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα

Fresh Water Lake South 1 24-Aug ME

EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus*

oediconemus Τρουλλουρίδα

Acheleia olive grove 16 13-Aug CR

Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Heard 10 & 12-Aug ME

Dhekelia Fire Station 11 15-Aug ME/PSM

Dhekelia Barracks field present 29-Aug
BB

Mandria 14 13-Aug CR

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glaucola*

pratincola Νεροχελίδονο



Juvenile Collared Pratincole, Zakaki Marsh, August 6th. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam 9 (2 juveniles) 7-Aug AKe

Fresh Water Lake South 2 1 Imm 24-Aug
ME

Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 12 & 13-Aug
JS

Perivolia 8 In a ploughed field together
10-Aug JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 10.30h heading w
11-Aug CR

Zakaki Marsh 5 7 & 13-Aug JE/TRre

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

dubius Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam c40 17-Aug ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv 22-Aug MH

Aradippou Slurry Pits 1 11-Aug SC

Fresh Water Lake South 8 24-Aug ME

Meneou Pool 1 23-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 13 26-Aug ME

Partenitis Dam 4 28-Aug FGe

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 1-Aug CR/CHO

Sotira Pond 2 30-Aug ME

Zakaki Marsh 9 seen by others including

Mike Bowden, I saw 1 23-Aug JN

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι

Akhna Dam 1 20, 27, 30 & 31-Aug

ME/FGe/SC with A Leventis

Akhna Dam 2 29-Aug JE

Bishop's Pool 2 21-Aug JSta

Bishop's Pool 1 27-Aug ADT

Lady's Mile 2 ad. 27-Aug UM

Lady's Mile 1 28-Aug JE

Lady's Mile 4 30-Aug JN

Lady's Mile 1 ad. 31-Aug UM

Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Aug ME

Oroklini Marsh 3 26 & 28-Aug ME

Zakaki Marsh 1 juvenile 20 & 23-Aug
SC/JN

Zakaki 3 25-Aug JE

Zakaki Marsh 2 27-Aug MSS

Zakaki Pond 1 ad. 31-Aug UM

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius*

alexandrinus Πλουμίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Pits 1 7-Aug JE

Akrotiri Salt Lake 50 adults and juvs 22-
Aug MH

Agia Thekla 7 3 & 15-Aug ME/PSM

Lady's Mile 130 1-Aug CR/CHO

Larnaca Airport Fields c60 2-Aug ME

Larnaca Desalination Plant 138 including
many juvenile 12-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 10-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 2 2-Aug ME

Spiro's Beach c200 15-Aug ME/PSM

Spiros Fields c140 2-Aug SC

Spiros Pool 28 23-Aug JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 1, 3, 4 & 25-Aug

CR/CHO/TRre/JE

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius*

leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμίδι

Agia Thekla 4 3-Aug ME

Agia Thekla 5 15-Aug ME/PSm
Agia Thekla 2 23-Aug BB
Agia Thekla 3 31-Aug BB
Lady's Mile 1 25-Aug CR
Paphos Lighthouse 4 1 & 18-Aug
MSS/CR

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus spinosus* Πελλοκατερίνα
Max count per location and interesting records:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 25-Aug ME
Akhna Dam 52 21-Aug ME
Aradippou Slurry Pits 1 11-Aug SC
Fresh Water Lake South c70 10-Aug ME
Larnaca Desalination Plant 3 10-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c20 15-Aug ME/PSm
Oroklini Marsh c50 21-Aug ME
Paphos Sewage Plant 18 21-Aug CR
Partenitis Dam 19 11-Aug SC
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 23-Aug JN
Sotira Pond 4 30-Aug ME
Spiros Pool 4 23-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 6 13, 22, 27 & 28-Aug
TRe/MH/ADT/ME

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*
Ασπρονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 1 1-Aug CR/Cho
Lady's Mile 2 25-Aug CR

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*
Νανονεραλλίδι
Max counts per location :
Akhna Dam 6 3-Aug ME
Bishop's Pool 18 27-Aug MSS
Fresh Water Lake South 7 10-Aug ME
Lady's Mile 35 8-Aug CR/Cho
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 23-Aug JS
Oroklini Marsh 10+ 28-Aug ME
Partenitis Dam 4 11-Aug SC
Zakaki Marsh 8 I saw 2, seen by others including Mike Bowden 23-Aug JN

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*
Στρουθονεραλλίδι
Akhna Dam 1 1, 2, 3, 10, 13, 14, 17, 27 & 28-Aug ME/FGe/BB/AKe
Akhna Dam 2 6 & 11-Aug SC/AKe
Akhna Dam 5 25-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 1 15-Aug ME/PSm
Oroklini Marsh 3 24, 26 & 28-Aug ME
Parthenitis Dam 1 15-Aug ME/PSm
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Aug CR/Cho

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*
Κοτσινονεραλλίδι
Bishop's Pool 1 1-Aug CR/Cho
Fresh Water Lake South 1 Adult Moulting
17-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Aug ME

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι
Akhna Dam 1 Adult Breeding Plumage 15 & 16-Aug ME/PSm/BB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 adult breeding 18 & 20-Aug SC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 30-Aug LAC
Lady's Mile 1 1 & 27-Aug CR/Cho/UM
Lady's Mile 2 8-Aug CR/Cho
Oroklini Marsh 1 Adult Breeding Plumage
2-Aug ME
Zakaki 1 3, 4 & 7-Aug JE/TRe/JS

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Limicola falcinellus* Πικατσονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 1 30 & 31-Aug JS/JN/UM

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής
Max counts per location:
Akhna Dam 10 29-Aug BB
Bishop's Pool, Limassol 4 30-Aug JS
Fresh Water Lake South 6 10-Aug ME
Lady's Mile Marshes 2 20-Aug SC
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 15-Aug ME/PSm
Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Aug ME
Partenitis Dam 2 28-Aug FGe
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flying with Garganey 19-Aug CR
Zakaki Pool 2 16-Aug ADT

COMMON SNIBE *Gallinago gallinago*
Πικατσόνι



Common Snipe, Zakaki Marsh, August 8th.
Photograph by Chris Holt.

Bishop's Pool 1 30-Aug JS/JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 16-Aug JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 30-Aug LAC
Zakaki Marsh 2 8-Aug CR/Cho

Zakaki Pool 3 16-Aug ADT
Zakaki Marsh 1 18, 20 & 23-Aug
TRe/ADT/SC/JN

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Βαλοτομπεκάτσα
Akhna Dam 2 28-Aug FGe
Bishop's Pool 1 27 & 30-Aug
MSS/ADT/JS/JN
Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Aug ME
Zakaki Marsh 1 1-Aug CR/CHo

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Θαλασσομπεκάτσα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 28-Aug TRe

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυροεραλλίδα
Fresh Water Lake South 1 17-Aug ME
Fresh Water Lake South 4 24-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 1 6, 15, 24, 26 & 28-Aug
ME/PSm
Oroklini Marsh 2 21-Aug ME

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Φλυαροεραλλίδα
Akhna Dam 1 juvenile 6-Aug SC
Akrotiri Pits 1 7-Aug JE
Bishop's Pool 2 21-Aug JSta
Fresh Water Lake South 1 5-Aug ME
Fresh Water Lake South 5 17-Aug ME
Fresh Water Lake South 2 24-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 3 6 & 28-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 1 15, 24 & 26-Aug
ME/PSm
Oroklini Marsh 2 21-Aug ME

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλοτοεραλλίδα
Oroklini Marsh 1 15, 24 & 26-Aug
ME/PSm
Zakaki Marsh 1 1-Aug CR/CHo

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Στακτοεραλλίδα
Akhna Dam 1 17, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 30-Jun
Akhna Dam 1 2, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19,
23, 27, 28 & 29-Aug ME/SC/AKe
Akhna Dam 4 4-Aug AKe
Akhna Dam 2 6, 30 & 31-Aug ME/BB/SC
with A Leventis
Bishop's Pool 1 30-Aug JN
Evretou Dam 1 17-Aug FGe
Fresh Water Lake South 2 24-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 1 21-Aug ME

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Πρασινοεραλλίδα
Max counts per location:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 3-Aug ME
Akhna Dam 24 9-Aug ME
Athalassa Dam 2 30-Aug FGe
Bishop's Pool c10 30-Aug JS/JN
Evretou Dam 1 9, 14 & 27-Aug
CR/CHo/DJW/JS
Fresh Water Lake South 3 17 & 24-Aug
ME
Kannaviou Dam 2 17-Aug FGe
Larnaca Airport Coast 8 12-Aug JS
Lower Ezousa Pools 2 28-Aug CR
Oroklini Marsh 4 15-Aug ME/PSm
Parthenitis Dam 7 2-Aug ME
Sotira Pond 1 30-Aug ME
Zakaki Marsh 4 9 & 13-Aug SC/TRe

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Δασοεραλλίδα
Max count per location:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 6 23-Aug BB
Akhna Dam 10 2-Aug AKe
Asprokremnos Dam 2 1-Aug MSS
Bishop's Pool 10 1-Aug CR/CHo
Evretou 2 2-Aug RAT
Fresh Water Lake South 3 5-Aug ME
Lower Ezousa Pools 1 2 & 13-Aug
CR/CHo
Oroklini Marsh 3 21-Aug ME
Partenitis Dam c10 11-Aug SC
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 25-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 on beach 7-Aug
CR/CHo
Zakaki Marsh 2 1, 8, 22 & 31-Aug
CR/CHo/MH/UM/ADT

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Μικροεραλλίδα
Max count per location:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 30-Aug ME
Akhna Dam 20 4-Aug AKe
Bishop's Pool 4 21-Aug JSta
Evretou 1 2-Aug RAT
Fresh Water Lake South 4 24-Aug ME
Lady's Mile 1 28-Aug ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 2-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 2 26-Aug ME
Paphos Lighthouse 2 18-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 24 possibly just 17,
on beach 7-Aug CR/CHo
Zakaki Marsh 3 1-Aug CR/CHo

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*
Βραχονεραλλίδα
Paphos Lighthouse 2 18-Aug CR

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*
Ροδόγλαρος
Akrotiri Pits 1 15-Aug JE
Mandria 1 1-Aug MSS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flying along
shoreline 27-Aug CR

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*
Μελανόγλαρος
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 1ad, 1 juv 3-Aug
CR/CHO
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 ad 27-Aug CR
Spiro's Beach 1 1st Winter 2-Aug ME

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus fuscus heuglini*
Σιβηρικός Γλάρος
Spiro's Beach 1 Adult 2-Aug ME

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus
michahellis* Χιντιανόγλαρος
Max count per location:
Akhna Dam 2 Adult with immature 31-Aug
FGe
Akrotiri Salt Lake c60 23-Aug SC
Kensington Cliffs 2 1-Aug CR/CHO
Lady's Mile Marshes 2 1 adult, 1 juvenile
23-Aug SC
Larnaca Airport Coast 68 23-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 15-Aug
ME/PSm
Mandria 1 ad 12 & 13-Aug JN/CR
Paphos Lighthouse 1 ad 18-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 15 & 22-Aug CR
Spiros Pool 67 23-Aug JS

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*
Γελογλάρονο
Akhna Dam 3 1 Adult/2 Imm 3-Aug ME
Akhna Dam 1 6, 7, 11, 14 & 20-Aug
BB/AKe/SC/ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 23-Aug JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 Imm 21, 26 & 28-Aug
ME
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 1ad, 1juv 3-Aug
CR/CHO
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flying west along
shore 11-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 imms 15-Aug
CR

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida*
Λιμνογλάρονο



*Whiskered Tern, Zakaki Marsh, August 8th.
Photograph by Chris Holt.*

Akhna Dam 2 3, 18, 25 & 30-Aug ME/AKe
Akhna Dam 1 13, 14, 20 & 30-Aug
BB/AKe/SC with A Leventis
Akhna Dam 3 Imm Fly Through 18-Aug
ME
Fresh Water Lake South 1 17 & 24-Aug
ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 23-Aug JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 Adult 2 & 14-Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 2 Adult Summer / Imm 10-
Aug ME
Oroklini Marsh 4 2 Adults/2 Imm 15-Aug
ME/PSm
Zakaki Marsh 1 ad. 1-Aug CR/CHO

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias
leucopterus* Ασπρογλάρονο



*White-winged Tern, Akhna Dam, August
11th. Photograph by Stavros
Christodoulides*

Akhna Dam 2 moulting plumage 2, 3, 4 &
8-Aug FGe/ME/AKe
Akhna Dam 5 Adults Moulting 6-Aug
ME/BB
Akhna Dam 7 adults moulting 7-Aug AKe
Akhna Dam 3 9-Aug ME/BB
Akhna Dam 1 10, 11, 13, 20, 23 & 28-Aug
FGe/ME/SC/AKe/BB/MH

Akhna Dam 3 Imms Fly Through 19-Aug
ME
Fresh Water Lake South 1 Adult Moulting
5-Aug ME
Fresh Water Lake South 2 Imms 10-Aug
ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 23-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 11-Aug TRe

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο
Bishop's Pool c20 30-Aug JS
Kensington Cliffs 2 13-Aug ME

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba
palumbus* Φάσσα
Largest counts:
Armou Hills 16 29 & 31-Aug CR
Asprokremnos Dam c40 27-Aug JS
Athalassa Dam 30 30-Aug FGe
Evretou Dam 40 9-Aug CR/Cho
Lower Ezousa Pools 20 28-Aug CR

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE
Streptopelia decaocto Φιλικουτούνη
Largest counts:
Agia Napa Football Fields 10 8 & 21-Aug
AKe
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 7 21-Aug FGe
Asprokremnos Dam 8 27-Aug JS
Fresh Water Lake South 7 17-Aug ME
Paphos Sewage Plant 7 21-Aug CR
Souni 7 5-Aug JN

EURASIAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia
turtur* Τρυγόνι
Akhna Dam 1 Heard 8-Aug ME
Akhna Dam 6 27-Aug AKe
Akhna Dam 4 30-Aug AKe
Akrotiri Cat Sanctuary 1 20-Aug SC
Anavargos Hills 2 31-Aug MSS
Armou Hills 2 6-Aug CR/Cho
Armou Hills 1 21 & 31-Aug CR
Armou Hills 3 26-Aug CR
Asprokremnos Dam 2 1 & 31-Aug MSS
Asprokremnos Dam 1 25-Aug MSS
Bishop's Pool 2 27-Aug MSS
Bishop's Pool 1 30-Aug JN
Ezousas Pools 4 31-Aug MSS
Kannaviou 2 7-Aug JS
Kannaviou Dam 9 14-Aug DJW
Lower Ezousa Pools 14 1 dark juv 21-Aug
CR
Lower Ezousa Pools 5 28-Aug CR
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 25-Aug CR
Souni 2 in flight over Andreas' valley 6-
Aug JN

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia
senegalensis* Φοινικотρύγωνα
Agia Napa Football Pitches Housing Est 5
25-Aug ME
Agia Napa Football Pitches Housing Est 1
30-Aug ME
Aradippou, Larnaca 2 10-Aug FGe
Limassol, New Harbour 2 9 & 23-Aug SC
Limassol, New Harbour 1 20-Aug SC
Xylyotymbou 1 30-Aug SC with A Leventis

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*
Κούκος
Agia Napa Football Fields 2 (1 juvenile) 5-
Aug AKe
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 juvenile 8-
Aug AKe
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 9-Aug JS
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 adult 25-Aug
AKe
Agia Napa Football Pitches 1 Rufous
Phase 25-Aug ME
Akhna Dam 1 31-Aug ME
Kamarea (Tala) 1 heard then seen 20-
Aug DJW

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Ανθρωποπούλλι
Argaka Area 1 1-Aug AD
Kamarea (Tala) 1 23-Aug DJW

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*
Θουπί
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Heard 25-
Aug ME
Drouseia 1 On wires near hotel 5.45am
25-Aug JS
Kritou Marottou 2 16-Aug FGe
Nicosia, Pedagogical Academy Forest 1+
heard only 19-Aug SC
Nicosia, Pedagogical Academy Forest 1
heard only 21-Aug SC
Smyies, Paphos 2 Heard in evening
19.45pm 25-Aug JS
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 2 Heard
24-Aug ME

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*
Κουκκουφκιάος
Agia Varvara 1 25-Aug MSS
Akhna Dam 1 1, 4, 13, 21, 28, 29 & 31-
Aug ME
Anarita Park 1 25-Aug MSS
Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Heard 18-Aug ME
Kritou Marottou 2 16-Aug FGe
Oroklini Hills 1 Heard 26-Aug ME
Parekklesia 1 22-Aug ADT

Smyies 1 25-Aug JS
Souni 3 in different areas 4-Aug JN
Souni 2 5 & 17-Aug JN
Souni 1 10, 12, 13, 25, 26 & 28-Aug JN

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus*

europeus Νυκτοπούλλι

Kannaviou Dam 1 flushed out of fallen branches 17-Aug FGe
Marathounta 1 flew over house at dusk 2-Aug CR/CHo
Smyies 1 Seen flying 19.45pm 25-Aug JS

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*

Πετροχειλίδοιο

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 8 & 9-Aug JS/AKe
Akhna Dam Present 23-Aug MH
Armou Hills 43 passing over 6-Aug CR/CHo
Armou Hills 20 14-Aug CR
Marathounta 9 10-Aug CR
Minthis Hills 1 23-Aug CR
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 23 & 27-Aug JN
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 3 & 7-Aug CR/CHo
Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 19-Aug CR
Souni 1 heard 5-Aug JN
Souni 2 6-Aug JN
Troodos Visitor Centre 2 2 & 4-Aug JS
Troodos 5 2-Aug JN
Troodos 1 9-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Aug MH
Zakaki Marsh 37+ 23-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh 30 distant 25-Aug CR
Zakaki Marsh 10+ 30-Aug JN

Swift spp: Armou Hills 20 Pallid/Common, too high to be sure, some looked pale 12-Aug CR

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχειλίδοιο

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 16-Aug AKe
Agia Napa Football Fields 3 21-Aug AKe
Agia Napa Football Pitches 8 30-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 9-Aug ME
Agia Thekla 5 15-Aug ME/PSm
Akhna Dam 1 25-Aug ME
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c5 23-Aug SC
Akrotiri Peninsula c10 20-Aug SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 28-Aug ME
Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Plantation North of Lake c5 9-Aug SC

Armou Hills 1 at least, with Common swifts 6-Aug CR/CHo
Armou Hills 4 24-Aug CR
Armou: Tsadha Track 1 6-Aug MSS
Fresh Water Lake South c40 17-Aug ME
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 23-Aug JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 23-Aug JS
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 5 25-Aug DJW
Oroklini Marsh 3 10-Aug ME
Troodos 3 29-Aug UM
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 5 23-Aug ME
Troodos Visitor Centre 3+ 4-Aug JS
Troodos Visitor Centre 3 25-Aug DJW
Zakaki Marsh 11 27-Aug MSS

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχειλίδοιο

Agia Napa Football Pitches 1 30-Aug ME
Akrotiri Cat Sanctuary c6 20-Aug SC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c5 20-Aug SC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 25 & 28-Aug TRe
Akrotiri gravel pits 2 27-Aug ADT
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 30-Aug JN
Armou Hills 2 12-Aug CR
Armou Hills 3 15-Aug CR
Armou: Tsadha Track 1 6-Aug MSS
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 2 9-Aug JN
Drouseia 18 Flying over hotel 13.15pm 25-Aug JS
Kyrenia 4 27-Aug DJW
Nicosia, Lykavittos 2+ 19-Aug SC
Nicosia, Pedagogical Academy Forest c6+ 10-Aug SC
Nicosia, Pedagogical Academy Forest c15 11-Aug SC
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 23 & 27-Aug JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 8 25-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 40 high up moving south with House Martins 7-Aug CR/CHo
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 19-Aug CR
Tsada 20 15-Aug CR
Zakaki Marsh 3 13-Aug TRe
Zakaki Marsh 2 18 & 25-Aug TRe
Zakaki Marsh 4 27-Aug MSS

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

ΑΚουόνη

Single records from many wetland sites all month. Two plus and interesting reports below:
Akhna Dam 2 11-Aug SC
Asprokremnos Dam 2 1-Aug MSS
Fresh Water Lake South 2 17-Aug ME
Lower Ezousa Pools 2 1ad, 1 juv 21-Aug CR

Oroklini Marsh 2 24 & 26-Aug ME
Paphos Lighthouse 2 1-Aug MSS
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area 2 26-Aug FGe
Pomos Point 2 15-Aug CS
Skoulli, Paphos 1 came out of reeds 19-Aug FGe
Tzelefos Bridge 1 4-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 4 23-Aug JN

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος
Agia Napa Sewage Works 10+ 30-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works c15 30-Aug SC with A Leventis
Akhna Dam 1 2-Aug BB
Akhna Dam 11 29-Aug BB
Akrotiri gravel pits 60 31-Aug ADT
Akrotiri Salt Lake heard migrating 31-Aug UM
Ay Nik (ESBA) 2 25-Aug ME
Ay Nik (ESBA) 18 29-Aug ME
Ay Nik (ESBA) 80+ 31-Aug ME
Diarizos Valley 6 on wires 22-Aug JN
Meneou Beach Heard passing over 7.30am 31-Aug JS
Meneou Beach 4 Seen 14.30pm 31-Aug JS
Panagia Asinou 1 1-Aug JS
Panagra Dam 15 27-Aug DJW
Platanistasa 9 3-Aug FGe
Vrysoulles 1 26 & 28-Aug ME

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα
Two plus and interesting reports given below:
Akhna Dam 3 23 & 27-Aug AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 30-Aug JS/JN
Alakati 2 12-Aug ME
Anarita Park 2 25-Aug MSS
Asprokremnos Dam 4 1-Aug MSS
Avgorou 2 18-Aug ME
Ay Nik (ESBA) 4 2 & 31-Aug ME
Ezousas Pools 2 31-Aug MSS
Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 7-Aug JS

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουΐγιος
Largest counts and interesting records:
Agia Napa Football Fields 5 25-Aug AKe
Akhna Dam 12 30-Aug AKe
Asprokremnos Dam 3 27-Aug JS
Kampos tou Livadiou 3 in flight 2-Aug JN
Souni 3 together in Souni Carob Grove 5-Aug JN

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 30-Aug SC with A Leventis
Akhna Dam 1 30 & 31-Aug ME/AKe
Akrotiri Pits 1 22-Aug JE
Armou Hills 1 31-Aug CR

DESERT LARK *Ammomanes deserti*

Βραχοτράσηλος
Akhna Dam 1 14-Aug AKe
(Further details requested. A possible 2nd record of this vagrant previously seen in 1973)

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 20 30-Aug JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 17 26-Aug DJW
Anthoupolis 20 24-Aug FGe
Argaka Area 11 9-Aug AD
Mandria 5 13-Aug CR

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Βαλτοχειλίδονο
Agia Napa Football Fields 2 16-Aug AKe
Agia Napa Football Pitches 1 30-Aug ME
Akamas 2 28-Aug CS
Akhna Dam 1 17, 25 & 31-Aug ME
Akhna Dam 2 30-Aug AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c35 Probably an undercount 30-Aug LAC
Evretou 1 in with the swallows, although seems early 2-Aug RAT
Fresh Water Lake South 1 17-Aug ME
Lower Ezousa Pools 3 28-Aug CR
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 25-Aug CR

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne*

rupestris Βραχοχειλίδονο
Amiantos Asbestos Mine 4 13-Aug ME
Moutoullas 2 2-Aug JS
Troodos 1 14-Aug SC

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Largest counts and ringing records:
Agia Thekla c200 15-Aug ME/PSm
Akhna Dam 350 7-Aug AKe
Asprokremnos Dam 50 on wires below dam 25-Aug CR
Evretou Dam 150 9-Aug CR/CHO
Phassouri Reed-beds 122+ 27-Aug JN
Polis Reed Beds 15 Roost 3-Aug BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 38 roost 6-Aug BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 21 Roost 11-Aug BCRS

Polis Reed Beds 28 Roost 17-Aug BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 61 Roost 21-Aug BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 18 Roost 25-Aug BCRS

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo*

daurica Μιλιτοχελίδοιο

Largest counts:

Acheleia 6 28-Aug CR
Evretou Dam 9 9-Aug CR/CHO
Phassouri Reed-beds 24 27-Aug MSS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 12 19-Aug CR
Smyies 50+ over between 06.30 and
07.30am 26-Aug JS
Souni 7 moving S 6-Aug JN
Troodos 10 29-Aug UM
Zakaki Marsh 7 seen by Alan 30-Aug JN

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon*

urbicum Ασπροχελίδοιο

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 50 12-Aug CR
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 79 at least 9-
Aug JN
Evretou Dam 300 100s all around us
swirling all morning 9-Aug CR/CHO
Kalopanagiotis c60 over village after
sunset 1-Aug JS
Mandria 250 13-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay c140 7-Aug
CR/CHO

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 25 & 30-Aug
ME

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Κίτρινος Ζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 100 23 & 25-Aug AKe/ME
Mandria 26+ 29-Aug LAC
Paphos Sewage Plant 200 31-Aug MSS
Phassouri Reed-beds 34 27-Aug MSS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 20 19-Aug CR
Zakaki Pool 25 20-Aug ADT

BLUE-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla f.flava*

Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Akhna Dam 1 20-Aug ME

Zakaki Marsh 10 22-Aug MH

SYKES'S WAGTAIL *Motacilla f.beema*

Akhna Dam 1 Male - Summer Plumage –
Photographed 25-Aug ME

BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla*

f.feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Oroklini Marsh 1 10-Aug ME
Partenitis Dam 9 28-Aug FGe
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 fem. Type 8-Aug
CR/CHO

Phassouri Reed-beds 8 at least 16-Aug
JN

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 adult male
moulting 23-Aug SC

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 male 23-Aug JN

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 fem 25-Aug CR

Zakaki Marsh 3 one male and two juvenile
4-Aug JS

Zakaki Marsh 2 males 30-Aug JN
CR

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κίτεροζευκαλάτης



Citrine Wagtail, Zakaki Marsh, August 8th.
Photograph by Chris Holt

Akhna Dam 1 1st Winter 1, 3, 4, 14 & 15-
Aug ME/FGe/SC/AKe

Akhna Dam 2 1st Winters 6-Aug ME

Akhna Dam 1 probably adult female 10-
Aug FGe

Akhna Dam 2 juvenile 11 & 15-Aug SC/
ME/PSm

Akhna Dam 1 at least 23-Aug MH

Akhna Dam 1 adult male 31-Aug FGe

Ezousas Pools 1 28 & 31-Aug MSS

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 27-Aug MSS

Pomos 1 5-Aug MSS

Zakaki Marsh 1 juv 8-Aug CR/CHO

Zakaki Marsh 1 Fem 28-Aug ME

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Ποταμοζευκαλάτης

Caledonian Falls Trout Farm 1 22-Aug
ME

Kalopanagiotis 1 Juvenile near Venetian
Bridge 2-Aug JS

Tzelefos Bridge 1 male 4-Aug JS

WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάρυδο

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 1 seen 9-Aug JN
Kalopanagiotis 1+ 2-Aug JS
Trooditissa 1 heard only 14-Aug SC

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 juvenile 30-Aug SC
Akhna Dam 1 30-Aug AKE
Akrotiri gravel pits 2 25 & 27-Aug ADT
Anarita Park 2 31-Aug LAC
Anavargos Hills 3 31-Aug MSS
Armou Hills 1 29 & 31-Aug CR
Asprokremnos Dam 1 27-Aug JS
Ay Nik (ESBA) 2 31-Aug ME
Latchi 1 25-Aug JS
Minthis Hills 1 30-Aug CR

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Διπλοσκαλιφούρτα
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 21-Aug AKE
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 31-Aug BB
Akamas 2 28-Aug CS
Akhna Dam 1 31-Aug ME
Akrotiri Gravel pits 1 28-Aug TRe
Anavargos Hills 1 31-Aug MSS
Cape Greco Point 1 15-Aug ME/PSm
Cape Greco Point 3 25-Aug ME
Cape Greco 6 26-Aug JO
Lady's Mile 1 28-Aug TRe
Mandria 3 28-Aug CR
Mandria 2 29-Aug LAC
Mandria 1 31-Aug CR
Sotira Pond 1 30-Aug ME

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* Στακτοσκαλιφούρτα
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 adult male 30-Aug SC with A Leventis
Akrotiri Pits 1 25-Aug JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juvenile male 20-Aug SC
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 male 21-Aug FGe
Avagas Coast 1 seen at 11.00 & 16.00 22-Aug DJW
Mandria 1 male still largely in summer plumage 29-Aug LAC

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*
Σκαλιφούρτα



Juvenile Cyprus Wheatear, Mavrokolympos Dam, August 4th. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and interesting records:
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 14 includes 6 juveniles, 1 female, 2 males and rest in flight 9-Aug JN
Cape Greco 5 15 & 26-Aug ME/PSm/JO
Kampos tou Livadiou 22 only 2 heard, rest seen including 6 juveniles 2-Aug JN
Livadi tou Pashia 5 one adult and four juveniles 4-Aug JS
Mavrokolympos Dam 5 inc 2 juv's 4-Aug DJW
Souni 10 includes 6 adults and 2 juveniles, other 2 heard calling 12-Aug JN
Troodos 5 2-Aug JN

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*
Γαλαζοκότσουφας
Kannaviou Dam 1 male 17-Aug FGe

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 1 heard calling twice, unseen 9-Aug JN
Kalopanagiotis 2 1-Aug JS
Kampos tou Livadiou 1 heard calling, twice 2-Aug JN
Livadi tou Pashia 1 male 4-Aug JS
Trooditissa 1 14-Aug SC
Troodos Environmental Centre 1 Heard 13 & 24-Aug ME

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*
Ψευταηδώνι
Akhna Dam 1 2, 10, 15, 22 & 23-Aug SC/FGe/ME/PSm/MH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 heard only 23-Aug SC

Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Plantation
 North of Lake 1 heard only 9 & 18-Aug
 SC
 Anavargos Hills 1 31-Aug MSS
 Armou Hills 1 21 & 31-Aug CR
 Bishop's Pool 2 30-Aug JN
 Evretou Dam 2 h 9-Aug CR/Cho
 Ezousas Pools 1 31-Aug MSS
 Fresh Water Lake South 2 24-Aug ME
 Larnaca Salt Lake 1 23-Aug JS
 Lower Ezousa Pools 1 h 21 & 28-Aug CR
 Oroklini Marsh 1 28-Aug ME
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 28 & 31-Aug
 CR/MSS
 Partenitis Dam 1 heard only 11-Aug SC
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1 18, 20 & 22-Aug
 SC/MH
 Phassouri Reed-beds c5 23-Aug SC
 Sotira Pond 1 30-Aug ME
 Zakaki Marsh Present 27-Aug MSS

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης
 Largest counts:
 Akhna Dam 10 2-Aug AKe
 Larnaca Desalination Plant 6 23-Aug JS
 Mandria 6 12-Aug JN
 Phassouri Reed-beds 5 23-Aug JN
 Phassouri Reed-beds 5 27-Aug MSS
 Potamia 4 21-Aug FGe

SAVI'S WARBLER *Locustella luscinioides*

Νερομουγιούδι
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1 call heard only
 23-Aug SC

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

schoenobaenus Σκλοινοκομουγιούδι
 Ezousas Pools 4 31-Aug MSS
 Lower Ezousa Pools 8 28-Aug CR
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1+ 9-Aug SC
 Zakaki Marsh 1 16, 24, 25 & 28-Aug
 JN/JS/CR/ME
 Zakaki Marsh 2 20 & 23-Aug SC/JN

MARSH WARBLER *Acrocephalus palustris*

Βαλτομουγιούδι
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 30-Aug SC
 with A Leventis

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus Καλαμομουγιούδι



Eurasian Reed Warbler, Phassouri Reed Beds, August 20th. Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides

Akhna Dam 1 6 & 11-Aug SC
 Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Plantation
 North of Lake 1 18-Aug SC
 Dhiazozos R. Kouklia Present 25-Aug
 MSS
 Ezousas Pools 2 31-Aug MSS
 Lower Ezousa Pools 2 13 & 21-Aug CR
 Oroklini Marsh 1 2 & 26-Aug ME
 Partenitis Dam 2 heard only 11-Aug SC
 Phassouri Reed-beds 2+ 9-Aug SC
 Phassouri Reed-beds c6 20-Aug SC
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 heard calling 22-
 Aug MH
 Zakaki Marsh 3 1, 8 & 30-Aug
 CR/Cho/JS
 Zakaki Marsh 4+ 4-Aug JS
 Zakaki Marsh 1 7, 20, 25 & 28-Aug
 JE/SC/ADT/CR/ME
 Zakaki Marsh 2 23, 24 & 30-Aug
 SC/JS/JN

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

arundinaceus Τζικλομουγιούδι
 Akhna Dam 1 31-Aug ME
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 28-Aug TRe
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Heard 28-Aug
 ME
 Sotira Pond 1 30-Aug ME
 Zakaki Marsh 1 16, 24, 28 & 30-Aug
 JN/ADT/JS/ME

EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER

Iduna pallida Τριβιτούρα
 Largest counts:
 Agia Napa Football Fields 10 16-Aug
 AKe
 Agia Napa Sewage Works c10 9-Aug JS
 Armou Hills 4 29-Aug CR
 Athalassa Dam 6 30-Aug FGe

Livadi tou Pashia c6 (family party) 4-Aug JS
Souni 6 includes 1 juvenile 12-Aug JN

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia conspicillata* Κοτινοφτέρι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 1, 3 & 9-Aug ME/JS
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 15 & 25-Aug ME/PSm
Agia Napa Sewage Works 4 30-Aug ME
Akhna Dam Present 23-Aug MH
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 2 24-Aug FGe
Asprokremnos Dam 2 27-Aug JS
Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 31-Aug ME
Cape Greco 3 26-Aug JO
Cape Greco 2 15-Aug ME/PSm
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 23-Aug JS
Minthis Hills 4 4-Aug CR/CHO
Minthis Hills 3 30-Aug CR
Spiro's Beach 1 2-Aug ME

Possible MENETRIES WARBLER
Armou Hills 1 dark grey-capped *Sylvia* warbler, not fem Sardy, but not 100% sure what it is! 12-Aug CR

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης
Largest counts:
Anavargos Hills 5 31-Aug MSS
Armou Hills 7 29-Aug CR
Asprokremnos Dam 6 31-Aug MSS
Evretou Dam 12 17-Aug FGe
Kannaviou Dam 5 17-Aug FGe
Souni 6 5-Aug JN

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax* Τρυπομάζης
Largest counts:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 9 & 30-Aug JS/SC with A Leventis
Agios Amvrosios 1 male 22-Aug JN
Akoursos 2 1m and 1f 25-Aug JS
Anavargos Hills 2 31-Aug MSS
Argaka Area 3 9-Aug AD
Asprokremnos Dam 2 male 27-Aug JS
Cape Greco Picnic Site 1 Fem 15-Aug ME/PSm
Souni 13 4-Aug JN
Souni 10 includes 2 males 5-Aug JN
Souni 11 6-Aug JN
Souni 13 includes one male 7-Aug JN
Souni 10 includes one male 8-Aug JN
Souni 8 only heard calling 11-Aug JN
Souni 11 12-Aug JN

Souni 2 males in flight 15-Aug JN
Vasa 1 male 9-Aug JN
Zanadja 2 including 1 male 16-Aug JN

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia crassirostris* Θαμνογαλλούρα
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 12 & 16-Aug AKE
Agia Napa Sewage Works 9 1-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works 7 3, 9 & 25-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works 15+ 15-Aug ME/PSm
Agia Napa Sewage Works 6 20-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works c5 30-Aug SC with A Leventis
Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 31-Aug BB
Anavargos Hills 1 31-Aug MSS
Armou Hills 1 21, 24 & 29-Aug CR
Armou Hills 2 31-Aug CR
Marathounta 3 males, feeding together in scrub 10-Aug CR
Marathounta Hills 1 16-Aug CR
Minthis Hills 1 eastern end, in almond orchard 4-Aug CR/CHO
Minthis Hills 2 30-Aug CR
Smyies 1 25 & 26-Aug JS

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria* Γιαλλούρα
Armou Hills 3 1stw 11-Aug CR

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca* Συκαλλίδι
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 25-Aug AKE
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 3-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 15, 23 & 31-Aug ME/PSm/BB
Agia Napa Sewage Works 6 25 & 30-Aug ME/SC with A Leventis
Anavargos Hills 3 31-Aug MSS
Armou Hills 2 21, 23 & 28-Aug CR
Armou Hills 1 24-Aug CR
Armou Hills 6 26 & 31-Aug CR
Armou Hills 3 27-Aug CR
Marathounta Hills 1 16-Aug CR
Minthis Hills 1 23 & 30-Aug CR
Smyies 3+ 25-Aug JS

COMMON WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis* Διπλοσυκαλλίδα
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 9-Aug JS
Agia Napa Football Fields 2 21-Aug AKE
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 25-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 juvenile 30-Aug SC with A Leventis

Akhna Dam 1 23-Aug MH
Akhna Dam 2 30-Aug AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 juvenile 23-Aug SC
Smyies 1 25-Aug JS

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Αμπελοπούλι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 male 30-Aug
SC with A Leventis
Akhna Dam 1 30-Aug AKe
Armou Hills 1 m 29-Aug CR
Egkomi Park 1 heard only 30-Aug SC
with A Leventis
Kamares (Tala) 1 male 28-Aug DJW
Minthis Hills 1 m 23-Aug CR

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus*

trochilus Θαμνογιαννούδι
First reports and largest counts:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Fresh
Plumage 15-Aug ME/PSm
Agia Napa Sewage Works 10+ 25-Aug
ME
Akhna Dam 1 20-Aug AKe
Akhna Dam 20 30 & 31-Aug AKe/FGe
Armou Hills 9 29-Aug CR
Cape Greco 8 26-Aug JO
Evretou Dam c10 27-Aug JS
Minthis Hills 9 30-Aug CR

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa*

striata Μουγιοχάφτης
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 21, 25 & 28-
Aug AKe
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 15, 20 & 30-
Aug ME/PSm/SC with A Leventis
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 25-Aug ME
Akamas 2 28-Aug CS
Akhna Dam 1 13, 23, 28, 29 & 31-Aug
BB/AKe/ME
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 18 & 30-Aug
SC/LAC
Anarita Park 1 31-Aug MSS
Armou Hills 2 29-Aug CR
Armou Hills 3 31-Aug CR
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 5 9-Aug JN
Asprokremnos Dam 2 31-Aug MSS
Giant Juniper, Troodos 2 13-Aug ME
Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos 1 2-Aug
JN
Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos 2 4-Aug
JS
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 6+ inc 2
juveniles 4-Aug JS
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 3 25-Aug DJW
Oroklini Hills 1 26-Aug ME

Persephone Trail, Troodos 1 13-Aug ME
Trooditissa 1+ 14-Aug SC
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 1 23-Aug
ME

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπτεπος

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 92 9-Aug JN
Giant Juniper, Troodos 2 13-Aug ME
Kampos tou Livadiou 49 2-Aug JN
Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos c10 4-Aug
JS
Kannaviou 4+h 7-Aug JS
Kannaviou Dam 8 17-Aug FGe
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 4+ 4-Aug JS
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 5 25-Aug DJW
Pachyammos 2 27-Aug CS
Pano Platres 6 heard 9-Aug JN
Paphos Forest above Argaka 4 Washing
at a water course 29-Aug AD
Persephone Trail, Troodos 4 13-Aug ME
Trooditissa 1 14-Aug SC
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 2 23-Aug
ME
Troodos Visitor Centre c10 4-Aug JS
Troodos Visitor Centre 3 25-Aug DJW
Troodos 8 2-Aug JN
Troodos 9 9-Aug JN

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts:
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 4 9-Aug JN
Asprokremnos Dam 5+ 27-Aug JS
Athalassa Dam 5 30-Aug FGe
Evretou Dam 5+ 27-Aug JS
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area 5 26-Aug FGe
Smyies c8 25-Aug JS
Souni 9 4 & 5-Aug JN

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia*

brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 6 9-Aug JN
Giant Juniper, Troodos 1 Heard 13-Aug
ME
Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos 6 heard
calling, includes 3 close together 2-Aug
JN
Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos c10 4-Aug
JS
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 6+ 4-Aug JS
Persephone Trail 1 13-Aug ME
Trooditissa 1 heard only 14-Aug SC
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 2 Heard 23-
Aug ME
Troodos Visitor Centre c10 4-Aug JS
Troodos Visitor Centre 1 25-Aug DJW

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Στακτοτζεφαλάς



*Red-backed Shrike, Akrotiri, August 30th.
Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Early reports and largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 5 25-Aug AKe

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 1m and 1f
9-Aug JS

Agia Napa Sewage Works 42 31-Aug BB

Akhna Dam 1 Adult Male 4-Aug ME

Akhna Dam 62 30-Aug AKe

Anarita Park 5 31-Aug TRe

Anavargos Hills 12 31-Aug MSS

Cape Greco 5 26-Aug JO

Marathounta 1 m 10-Aug CR

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

Διπλοδακκανούρα



*Lesser Grey Shrike, Akrotiri Gravel Pits,
August 20th. Photograph by Stavros
Christodoulides*

Early reports and largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 20 28-Aug
AKe

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Adult Male
9-Aug ME/JS

Agia Varvara 10 31-Aug LAC

Akhna Dam 10 27, 30 & 31-Aug AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c8 mostly adult 20-
Aug SC

Anavargos Hills 6 31-Aug MSS

Armou Hills 18 8 juvs 26-Aug CR

Arodhes 6+. Five together on wires 25-

Aug JS

Asprokremnos Dam c10 27-Aug JS

Mandria 6 28 & 31-Aug CR

Vrysoulles 1 Adult Male 10-Aug ME

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοσινοτζεφαλάς

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 9, 25 & 28-
Aug JS/AKe/ME

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Adult Male
9-Aug ME/JS

Akhna Dam 1 adult 27-Aug AKe

Anarita Park 1 31-Aug LAC

Androlikou 1 7-Aug DJW

Armou Hills 1 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 24, 27, 29,

30 & 31-Aug CR/CHo/MSS

Minthis Hills 1 17 & 30-Aug CR

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκανούρα

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 14 30-Aug AKe

Anadiou 6 14-Aug DJW

Argaka Area 5 20-Aug AD

Armou Hills 11 12-Aug CR

Asprokremnos Dam 5 1-Aug MSS

Kathikas 6 inc 2 Juv 7-Aug DJW

Minthis Hills 7 4 juvs 30-Aug CR

Souni 6 4 in flight, 1 female on wires and 1
male 12-Aug JN

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίτσα

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 18 9-Aug JN

Caledonian Falls 1 22-Aug ME

Giant Juniper, Troodos 1 13-Aug ME

Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos 1 2 & 4-
Aug JN/JS

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 2 4 & 25-Aug
JS/DJW

Mount Olympus 6 2-Aug JS

Pano Platres 1 in flight 9-Aug JN

Persephone Trail, Troodos 2 13-Aug ME

Trooditissa c4 14-Aug SC

Troodos c6 14-Aug SC

Troodos Environmental Centre 1 14-Aug
ME

Troodos Leave Centre Valley 1 22-Aug
ME

Troodos Visitor Centre 2 25-Aug DJW

Troodos 1 2 & 9-Aug JN

Tzelefos Bridge 2 4-Aug JS

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατσικωρώνα

Largest counts:

Akamas 11 including juveniles 28-Aug
CS

Argaka Area 17 23-Aug AD

Armou Hills 10 14-Aug CR

Minthis Hills 10 17-Aug CR

Nicosia, Makedonitissa c10 22-Aug SC

WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Evretou Dam 200 9-Aug CR/CHo

Paphos Sewage Works 155 28-Aug CR

Parthenitis Dam c100 2-Aug ME

Pegeia 50 19-Aug FGe

Pittokopos c500 in one large flock 28-Aug
CS

Potamia 60 21-Aug FGe

Pyla c50 5 & 14-Aug BB

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 18 28-Aug

AKE

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 35 24-Aug FGe

Argaka Area 22 25-Aug AD

Asprokremnos Dam 12+ 27-Aug JS

Mandria 80 28-Aug CR

Paphos Sewage Works 40 28-Aug CR

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area 12 26-Aug

FGe

Phassouri Reed-beds 17 23 & 28-Aug JN

Vrysoulles c45 4-Aug ME

Zakaki Marsh 25 16-Aug JN

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Akhna Dam 2 Adults 19-Aug ME

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Sturnus**roseus* Ακριδοπούλλι

Cape Greco 1 juv 26-Aug JO

(Further details requested)

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 100 9 & 12-Aug
JS

Akhna Dam 400 2-Aug AKE

Anthoupolis 50 21 & 24-Aug FGe

Frenaros 500 12-Aug AKE

Souni 60 at least 7-Aug JN

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer**hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam c200 4-Aug ME

Anavargos Hills 15 31-Aug MSS

Armou Hills 48 all imms/juvs in non-

breeding plum 6-Aug CR/CHO

Asprokremnos Dam 10+ 1-Aug MSS

Dhiarizos R. Kouklia Present 25-Aug
MSSLarnaca Desalination Plant c30 23-Aug
JS

Lower Ezousa Pools 30 28-Aug CR

Mandria 8 1-Aug MSS

Nicosia, Makedonitissa c5 22-Aug SC

Oroklini Hills c20 26-Aug ME

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίννος

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Plantation

North of Lake 1 heard only 9-Aug SC

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 151 9-Aug JN

Giant Juniper, Troodos 2 13-Aug ME

Kalopanagiotis 2 2-Aug JS

Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos 20 most
seen 2-Aug JN

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 6+ 4-Aug JS

Persephone Trail 6 13-Aug ME

Trooditissa 1+ 14-Aug SC

Troodos Leave Centre Valley 2 24-Aug
ME

Troodos Visitor Centre 8+ 4-Aug JS

Tzelefos Bridge 6 4-Aug JS

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 6 includes 2
pairs and a male, plus another heard calling
9-Aug JN

Kalopanagiotis 10 1 & 2-Aug JS

Kyparissia trail, Kellaki 2 9-Aug ADT

Souni 1 male in flight 5-Aug JN

Troodos Visitor Centre 2 4-Aug JS

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis**chloris* Λουλουδάς

Largest counts:

Asprokremnos Dam 10+ 27-Aug JS

Athalassa Dam 12 30-Aug FGe

Marathounta 12 10-Aug CR

Smyles 20+ inc juveniles 25-Aug JS

Souni 14 7-Aug JN

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis**carduelis* Σγαρτίλι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 50 18 & 27-Aug AKe
Anthoupolis 40 24-Aug FGe
Asprokremnos Dam 10+ 27-Aug JS
Frenaros 10 18-Aug AKe
Phassouri Reed-beds 13 27-Aug JN
Pittokopos 22 in one flock 28-Aug CS
Platanistasa 16 3-Aug FGe
Smyies c20 25-Aug JS
Souni 13 7-Aug JN

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο

Akoursos 6 25-Aug JS
Armou Hills 7 6-Aug CR/CHO
Armou Hills 5 11 & 26-Aug CR
Armou Hills 2 29-Aug CR
Armou Hills 3 30 & 31-Aug CR
Evretou Dam 2 17-Aug FGe
Lower Ezousa Pools 2 28-Aug CR
Minthis Hills 3 4-Aug CR/CHO

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττη

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 2 heard 9-Aug JN
Giant Juniper. Troodos 1 13-Aug ME
Kampos tou Livadiou, Troodos 4 one heard, 2 in flight calling, 1 male seen preening 2-Aug JN
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 2 25-Aug DJW
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 1 23-Aug ME

CINEREOUS BUNTING *Emberiza**cineracea* Συμυρνοπιτίλλα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Male & Female - Photos SC 30-Aug SC with A Leventis/ME

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

Τσακροπιτίλλα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 8 20-Aug ME
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 25-Aug ME
Asprokremnos Dam 2 27-Aug JS
Oroklini Hills 3 26-Aug ME

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza**caesia* Σιταροπούλλι

Armou Hills 16 feeding on ground, then flushed when I drove up 28-Aug CR
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 30-Aug ME/SC with A Leventis
Kannaviou Dam 2 14-Aug DJW

Kannaviou Dam 4 17-Aug FGe

Marathounta 4 2m, in moult 10-Aug CR
Paphos Forest above Argaka 1 2-Aug AD
Smyies 7+. 5+ at picnic site and 2+ at stream 25-Aug JS
Smyies 3+ 26-Aug JS
Souni 4 5-Aug JN
Souni 8 6-Aug JN
Souni 1 in flight 7-Aug JN
Souni 3 8-Aug JN

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza**melanocephala* Τριπίλιγγκος

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 21-Aug AKe
Akhna Dam 1 heard only 30-Aug SC with A Leventis

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

August 2014

Martin Hellicar

The BirdLife Cyprus waterbirds monitoring programme has been running since 2005 and covers around 60 wetlands and other waterbird sites around the island. All sites are covered at least every January (mid-winter count) and every May (breeding season count), while the more important sites are also covered in March, September and November. Key Important Bird Area (IBA) wetlands such as the island's two salt lakes, which attract large numbers of birds, are covered on a monthly basis. The monitoring programme is based on the voluntary work of a team of dedicated and experienced recorders and preliminary results are presented in the Monthly Checklist.

A total of 12 sites were counted in August 2014, including key wetland Important Bird Areas (IBAs). A total of 1,084 birds of 42 species were recorded. The top sites were Larnaca Sewage works, where 269 birds of 15 different species were counted, while Oroklini marsh was close, with 234 birds of 18 different species. The most numerous August waterbird was the Mallard, with 235 individuals counted, many of them juveniles. Yellow-legged gulls were also abundant, with 136 counted, almost all of these at Larnaca Salt Lake, while there was also an impressive 104 Spur-winged Lapwings recorded.

Site coverage for the August 2014 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date
Paphos Lighthouse	Colin Richardson	18 Aug
<i>Mavrokolymbos Dam</i>	Dave & Jan Walker	14 Aug
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	14 Aug
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	14 Aug
Phassouri Reed Bed	Martin Hellicar	22 Aug
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Martin Hellicar	22 Aug
Bishop's Pool	John & Ann Stapley	21 Aug
Zakaki Pond	Martin Hellicar	22 Aug
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	23 Aug
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	23 Aug
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	15 Aug
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	16 Aug

Sites in *italics* held no waterbirds (0 count).

August 2014 Site and Species Totals

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2014	Little Grebe	Great White Pelican	Great Cormorant	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Grey Heron	Glossy Ibis	Greater Flamingo	Eurasian Teal	Mallard
Paphos Lighthouse											
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Evretou Dam											
Kannaviou Dam	2		3				1				37
Phassouri Reed Bed					3						
Akrotiri Salt Lake, Meras & Lady's Mile						1	1				
Bishop's Pool	43					2		1			3
Zakaki pond	1			3		4	1	2			3
Larnaka Salt Lake											
Larnaka Sewage Works	6					1			3	17	164
Oroklini Marsh	2	1			59	2	1		34		18
Achna Dam					4	1	2				
TOTAL	54	1	3	3	66	11	6	3	37	17	225

Garganey	Northern Shoveler	Ferruginous Duck	Common Moorhen	Common Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Spur-winged Lapwing	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Common Ringed Plover	Little Stint	Temminck's Stint	Dunlin	Ruff	Common Snipe	Spotted Redshank	Common Redshank
								4									
		1	1														
			3			1											
					3		50		1		30			2			
12			2	3	18					2	13						2
1			10		2	6									1		
						4	51		1								
5	53			2	4	5					3			1			
			7	6	31	43					20	1		3		1	1
1			1		1	45			5				1				
19	53	1	24	11	59	104	101	4	7	2	66	1	1	6	1	1	3

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2014 (continued)	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Ruddy Turnstone	Yellow-legged Gull	Black Tern	Whiskered Tern	White-winged Black Tern	Common Tern	Gull-billed Tern	Common Kingfisher
Paphos Lighthouse			2	2	1						1
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Evretou Dam	1										
Kannaviou Dam											1
Phassouri Reed Bed											
Akrotiri Salt Lake, Meras & Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool	3	4	4						2		
Zakaki pond	2	2									2
Larnaka Salt Lake					135						1
Larnaka Sewage Works							1	2		2	
Oroklini Marsh						2	2				
Achna Dam							1				
TOTAL	6	6	6	2	136	2	4	2	2	2	5

Yellow Wagtail	Reed Warbler	Collared Pratincole	TOTAL	species count
			10	5
			0	0
			1	1
			46	7
1	1		9	5
			88	7
			114	15
		3	43	15
16			208	6
			269	15
			234	18
			62	10
17	1	3	1084	42



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