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

Join the **BirdLife Cyprus Google** group to exchange and receive emails updating local and visiting birders about recent sightings <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds>

The Monthly Newsletter and Society News is compiled by Jane Stylianou.

Any suggestions concerning subjects for future inclusion gratefully received, as are photographs of any recent sightings. If you are sending photographs for inclusion in the Systematic List please send them by 20th of the month – BUT those of birds seen and photographed in November should be sent by 17th December (Note earlier than usual date). Every effort is made to ensure that the work of as many contributors is used but inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Please send photographs in JPEG format where possible. Please send to janestyicy@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone: 99558953

Cover photograph: *This Osprey Pandion haliaetus spent most of October at Asprokremmos Dam where it could often be seen fishing and then eating its catch perched on a electricity pole beneath the Dam. Several photographers used the opportunity to capture the bird as it ate. Ian Bloomer took this shot on 27th October 2015.*

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Winter 2015 – Spring 2016

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.*

The schedule of field trips is drawn up well in advance of the actual dates. The schedule will only change due to an extraordinary event. However, it is sometimes necessary to assign a different leader.

NEW: Please note certain field trips require pre booking with the leader to ensure there are suitable conditions at the site for the time of year and sufficient participation (These will be marked Pre Book). Participants in field trips are always advised therefore to check with the BirdLife Cyprus website or the Field trip Leader in case of any late changes or cancellations.

Whilst BirdLife Cyprus does not charge for attending field trips, any voluntary donation to its conservation work would be very welcome. Please present your gift to the leader on the day.

December 2015

Saturday 5th December: Kidasi

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

Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

Saturday 12th December: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

January 2016

Saturday 9th 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 9th January: New Year get-together

Details to be announced

Saturday 23rd January: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

Saturday 30th January: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Waterbirds and other winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed beds

February 2016

Saturday 6th February: Mandria, Anarita Park and Nearby

Leader: Alan Crane Mobile 99276310

Winter rarities of the area

Meet at 9.30 am Mandria Village car park (on the left just before the village)

Saturday 13th February: Paphos Foothills

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

Winter thrushes and finches.

Meet at 9.30 am, roundabout Paphos end of motorway, lay-by at "Konia" exit.

Saturday 20th February: Larnaca Sewage Works, Seafront and (possibly) Oroklini Marsh PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

Saturday 27th February: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker, Mobile: 99915907

Winter visitors and early spring migrants.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremmos Dam car park.

March 2016

Saturday 5th March: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Late winter visitors, early spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall

Wednesday 16th March: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Late winter visitors, water birds and spring migrants

Meet 9.30 am, New viewing hide at Zakaki Marsh

Saturday 19th March: Paphos Lighthouse

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

Spring migrants

Meet 8.30 am (please note the earlier start time), Entrance of Archaeological area by the Paphos Harbour Car Park

Saturday 26th March: Larnaca Sewage Works & Oroklini Marsh PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893.

Late spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am, Larnaca Sewage Works Hide.

April 2016

Friday 8th - Sunday 10th April: Karpasia Peninsula

Spring migrants and rare residents

Details will follow

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

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

Saturday 16th April: Cape Greko
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Spring migrants

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

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

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Saturday 23rd April: Neo Chorio Ringing Demonstration (Provisional. Date to be confirmed)

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

Duration of the demonstration is 9.00 am -12.30 pm Leader: Alan Crabtree. Mobile: 99455345

Friday 29th April – Monday 2nd May: Greek Orthodox Easter Weekend

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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KEEP UP TO DATE AND SHARE RECENT SIGHTINGS WITH THE BIRDLIFE CYPRUS GOOGLE GROUP

Continuing BirdLife Cyprus' attempts to ensure both resident and visiting birders receive up to date information on the birds being spotted on the island, we have set up a Google Group through which group members can email in their recent sightings and bird news and receive and read those of other members.

If you would like to join please [click here](#).

Email: BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com

Once you are a member you can chose whether to receive all emails or check the news via the web at a time convenient to you. It is an informal group for birders to share what is around. It cannot be checked for accuracy or be held responsible for misinformation. The group is open to both BirdLife Cyprus members and non-members alike. If you know a non-member or friend who may be interested please let them know.

Any news will also be shared with the BirdLife Cyprus BirdLine 25 934076 and the BirdLife Cyprus [Recent sightings page](#) of the website. You can also use these two resources to find out what is around if you don't want to join the Google group.

In addition, don't forget to make your records count by submitting your bird records to the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder and adding them to the country database. Use the [Cyprus portal of BirdTrack](#), download [our reporting excel](#) or email the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder, Jane Stylianou janestyacy@yahoo.co.uk

FIELD MEETING REPORT- LARNACA, 24th October 2015

Stavros Christodoulides

The early morning showers and unsettled weather probably discouraged some from attending this year's autumn Larnaca fieldtrip, resulting in just five of us meeting at the Larnaca Sewage Works Hide at the usual starting time of 930 am. Nevertheless, by then, the unsettled weather had moved on and the sun was shining pleasantly on what promised to be an interesting trip as autumn at Larnaca is one of the Island's most exciting birding destinations!

The water level on the southern pool was low and small islands formed attracting good numbers of waders. The large numbers of birds reminded me of the good old days when the Sewage Works held thousands of birds. Waders included **Ruff**, a large flock of over 100 or so **Little Stint** and **Dunlin**, **Common Redshank**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Ringed**, **Kentish** and **Grey Plover**, **Northern** and **Spur-winged Lapwing** and **Ruddy Turnstone**. There were also hundreds of waterfowl, the majority being **Mallard**, **Northern Shoveler** and **Eurasian Teal** but also a several **Northern Pintail**. Amongst the Teal we managed to pick out a couple of **Garganey** while on the northern pool we spotted a pair of **Tufted Duck**, including a brilliant breeding plumaged male, and a female **Common Pochard**. A **Ruddy Shelduck** that had been present for the last couple of weeks, was still around and gave great scope views as it rested on the small island. Other birds on the pools included **Greater Flamingo**, **Grey Heron**, **Little** and **Black-necked Grebe**, **Eurasian Coot**, **Whiskered Tern** and a couple of **Common Black-headed Gulls**. Unfortunately, some Common Cranes that were reported the previous day were only seen by Neil on his way to the hide, but not by the rest of us.

Our next stop was the fields north of Spiros Pool. On our way there, and just a few metres from the Sewage Works hide, we noticed a Pratincole in the field. It looked very dark and had us all excited at the possibility that it was a Black-winged, a very rare species for the Island. We managed to get some close photographs but the more we looked at it the more it looked like the much more common Collared as with better views the legs appeared short and the tail too long for the rarer species. It took off and we noticed the chestnut underwing, the identification clincher for **Collared Pratincole**, a decent bird for the time of year but not the one we had hoped for! In the fields further north we got out of the car and walked. Our target birds were Red-throated Pipit as well as hoping to see our first Skylarks for the season. After half an hour or so of walking we managed **Spectacled Warbler**, flocks of **Spanish Sparrow**, plenty of **Crested Lark** and **White Wagtail**, **Common Stonechat** but no Pipit or Skylark. Just a few metres from the car however we got lucky and managed to hear and see a single **Eurasian Skylark** as well as a flock of **Red-throated Pipit**. We had flight views as they flew above us giving their distinctive call as well as looks of birds landing and feeding in the nearby field.

Happy with our progress we moved on to Spiros Beach to have a closer look at the gull flock that had gathered there. On the way we scoped the buoys just offshore and counted at least 6 **European Shags**, including a couple of white bellied juveniles. Amongst the dozen or so **Yellow-legged Gulls** we picked out a sub adult **Armenian Gull** as well as more unexpected juvenile **Baltic Gull**, identified from the surrounding juvenile gulls by its smaller size, darker plumage, black bill and longer wings.

Our final stop was a drive to the eastern end of the Main Larnaca Salt Lake in an area of water and reeds that can be very productive. Unfortunately the recent rains were not enough and the area was very dry and of little interest. Nevertheless a short walk added **European Robin**, **Common Chiffchaff** and a couple of **Western Marsh Harrier** to our day list. By the end of our walk it was time to end the fieldtrip. It proved to be a very successful morning with over 50 birds recorded proving once again that Larnaca in late October is a great place to go birding!

FIELD MEETING – PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

31st October 2015

John Stapley

A bright blue sky and gentle breeze welcomed 18 members and potential new members at the beach car park adjoining the somewhat reduced (in size) cafe site. The reduction is thanks mainly due to the efforts of the new Mayor of Paphos who is determined to improve the general appearance of the “2017 Cultural Capital of Europe” by removing unsightly illegal structures and the paraphernalia that goes with them – in this case an ugly extension to the approved premises, couple of sheep and several chicken!

As we set off along the shore, a lone **Yellow-legged Gull** drifted slowly by. Searching for food on the water's edge and only a few metres from where we stood was a **Common Sandpiper**, which appeared completely unperturbed by our group and a fisherman who was also close by. Several **Hooded Crow** came and went on the rocks whilst a small flock of **Red-throated Pipit** was observed on the adjacent slope busily searching for insects in the thick, low vegetation which made easy observation and identification a little difficult. Nearby, two **Crested Lark** took flight with their characteristic calls. A **Common Kestrel**, a regular sight here, was hovering inside the main Archaeological Site looking for its mid-morning snack. Later it was joined by its mate and a possible youngster.



Further along, we spotted two **Meadow Pipit** and the first of numerous **Common Stonechat**. Resting close to the shore, we saw the recently-arrived **Eurasian Golden Plover** and a **Greater Sand Plover** – the latter, a regular visitor to this location which had arrived several weeks ago, appeared to be on its own. However, on getting closer to these birds, we found that there were in fact four Greater Sand Plovers – being partially hidden behind rocky outcrops. The Eurasian Golden Plover moved around giving us great views of its profile before obligingly sitting for a while with its back to us. With the sun shining brightly behind us, we had a delightful view of the striking golden highlights in its back and wing plumage which give the bird its name.

Left: Red-throated Pipit photographed by Karl Proctor.

A second, and possibly third, Common Sandpiper appeared followed by a second Eurasian Golden Plover – a new arrival for this autumn. This bird flew in low, following closely the line of the edge of the shore as if it had been looking for its mate, and settled only a few metres from it. Perhaps this is the start of a larger group arrival as has been witnessed in previous years? Let us hope so.

Inside the Archaeological Site, we soon found the **Red-backed Shrike** which had recently claimed a sizeable area of bush and vegetation as its own hunting territory. Surprisingly, less than fifty metres away was a juvenile **Masked Shrike** which appeared to be suffering from a damaged wing. Perhaps the Red-backed Shrike was feeling compassionate for its injured intruder and was prepared to tolerate its presence? Perhaps it had inflicted the wound? We also came across **Sardinian Warblers** skulking amongst the bushes and more Common Stonechats frequently perched on the highest of a local bush or other vegetation.

Two **Zitting Cisticola** (or Fan-tailed Warbler) announced their presence with their characteristic call as they flew across our path. A single **White Wagtail** and a **Common Chaffinch** were both

seeking their respective foods within a metre or so of one another. Two **Collared Doves** flew out from the tall trees.

Amongst the tall trees we observed several **Western Black Redstart**, **European Goldfinch** and **Great Tit**. Three or four **European Robin** were heard contact calling whilst at least two were singing.

The final section of the walk produced a few more of the same species without any new ones spotted except for those of us who happened to look out across the harbour as we exited the Archaeological Site and headed for some lunch. A solitary **European Shag** sat perched on the rocks at the harbour entrance bringing the day's species total to respectable 22. Two more Yellow-legged Gulls were on an adjacent rock.

FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKROTIRI PENINSULA, 14th November 2015

June Neal

A warm sunny morning at Zakaki Pool, Limassol was the starting point for the 28+ people who assembled at the hide. There were pools between the cut back reeds in the corridor from the hide to the main body of water which attracted a **Little Crake**, **Water Rail**, **Great Reed Warbler**, **White Wagtail** and **Common Moorhen** - much to our delight. As the wind had increased from about 0830 the **Penduline Tits** had gone to more sheltered areas but one person saw eight and I heard one calling when I arrived. **Common Reed Bunting** were heard calling and one was seen briefly, again in the reeds, to the right of the hide.

On the island and then in the main pool seven male and seven female **Mallard** plus six **Eurasian Teal** were seen, one **Grey Heron**, at least 35 **Common Black-headed Gull**, six Moorhen, two **Little Grebe** and a very fast-moving **Common Kingfisher** flew across the pool.

More Black-headed Gulls flew constantly over the hide and towards the coast as did one **Common Kestrel**. **Hooded Crow** mobbed a female **Hen Harrier** over the reed-bed and a couple of **Zitting Cisticola** flitted across the marsh. **Meadow Pipit**, **Common Linnet**, **Common Stonechat** and **Eurasian Skylark** were in the area along with the usual **Crested Lark** and more White Wagtail.

Moving on to the Oasis Restaurant Pool at Lady's Mile we spent considerable time searching through the assembled Black-headed Gulls finding a **Slender-billed Gull** asleep and hiding its distinctive beak but showing off the rosy chest plumage when the wind blew. About 30 **Armenian Gull** were noted plus a couple of **Caspian Gull**, one being a sub-adult. There was no sign of any Sandwich Tern or the recently-reported Mediterranean Gull. A few **Common Starling** put in an appearance as well as a small flock of **Little Stint**. Many more Skylark flew over. Other waders were difficult to find so we drove onto Bishop's Pool and were disappointed to find the gate locked and headed to Akrotiri Marsh.

The restoration work on the reed-bed was an interesting sight but there were no water birds around although photographers had seen Water Rail earlier, plus a Bluethroat. Zitting Cisticola, Common Stonechat, European Goldfinches, European Greenfinch, **Common Chiffchaff** and **House Sparrow** plus a lone Common Kestrel were seen. **Sardinian** and **Cetti's Warbler** plus **Great Tit** were heard calling.

A few telephone calls between times resulted in Melis Charalambides, our Chairman, persuading the person in charge to open the gates to Bishop's Pool where we returned for coffee and lunch whilst watching the Eurasian Teal, **Ferruginous Duck**, male **Northern Pintail**, a couple of **Northern Shoveler** with Mallard, Little Grebe, **Eurasian Coot** and Moorhen on the pool. During the walk around the pool a possible **Bluethroat** was seen in flight. Singing and calling **European Robin**, calling **Chukar** and Cetti's Warbler were heard and several Common Chiffchaff were heard – both *collybita* and *abietinus*. **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** was seen in flight twice, presumed to be the same bird plus another Kestrel.

At Akrotiri Gravel Pits a few people noted single **Song Thrush** and **European Serin** and a few of us went on to Kensington Cliffs in the afternoon and were treated to views of **Eurasian Griffon Vulture** sitting on the cliff face, in flight over the rocks and then over the hills with a total of 13 birds seen. Two **Peregrine Falcon** appeared; 15+ **Yellow-legged Gull** and one **Rock Pigeon** flew around the cliffs. A lone **European Shag** was on the rocks below. More Sardinian Warbler, Chukar, Robin and Greenfinches were heard. A most pleasant day in good company – with 53 species seen – thanks to you all.



A photograph of the group at the Zakaki hide taken by Ian Bloomer.

VISIT THE NEW WEBSITE FOR THE AKROTIRI MARSH PROJECT

Melpo Apostolidou

BirdLife Cyprus invites you to visit the website created for Akrotiri Marsh (also known as Fassouri Marsh) at <http://www.akrotirimarsh.org>. The website has been created as part of the Darwin Plus project for the restoration of this unique wetland.

Through the website one can find information about the wetland, the birds and other wildlife of the wetland, as well as information about the Darwin Plus project activities, produced material and news. As the project progresses, more news and photographs will be uploaded, so visit the website regularly to keep yourself updated.

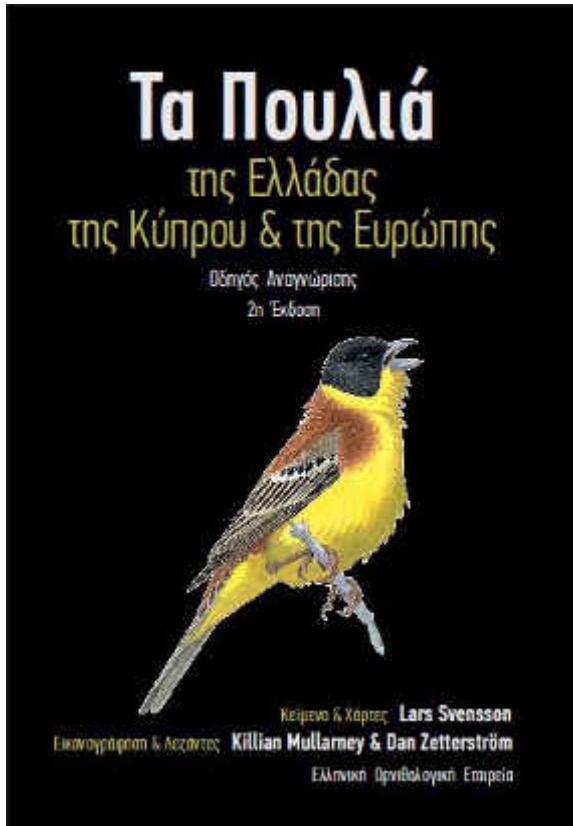
The website is a great communication tool especially for those who wish to visit the Akrotiri Marsh and for those who wish to find out more about the efforts to restore the wetland through the Darwin Plus project.

Akrotiri Marsh is just a click away. Visit www.akrotirimarsh.org to find out more.

The Darwin Plus project “Akrotiri Marsh Restoration: a flagship wetland in the Cyprus SBAs” is funded by the Darwin Initiative through UK Government funding to restore Akrotiri Marsh and its biodiversity. BirdLife Cyprus is the lead partner in collaboration with two more partners, the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre and RSPB (BirdLife partner in the UK). This ecosystem-based conservation project has a duration of 2 years, between April 2015 and March 2017.



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NEW CALENDAR 2016 Birds of Akrotiri Marsh



We are happy to announce the arrival of the new BirdLife Cyprus 2016 calendar which showcases pictures of birds of the Akrotiri Marsh also known as Phassouri Reed Beds. This area has a rich community of birds and other species and amongst them are many species of importance for our island such as the Peregrine Falcon, the Eurasian Bittern, the Mallard, the Squacco Heron... In order to protect and conserve our bird species and all the species living in this area, we need to make sure we protect their habitats as well, since one could not exist without the other. Each photograph is accompanied by information about the species and the photographer. The calendar has a new modern design (dimensions 21.5 X 30.5 cm) and it costs €7 for members and €10 for non-members.



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BIRD PHOTO QUIZ
Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 33



Last Month's Quiz answer

Grey, faintly streaked body, short, rather chunky bill and medium length tail suggests that October's mystery bird is a species of lark, a family of birds that can be amongst the most tricky to separate.

Our mystery bird looks rather non-descript with overall greyish plumage, a rather large pale supercilium, browner wings and tail and no crest. The lack of a crest immediately rules out our commonest breeding species, Crested Lark, while its small bill rules out Calandra and Bimaculated Larks. Its grey colouration also rules out the three very rare desert species (Dunn's, Desert and Bar-tailed Larks).

We are left with three species, Skylark which is a common winter visitor and the two species of Short-toed Lark, Lesser and Greater. At this angle, the three are quite similar and the key to identification is the bird's colouration and bill size/shape. Skylark usually shows a small crest and of the three species has the thinnest bill. Our bird has a thicker bill. Skylarks are also usually browner and show a long primary projection. This leaves just the two Short-toed Larks. The key identification characteristic is that Lesser shows a streaked breast but in our photo this doesn't show. However we can see enough to determine the bird's ID. It can be safely identified as a **Lesser Short-toed Lark** from the medium length primary projection (in Greater the long tertials cloak the primary tips) and shorter bill. Furthermore, although Greater Short-toed Larks are variable in colour they never appear as grey as this bird.

FALL OF CYPRUS WHEATEARS ON ISRAELI COAST

Jane Stylianou

Cyprus birders are used to see good numbers of the Cyprus Wheatear *Oenanthe cypriaca* from mid-March until early autumn. After the breeding seasons the birds tend to move to coastal areas but some remain inland at locations such as Troodos as late as mid-October. Over the weekend 9th – 11th October good numbers were still present on the Karpasia Peninsula and observed by the BirdLife Cyprus trip there. As October comes to an end numbers dwindle with the odd single bird sometimes around into early November. An endemic breeder, meaning it only breeds on the island, Cyprus Wheatear are thought to head for wintering grounds in Ethiopia and Sudan, usually via Egypt with only a few observed passing through Israel – although more are usually seen on their spring migration back here.

This year however Israeli birdwatchers were treated to a fall of the species as the Israel Birding Portal related and you can read for yourselves via this link:

<http://www.birds.org.il/en/article-page.aspx?articleId=654>

The eastern Mediterranean was experiencing unsettled weather at the time and it seems as if on 28th October 2015 migrating Cyprus Wheatear were forced off course or just forced to land along the Mediterranean coast of Israel. The above article refers to just a small area of coastal dunes to the north of Tel Aviv where local birders were soon informing each other of the arrival of tens of the birds. Eighty birds were recorded in the end but it is likely that far more were present in areas that the bird watchers didn't visit.

The article also gives a feeling of the excitement felt by the Israeli birders on seeing a fall of a species that we take for granted.

Out of interest on the same day a Cyprus Wheatear was seen at Akrotiri Gravel Pits with two at Zakaki Marsh and two days later two were on Lady's Mile. Maybe they were waiting for better weather south of Cyprus before crossing the Mediterranean.

The Cyprus Wheatear below was photographed on Lady's Mile, 30th October by Tony Reeves.



SAVI'S WARBLER RECORDS IN CYPRUS

Jane Stylianou & Alan Crabtree

While compiling the October 2015 records, I noticed that there had been two Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides* trapped and ringed at Polis Reed Beds during the month but that none had been observed by the many bird watchers out at local sites during the month. The BirdLife Cyprus Ringing Officer, Alan Crabtree, collated the ringing statistics for this species from his files for me, as shown in the table below. So far this year twelve individuals have been ringed compared to 11 others reported (mainly birds that were heard). Given that all those ringing records are from the Polis area where most of the ringing is done, it seems obvious that this skulking species is slipping through Cyprus mainly unseen and as a result appears to be under recorded.

Its status in Cyprus is noted as 'a scarce passage migrant mainly from mid-March to April and August to October'. Looking at the Cyprus Bird Reports 2005 – 2013 and 2014 records, Savi's Warbler is more frequently observed in the spring, with autumn 2013 the best recent autumn for this species with seven individuals seen – three at Akhna Dam, one on Paphos coast and three trapped and ringed at Polis Reed Beds. From 2005 to date a lot of the island's ringing activity has been carried out in the reed beds of Polis and as a result the area appears to be favoured by the species, but there must be others passing through unobserved at other similar locations. The Cyprus Bird Report 2007 notes that the year was a good year for Savi's Warblers with 16 records of 37 birds – 11 of those individuals were trapped and ringed on one day on 19th April at Polis with four ringed at Evretou Dam on 25th April.

All this seems to show just how secretive and skulking migrating Savi's Warblers must be. Those of us not involved with ringing are obviously missing out on finding this species as it's does not appear logical that only big numbers are found in the Polis area. A lot of non-ringing records are sound records of people hearing its endless reeling call which is often given at night. It has a lower pitch than that of the Grasshopper Warbler with more notes per second – more a hard and noteless buzz. This will usually be heard coming from dense vegetation – not only reeds. Sightings in Cyprus away from Polis come from locations including Cape Greco, Paphos Headland, Mandria, Zakaki Marsh, Bishop's Pool, Paralimni Lake and Akhna Dam, and include many well watched birding locations. Maybe this coming spring we can alter the percentage bias of sightings away from the north west of the island. It would be interesting to see if more ringing in, for example, the Akrotiri Peninsula would have altered the bias.

The Collins Bird Guide (2nd edition) tells that 'its uniform brown and off-white plumage, can be confused with Reed Warbler; like that species it is red-brown above and has short, indistinct, pale supercilium'. But the Savi's Warbler has long pale reddish-brown under-tail coverts with pale tips, a curved wing edge and more uniform and darker reddish-brown upper parts. It also lacks the Reed Warbler's red-brown rump and has a brown-grey appearance to its breast. In good light it may be possible to see fine dark bars on the upperside of its tail which is broader than that of the Reed Warbler. Collins states that it 'Moves about discreetly in cover, but not really shy'.



Photograph: Savi's Warbler, Akhna Dam, 1st September 2013 by Stavros Christodoulides.

Savi's Warbler - Ringed			Notes
Year	Spring	Autumn	<i>Missing years = no ringing activity.</i>
1967		1	<i>From 1967 to 1995 ringing generally was in the ASL area</i>
1968		2	
1969	1	4	
1970		1	
1972		1	
1973		1	
1980		5	
1981	5		
1989		3	
1995	1		
2001	2	2	<i>2001- 2015 Ringing activity in the Pafos-Polis district</i>
2002	2		<i>was particularly in the Polis Chrysohou river system.</i>
2003	2		
2004	5		
2005	14		
2006	9		
2007	34		
2008	21		
2009	3		
2010	20		
2011	3		
2012	10		
2013	10		
2014	9		
2015	12	1	As at Oct 31 st 2015

Figures courtesy Alan Crabtree via BirdLife Cyprus Ringing Scheme. The table does not note number of ringing days per year.

BIRDS ON CYPRUS LIST WITH JUST ONE OR TWO RECORDS

Jane Stylianou

The third in an occasional series which looks at birds with just one or two records on the Cyprus list. This month Grey Hypocolius.

A lot of Cyprus birders were checking their field guides to see what exactly a Grey Hypocolius *Hypocolius ampelinus* was when the news got out that one had been discovered at Cape Greco by BirdLife Cyprus volunteer, Matthew White, on 3rd December 2010. It remained there for several days although at times it treated local birdwatchers cruelly with some failing to locate it on visits there.

An unmistakable bird, the male that was present in Cyprus, had a greyish buff crown and a black face mask that extended to its nape. It was a pale blue-grey above with black primaries which had extensive white tops. Its tail had a black tip and the underparts were a pale grey-buff. At times the crown feathers were raised making it look crest-like and the silky appearance of the feathers resembled those of the Waxwing, its close relative.



A vagrant to Cyprus from the east, it is not a species that could have been predicted to turn up here. It breeds in east Iraq and south west and south Iran, south Turkmenistan and west Afghanistan with a recent first breeding record in Kuwait in 2014. It is a short distance migrant with some remaining in west Iran and the majority migrating to the south and east to its made wintering areas in south Iran, Pakistan, west India, Saudi Arabia and the Arabian Gulf States. Vagrants have also appeared in Egypt.

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Photograph above: Grey Hypocolius, Cape Greco 6th December 2010, by Stavros Christodoulides.

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR OCTOBER 2015

Jane Stylianou

4101 bird records received

200 species and forms recorded in October 2015, compared to 207 in October 2014.

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

Some records for September received late have been added for information.

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιης

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works c30 26-Oct JS

Bishop's Pool 50 16-Oct FMM

Kouklia Reservoir c50 9-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c60 17-Oct SC

with L Sergides

Paralimni Lake 50 23-Oct AKe

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps*

nigricollis Μαυροβούτιης

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 non-breeding plumage 17, 24 & 29-Oct SC with L

Sergides/BC field trip/JS

SCOPOLI'S (CORY'S) SHEARWATER

Calonectris diomedea Πελαγόμουχος

Cape Apostolos Andreas 1 10-Oct JS

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax*

carbo Κορμοράνος

Asprokremmos Dam 6 24-Oct IKB

Asprokremmos Dam 10 26-Oct DJW

Phinikas, Paphos 15 27-Oct DJW

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax*

aristotelis Θαλασσοκόρακας

Max count per location:

Agios Phylon 1 11-Oct JS

Akrotiri fishing harbour 1 10-Oct FGe

Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs 1 21-Oct

FGe

Cape Apostolos Andreas 2 10-Oct JS

Cape Aspro 2 16-Oct JStA

Dhekelia Power Station 4 17-Oct BB

Karpas Peninsula 2 Between Koca Reis

hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS

Kensington Cliffs 2 9-Oct LAC

Latchi Coastline 7 Flock offshore just E of

Baths of Aphrodite 10-Oct BM

Limni Beach 1 Juv/1w by fishing pier 12-

Oct BM

Mandria 8 Photographed 30-Sep JStA

Mandria 6 2 flying E along coast and 4 on rocks, 3 ad and 1 juv 15-Oct IKB

Spiros Beach Buoys c6 24-Oct SC/BC field trip

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus*

onocrotalus Ροδοπτελεκάνος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3-Oct IKB

Gallinoporni 28 Gaining height to E of village then SE high over beach and out to sea 11-Oct JS

Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 2 Juveniles 11-Oct LS/AP

Paphos west coast 1 flying along coast from Venus Beach Hotel towards Coral Bay 15-Oct PCu

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*

Βουρωδιός

Lower Ezousas 1 2 & 16-Oct IKB/MSS

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus*

Νανορωδιός

Agia Varvara 1 6-Oct LAC

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας

Fresh Water Lake South 2 Juvenile 9-Oct JS

Kouklia 1 into reeds at dusk 28-Sep

KR/IB

Nikokleia 4 off east at dusk 25-Sep

KR/IB

Paralimni Lake 1 30-Oct AKe

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Asprokremmos Dam 1 8-Oct LAC

Fresh Water Lake South 2 9-Oct JS

Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 3 9-Oct JS

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos c40 In watered fields 21-Oct JS

Aradippou slurry pits c100 9-Oct FGe

Partenitis Dam c100+ 17-Oct SC with L

Sergides

Potamia c60 21-Oct JS

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη
 Largest counts and interesting records:
 Aspro Dam 22 26-Sep KR/IB
 Bishop's Pool c12 4-Oct SC/EBW
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta c10 9-Oct JS
 Latchi Coastline 14 Distant flock west over sea (viewed from villa just under 2km south of harbour) 07:40 14-Oct BM
 Paralimni Lake 17 30-Oct AKe

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα
 Akhna Dam 1 9, 17, 26 & 31-Oct FGe/JS/BB
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 1-Oct SC/JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 6 & 8-Oct JN
 Aspro Dam 1 26-Sep KR/IB
 Asprokremos Dam 1 26-Oct DJW
 Bishop's Pool 1 4 & 12-Oct SC/EBW/ADT
 Fresh Water Lake South 1 9-Oct JS
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 9-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 9, 19 & 24-Oct FGe/JS
 Mandria 2 Flying West 8-Oct DJW
 Paralimni Lake 1 23 & 30-Oct AKe
 Phinikas, Paphos 1 27-Oct DJW
 Zakaki Marsh 3 1-Oct JN

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*
 Σταχτοψαροφάς



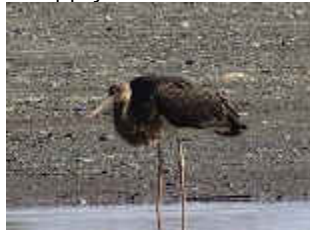
Grey Heron, Evretou Dam, 15th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and interesting records:
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 130 8-Oct JN
 Limni Beach 9 Flock flew W along beach 10:40 12-Oct BM
 Mandria c35 Roosting in conifers 1km E of Lark's Corner 2-Oct IKB
 Zakaki Marsh 50 8-Oct MGr

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*
 Πορφυροψαροφάς

Agios Sozomenos 1 In a field being watered together with Cattle Egret 21-Oct JS
 Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Trees North of Lake 1 Juvenile, perched on top of tree 1-Oct SC
 Latchi Foothills 10 Over south with 3 Grey Heron 07:50 12-Oct BM

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός



Black Stork, Zakaki, 29th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri 2 raptor survey 5-Oct ADT
 Bishop's Pool 1 Very high over main gates 2-Oct TRE
 Phassouri Reed-beds 2 5-Oct MSS
 Zakaki area 1 29-Oct TRE

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός Πελαργός



White Stork, Potamia, 21st October. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 raptor survey 12-Oct ADT/TRE
 CyKing Village Paphos 3 Flying over Tombs of the Kings road heading out to sea 3-Oct SMM
 Lady's Mile 1 found dead outside football stadium having flown into overhead cables 30-Oct TRE/MPH
 Paphos 4 High over Tomb of the King's road 10.05am 3-Oct TRE
 Potamia 2 21, 23 & 24-Oct GKo/JS/FGe
 Zakaki area 1 29-Oct TRE

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Koukklia Reservoir, Famagusta 4 9-Oct JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 4-Oct LDz

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea**leucorodia* Κουταλάς

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 adult; on island

in western pond 13 & 27-Oct MGr/JS

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus**roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 32 6-Oct JN

Akrotiri Salt Lake 24 includes the

melanistic bird 15-Oct JN

Akrotiri Salt Lake c200 28 & 30-Oct

SC/JS

Koukklia Reservoir, Famagusta c60 9-Oct

JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 28 1-Oct FGe

Larnaca Sewage Pools 27 3-Oct FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works c20 10-Oct SC

Larnaca Sewage Works 30 13, 17 & 24-

Oct MGr/SC/LS/BC field trip

Larnaca Sewage Works 66 19-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c70 21-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 76 24-Oct JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 62 27-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 209 29-Oct JS

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 14, 17, 19, 20,

21, 24 & 29-Oct JSm/SC/LS/JS/BC

fieldtrip/JN

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope*

Αρμαπάσσις

Akhna Dam 1 Female 26-Oct JS

Bishop's Pool 3 30-Oct JS

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Largest count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Oct JE

Bishop's Pool 45 16-Oct JSta

Fresh Water Lake South 3 9-Oct JS

Koukklia Reservoir, Famagusta 10+ 9-Oct

JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 151 19-Oct JS

Zakaki Marsh 5 16-Oct JSg

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοτζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 38 24-Oct IKB

Kannaviou Dam 24 13 male, 11 fem 15-

Oct DJW

Koukklia Reservoir, Famagusta 20+ 9-Oct

JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 195 19-Oct JS

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Bishop's Pool 1 f + 4-Oct SC/EBW

Bishop's Pool 2 5 & 7-Oct MSS/JSG

Bishop's Pool 3 9 & 15 & 16-Oct

LAC/FMM

Bishop's Pool 4 16-Oct FMM

Bishop's Pool 5 30-Oct JS

Ezousas Pools 1 3-Oct MSS

Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 9-Oct FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works c5+ 10-Oct SC

Larnaca Sewage Works c10+ 17 & 24-Oct

SC with L Sergides/BC fieldtrip

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 19 & 20-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 21, 27 & 29-Oct

JS

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

Μασουρατζιή

Bishop's Pool 1 4 & 7-Oct SC/EBW/JSG

Ezousas Pools 4 21-Oct DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works c5+ 10 & 17-Oct

SC/LS

Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 17-Oct FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 19-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 24-Oct SC/BC

field trip/JN

Phassouri Reed-beds 3 5-Oct MSS

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Σαξάνα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Females.

Probably same two seen flying in from sea

at Kermia Beach in morning 26-Oct JS

Bishop's Pool 8 4, 7, 15 & 16-Oct

SC/EBW/JSG/FMM/JSta

Bishop's Pool 2 9-Oct LDz

Fresh Water Lake South 3 9-Oct JS

Kermia Beach 2 Females. Flew up from

sea and headed inland 26-Oct JS

Koukklia Reservoir, Famagusta c20 9-Oct

JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c50+ 10 & 17-Oct

SC/LS

Larnaca Sewage Works 304 19-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 200 24-Oct JN

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Κουντούρα

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 20-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Female 24, 27
 & 29-Oct JS/JN/BC field trip

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιτόπαττα

Bishop's Pool 1 4 & 9-Oct SC/EBW/LAC
 Bishop's Pool 2 15 & 16-Oct FMM/JStA
 Bishop's Pool 4 30-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 13-Oct MGr
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 27-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 29-Oct JS
 Zakaki Marsh 1 10 & 16-Oct
 MGr/JSG/FMM

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1m and 1f 24-
 Oct JS/JN/SC/BC fieldtrip

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis**apivorus* Μελισσοσιάχινο

Largest counts and latest reports:

Akrotiri 80 raptor survey 2-Oct ADT
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 110 1-Oct JN
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 20 18-Oct JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 84 6-Oct JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 16-Oct FMM
 Phassouri Bee-hives 6 15:00 to 16:00 16-
 Oct FMM
 Phassouri Reed-beds 150 5-Oct MSS

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1 & 8-Oct JN
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Oct JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1-Oct JN
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 flying S 2 & 4-Oct
 IKB/JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 5-Oct MSS
 Lower Ezousas 1 21-Oct LAC
 Mandria 1 7-Oct LAC
 Nikokleia 1 24-Sep KR/IB
 Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Oct JN

EGYPTIAN VULTURE *Neophron**percnopterus* Ασπρόγυπας

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1038 - 1041 1 sub-
 adult flew from NW quite low over the salt
 lake and over the viewpoint, circling to gain
 height and migrated to S 6-Oct JN

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps**fulvus* Γύπας

Agios Fotios 1 10-Oct JSm

Episcopi Garrison 1 Seen soaring over
 British Sovereign Base from car whilst
 driving along B6 10-Oct JSG
 Kensington Cliffs 2 9-Oct LAC
 Paramali 8 all rising in same thermal; drift
 north after a few minutes 25-Oct MGr
 Pissouri 1 seen from apartment soaring
 to the south at 09.40. 14-Oct JSG
 Sotira 2 31-Oct JN

SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE *Circaetus**gallicus* Φιδαιτός

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 raptor survey 3-Oct
 IKB

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus**aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο

Western Marsh Harrier, Mandria, 12th October.
 Photograph by Dave Walker

Largest counts:

Akrotiri 8 raptor survey 2-Oct ADT
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12 18-Oct JN
 Phassouri Reed-beds 8 5-Oct MSS
 Zakaki Marsh 6 1-Oct JN

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Asprokremmos Dam 1 hunting in field
 above main carpark 25-Oct MGr
 Mandria 1 female settled in field for 20
 mins then flew out to sea 1-Oct IKB
 Zakaki Marsh 1 1123 - 1124 1 female sat
 on the salt marsh close to a water channel
 which flew and then descended out of sight
 8-Oct JN

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*

Ασπροσιάχινο

Aspro Dam 1 juv 1-Oct KR/IB
 Stavrokonnou 1 juv 2-Oct KR/IB
 Zakaki Marsh 1 1156 - 1202 1 female flew
 above the low flying raptors from the NE
 then circled up high migrating to S with the
 others, lost in cloud 1-Oct JN

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*

Καμποσιάχινο

Akrotiri 1 juv raptor survey 7-Oct ADT
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv 3-Oct IKB
Asprokremmos Dam 1 juv 25-Oct IKB
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 Juvenile
9-Oct JS/CS
Mandria 1 female 25-Oct IKB
Pissouri 1 13-Oct JSG

'Ring-tailed' Harrier spp. *Circus*

Agios Sozomenos 1 juv 5-Oct AgL
Akrotiri 2 raptor survey 3-Oct IKB
Anarita Park 1 17-Oct LAC

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 0919 - 0925 1 flew
from NW over Pluto masts high then
descended to lower level over RAF base's
hill then migrated S with Sparrowhawks 18-
Oct JN
Anarita Mast 1 juv 24-Oct IKB
Cedar Valley 1 3-Oct AL

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter*

nisus Ξεφτέρι



*Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Lady's Mile, 28th
October. Photograph by Agamemnon
Loutsios.*

Single birds recorded throughout the
month. Records of 2+ birds below:

Agios Phylon 2 11-Oct JS
Akrotiri 6 raptor survey 2-Oct ADT
Akrotiri 4 raptor survey 5 & 12-Oct ADT
Akrotiri 2 raptor survey 7-Oct ADT
Akrotiri 3 raptor survey 9-Oct ADT
Akrotiri Aerial Fields 2 4-Oct SC/EBW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 6-Oct JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 8-Oct JN
Asprokremmos Dam 2 24-Oct IKB
Kouklia Soakaways 2 28-Oct IKB
Lower Ezousas 2 21-Oct LAC
Mandria 2 8 & 15-Oct DJW/JS
Phassouri Bee-hives 2 16-Oct FMM

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 5-Oct MSS
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 10-Oct JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 1-Oct MSS

LEVANT SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter*

brevipes Σαΐνι

Achelia Dam 1 16-Oct MSS
Agia Varvara 1 7-Oct MSS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 6-Oct JN
(Further details required for all these
records)

COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα

Agia Varvara 1 road near canal 22-Oct
IKB
Agios Sozomenos 1 23-Oct JS
Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 12-Oct ADT
Asprokremmos Dam 1 21-Oct IKB
Frenaros 1 5-Oct AKe
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 29-Oct JS
Latchi Foothills 2 Over SE 13:00, probable
same to SW 14:20 10-Oct BM
Mandria (Limassol) 1 road to Agios
Nikolaos 2-Oct LAC
Nikokleia 1 24-Sep KR/IB

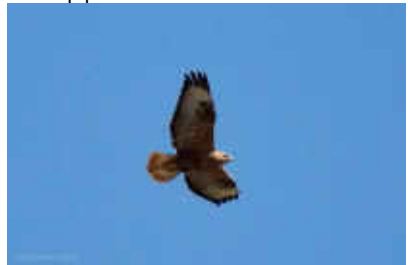
STEPPE BUZZARD *B.b.vulpinus*

Στεππογερακίνα

Akrotiri 7 raptor survey 5-Oct ADT
Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 7-Oct ADT
Bishop's Pool 2 5-Oct MSS

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο



*Long-legged Buzzard, Kouklia, 26th October.
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:

Achelia Dam 1 16-Oct MSS
Agia Varvara 2 13-Oct JS
Agios Sozomenos 1 21 & 23-Oct JS
Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 5-Oct ADT
Anarita Mast 1 on ground eating prey 7-
Oct IKB
Anarita Park 1 14 & 26-Oct IKB/DJW

Anavargos Hills 1 15-Oct MSS
 Armou Hills 2 30-Oct IKB
 Asprokremmos Dam 2 4 & 8-Oct
 LAC/JN/DJW
 Avdimou 1 31-Oct JN
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 27-Oct DJW
 Frenaros 1 7 & 31-Oct AKe
 Governor's Beach 1 28-Oct JS
 Kouklia, Paphos 3 26-Oct DJW
 Latchi Foothills 1 8-Oct BM
 Mandria 4 14-Oct LAC
 Nikokleia 2 28-Sep KR/IB
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3 & 13-Oct
 MSS/JS
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1 5-Oct MSS
 Pissouri 1 7-Oct JSG
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 1-Oct MSS

Buzzard spp. Buteo spp

Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Trees North
 of Lake 1 feeding on rat 1-Oct SC
 Aspro Dam 3 distantly over towards
 Kouklia 28-Sep KR/IB

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Aquila*

ponarina Κραυγαετός

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6-Oct JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 5-Oct MSS
 Cape Aspro 1 harassed by two Jackdaw
 causing it to drop its prey but managing to
 swoop and retrieve it on three occasions
 16-Oct JSta
 Phassouri 1 0740 - 0742 1 chased out of
 eucalyptus tree by 6 Hooded Crows 8-Oct
 JN

BOOTED EAGLE *Aquila pennata*

Γερακαετός

Agia Varvara 2 1-Oct MSS

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο

Agios Sozomenos 1 Juvenile 23-Oct JS
 Akrotiri 2 raptor survey 2-Oct ADT
 Akrotiri 1 adult raptor survey 9 & 4-Oct
 ADT
 Anarita Park 1 (Imm) 2 & 24-Oct DJW
 Anavargos Hills 2 15-Oct MSS
 Aspro Dam 1 ad west 26-Sep KR/IB
 Asprokremmos Dam 12 & 19-Oct JSG/IKB
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 Immature 26-Oct
 DJW
 Bishop's Pool 1 5-Oct MSS
 Evretou Dam 1 Imm 15-Oct DJW
 Germasogeia Dam 2 28-Oct JS
 Kamares (Tala) 2 adult pair 14-Oct DJW

Kissousa 2 possibly 3 12-Oct JN
 Kouklia 1 immature, later seen at Mandria
 2-Oct KR/IB
 Kouklia Soakaways 2 maybe 3 6-Oct
 IKB
 Kouklia 1 Seen flying over valley then
 alighted in tree and was on view for over 30
 mins 14-Oct JSG
 Latchi Foothills 1 Juvenile, over SW 15:15
 12-Oct BM
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 Imm 15-Oct DJW
 Nikokleia 2 adults hunting east ridge of
 valley 29-Sep KR/IB
 Phassouri Bee-hives 2 9-Oct TRe
 Phinikas 2 adult pair 27-Oct DJW
 Troodos 1 17-Oct DJW/MH
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 1 & 15-Oct
 MSS/JS

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός



Osprey, Asprokremmos Dam, 8th October.
 Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 9-Oct ADT
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12,
 14, 17, 24, 25, 28 & 29-Oct
 IKB/AL/LAC/DJW/LDz/JSG/MGr
 Phinikas 1 27-Oct DJW

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*

Κιρκινέζι

Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 2 & 5-Oct ADT
 Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 5-Oct ADT
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 0849 2 flew from S
 shore migrating S - one a male and other
 either a female or juvenile 18-Oct JN
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1 5-Oct MSS
 Zakaki Marsh 3 1-Oct JN

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίρτσος

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Peninsula c8 1-Oct SC
 Anavargos Hills 6 15-Oct MSS
 Frenaros 20 6-Oct AKe
 Kiti to Petounta road 6 24-Oct JS

Mandria 8 8-Oct DJW
Phassouri Reed-beds 8 15-Oct JN

Kestrel spp.

Mandria 2 flew out to sea 1-Oct IKB

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*
Μαυροπόλακκο



Red-footed Falcon, Agios Sozomenos, 5th
October. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 9-Oct AKE
Agia Varvara 20 1-Oct MSS
Agia Varvara 1 8-Oct LAC
Agios Sozomenos 1 5-Oct AgL
Akrotiri 8 raptor survey 2-Oct ADT
Akrotiri 2 raptor survey 12-Oct ADT
Akrotiri Aerial Fields c5 with
Sparrowhawks 4-Oct SC/EBW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 1-Oct JN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 4-Oct
SC/EBW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 18-Oct JN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 28-Oct SC
Akrotiri Peninsula south cliffs 1 juv 21-Oct
FGe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1 male, 1 juvenile 1-
Oct SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1-Oct JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 16 raptor survey 3-Oct
IKB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 6-Oct JN
Aspro Dam 3 1 ad male, 2 juvs 29-Sep
KR/IB
Frenaros 2 1-Oct AKE
Kamares (Tala) 14 5-Oct DJW
Karpas Peninsula 2 Around Koca Reis
hotel in late afternoon 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula 1 South coast near
Koca Reis hotel. Seen by Loria 10-Oct JS
Kivisili Fields 2 1 female, 1 juvenile 10-
Oct SC
Kivisili Fields c6 17-Oct SC with L
Sergides
Kouklia, Paphos 19 1-Oct DJW

Mandria c19 Kettling with Honey Buzzards
1-Oct IKB
Mandria 1 9 & 11-Oct LDz
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 1, 13 & 15-Oct
MSS/JS
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 Nr beehives 11-
Oct LDz
Zakaki Marsh 28 1-Oct JN
Zakaki Marsh 3 6-Oct JN
Zakaki Marsh 2 8-Oct JN

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοπόλακκο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 0847-0850 1 hunting
male on S salt marsh landed on a bush for
a little while then flew down into vegetation
18-Oct JN
Asprokremmos Dam 1 22-Oct IKB
Ezousas Pools 1 10-Oct MSS
Mandria 1 0829 female hunting on field to
W of viewpoint 4-Oct JN
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3-Oct MSS

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*
Δεντροπόλακκο



European Hobby, Mavrokolympos Dam, 15th
October. Photograph by Jan Walker

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 23-Oct AKE
Agia Varvara 1 19-Oct IKB
Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 2,5, 7 & 9-Oct
ADT
Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs 1 19-Oct
FGe
Anarita 2 sitting in/hawking around trees
by Water treatment buildings 1-Oct KR/IB
Anavargos 1 My garden 2-Oct MSS
Anavargos Hills 1 15-Oct MSS
Ezousas Pools 2 10-Oct MSS
Kamares (Tala) 2 5, 6, 20 & 22-Oct DJW
Kouklia Soakaways 1 3-Oct LAC
Latchi Foothills 2 Over E 12:10 10-Oct
BM
Lower Ezousas 1 male 18-Oct IKB
Mandria 1 8, 11 & 17-Oct LDz/JN
Mavrokolympos Dam 1 15-Oct DJW
Nikokleia 2 28-Sep KR/IB

Pervolia Fields 1 24-Oct SC/BC field trip
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 5 & 9-Oct
MSS/LAC
Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 1-Oct MSS

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora*

Μαυρομμάτης

Max count per location:

Akrotiri 2 raptor survey 12-Oct ADT

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 6-Oct JN

Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs c60 21-Oct
FGe

Aphrodite's Rock 4 15-Oct JS

Asprokremos Dam Carpark 2 26-Oct
DJW

Bishop's Pool 1 5-Oct MSS

Cape Aspro 2 16-Oct JSta

Kouklia Soakaways 1 Flew up from stream
where it appeared to have been bathing
15-Oct JS

Ladys Mile 1 1 & 6-Oct JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Flew over
heading E 10.30am 19-Oct JS

Mandria 1 probable 17-Oct JN

Phassouri Reed-bed s 1 5-Oct MSS

Phinikas 1 27-Oct DJW

Pissouri 2 10-Oct JSG

Zakaki Marsh 3 6-Oct JN

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάνοϋ

Agios Phylon 1 11-Oct JS

Agios Sozomenos 1 23-Oct JS

Aspro Dam 1 knocked kestrel off pylon,
later brought food in 27-Sep KR/IB

Asprokremmos Dam 1 in tussle with Long-
legged Buzzard 21-Oct IKB

Cape Aspro 3 16-Oct JSta

Ezousas Pools 1 10-Oct MSS

Kidasi 2 about 1 km N of village, pair into
cliffs, one with kill. 25-Sep KR/IB

Kouklia, Paphos 1 1-Oct DJW

Kouklia Soakaways 1 28-Oct IKB

Latchi Foothills 1 Over N mid-afternoon,
seemed to be after Feral Pigeons. Same
activity on 9th & 13th presume same bird
8-Oct BM

Mandria 1 7-Oct LAC

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 28-Oct DJW

Nikokleia 1 ad south 25-Sep KR/IB

Phinikas 1 27-Oct DJW

Troodos Mountains 1 Flew over Troodos
Square 12-Oct JSG

Zakaki Marsh 1 1-Oct JN

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 40 two groups of 20 1-Oct
PCu

Frenaros 60 5-Oct AKE

Kornos 21 21-Oct FGe

Souni 32 4 coveys heard, rest seen in
family parties 5-Oct JN

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus*

francolinus Φραγκολίνα

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 3 2m and 1f 14-Oct IKB

Larnaca Sewage Works area c8 17-Oct
SC

Pervolia 4 24-Oct JS

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορνίτι

Akhna Dam 1 26-Oct JS

Frenaros 450 1-Oct AKE

Frenaros 70 2-Oct AKE

Frenaros 20 3 & 12-Oct AKe

Frenaros 222 4-Oct AKE

Frenaros 90 5-Oct AKE

Frenaros 25 6-Oct AKE

Frenaros 10 7, 14 & 24-Oct AKE

Frenaros 120 11-Oct AKE

Frenaros 50 17-Oct AKE

Frenaros 44 18-Oct AKE

Frenaros 1 30-Oct AKE

Karpas Peninsula 1 Between Koca Reis
hotel and Apostolos Andreas. 10-Oct CS

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα



Water Rail, Lower Ezousas, 9th October.
Photograph by Dave Walker

Agia Varvara 1 6 & 15-Oct LAC

Lower Ezousas 1 3, 9 18 & 19-Oct
MSS/DJW/IKB

Lower Ezousas 2 7, 9, 10 & 16-Oct
MSS/DJW/LAC

Kouklia 2 29-Sep KR/IB

Paralimni Lake 1 Heard 26-Oct JS

Partenitis Dam 1 heard only 17-Oct SC with L Sergides
 Phassouri Reed-beds 2 5-Oct MSS
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 9, 11 & 15-Oct LDz/LAC/TRe
 Spiros Pool 1 Heard in reeds near outflow 19-Oct JS
 Zakaki Marsh 2 11, 13, 15, 16 & 17-Oct FMM/JSG/MGr
 Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 23 & 28-Oct MGr/SC/FGe

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*

Στικτοπουλάδα
 Agia Varvara 1 6-Oct LAC
 Lower Ezousas 1 photographed 24-Oct PCu
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 11-Oct LDz

LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva*

Μικροπουλάδα
 Lower Ezousas 1 photographed 24-Oct PCu

BAILLON'S CRAKE *Porzana pusilla*

Νανοπουλάδα
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 heard in reeds under eastern end of dam wall. Observer says checked call on phone app. Possibly two heard 7-Oct IKB (Further details required)

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετειναρο
 Largest counts:
 Bishop's Pool 12 15-Oct FMM
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 10 9-Oct JS
 Oroklini Marsh 13 12 adults and 1 immature 24-Oct JN
 Paralimni Lake 20 30-Oct AKe
 Phasouri Reed-beds 15 11-Oct FMM

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπατράς

Largest counts:
 Bishop's Pool c15 4-Oct SC/EBW
 Kannaviu Dam 14 15-Oct DJW
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1000+ 9-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c40 10-Oct SC
 Paralimni Lake 40 30-Oct AKe

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός



Common Crane, Spiros Pool, 19th October. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Agios Phylon 17 In off sea then SE 11.00am 11-Oct JS
 Agios Therissos 84 In off sea heading S 17.20pm. Counted from photograph 9-Oct JS
 Akrotiri 2 raptor survey 9-Oct ADT
 Akrotiri 1 raptor survey 12-Oct ADT
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 seen to fly from Salt Lake at 1120 and gradually gain height as they caught the thermals. They then drifted off to the south 11-Oct JSG
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 11-Oct LDz
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 12-Oct TRe
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 0809 - 0810 probable 15 flying S over the sea 15-Oct JN
 Bishop's Pool 2 9-Oct LAC
 Karpas Peninsula 6 Near Koca Reis hotel. Flying along coast 17.45. 9-Oct JS
 Karpas Peninsula 3 Three flew over heading S 8.00am. South coast near Livana hotel 10-Oct JS
 Karpas Peninsula c80 Flew over Koca Reis hotel then continued South 8.00am 11-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 adult; on island in western pond 13-Oct MGr
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 17-Oct SC with L Sergides
 Larnaca Sewage Works 6 Three adults and three juvenile 21 & 24-Oct JS/NeP
 Larnaca Sewage Works 9 Three more adults with three others and three juveniles present for several days, Started gaining height and moving slowly S out to sea 10.00am. Last seen 10.30am 27-Oct JS
 Latchi Coastline 1 Over beach road just E of Latchi harbour 08:30, presume in off sea 10-Oct BM
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1+ Heard 9-Oct LDz

Spiros Pool 4 2 adults, 2 juvenile 13-Oct
MGr
Spiros Pool 6 Three adults and three
juvenile 19-Oct JS

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus*

himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς
Fresh Water Lake South 1 9-Oct JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta c20 9-Oct
JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 3-Oct FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 9, 17 & 24-Oct
FGe/LS/SC

Larnaca Sewage Works c12 10-Oct SC
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 13 & 29-Oct
MGr/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 13 19-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c4 24-Oct SC/BC
field trip

Larnaca Sewage Works 8+ 27-Oct JS

EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus*
oedicnemus Τρουλλουριά



Eurasian Stone Curlew, Mandria, 1st October.
Photograph by Dave Walker

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 10-Oct FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 15-Oct JN
Asprokremnos Dam 8 12-Oct JN
Dhekelia Army Camp 65 None seen 31-10
17-Oct BB
Kivisili Fields c30 in 2+ flocks 10-Oct SC
Kivisili Fields c25 2 groups of c20 + c4
17-Oct SC with L Sergides
Mandria 65 mid evening count after 43 in
morning 25-Sep KR/IB
Mandria 53 early evening 27-Sep KR/IB
Mandria 41 1-Oct IKB/DJW
Mandria c40 in ploughed field 2-Oct IKB
Mandria 54 3-Oct LAC
Mandria 40 4-Oct JN
Mandria 53 5-Oct LAC
Mandria 30+ 6-Oct LDz
Mandria 15 8-Oct DJW
Mandria 6 9-Oct LDz
Mandria 19 11-Oct LAC

Mandria 12 12 & 13-Oct LDz
Mandria 35 15-Oct JS
Mandria 8 16-Oct LAC
Mandria 36 17-Oct LAC/JN
Mandria 18 19-Oct IKB

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola*

pratincola Νεροχελίδονο
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 juvenile on
turned field 24-Oct JN/SC/BC field trip

BLACK-WINGED PRATINCOLE *Glareola*

nordmanni Μαυρόφτερο Νεροχελίδονο
Akhna Dam 1 photographed 3-Oct
GKo/CCo/BEH (Further details requested)

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

dubius Λιμνοπλουμίδι



Little Ringed Plover, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 5th
October. Photograph by John East

Akhna Dam 6 17-Oct BB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Oct JE
Lady's Mile 3+ 9-Oct LAC
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 13-Oct MGr

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι
Akhna Dam 1 9-Oct JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 25 9-Oct
JS
Lady's Mile Marshes c4 28-Oct SC
Larnaca Sewage Works 17 19-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c4 24-Oct SC/BC
field trip
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 27-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 29-Oct JS
Paphos Headland 1 6-Oct LAC
Spiros Beach 9 19-Oct JS
Spiros Pool 1 1-Oct FGe
Spiros Pool 25 19-Oct JS

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius*

alexandrinus Νανοπλουμίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1, 5, 8 & 10-Oct
FGe/JE

Akrotiri Salt Lake c45 28-Oct FGe
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 2 9-Oct JS
Lady's Mile 49 1-Oct JN
Lady's Mile c50 4-Oct SC/EBW
Lady's Mile 168 8-Oct JN
Lady's Mile c10 28-Oct SC
Larnaca Sewage Works 16 19-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24-Oct SC/BC
field trip
Spiros Beach c20 19-Oct JS

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius*

leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμιδι

Agia Trias 2 26-Oct JS
Lady's Mile 2 9-Oct LAC
Paphos Headland 4 6, 9, 13, 15 & 31-Oct
LAC/JSG/JS/LAC/JN
Paphos Headland 1 20 & 27-Oct LAC

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis*

apricaria Χρυσοπλουμιδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Heard 30-Oct JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 9-Oct JS
Lady's Mile 1 8-Oct JN
Paphos Headland 1 6, 9, 13, 15, 20 & 27-
Oct LAC/JSG/JS/LAC
Paphos Headland 2 31-Oct LAC/JN

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμιδι

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21 & 24-Oct
JS/JN/SC/BC field trip
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 27 & 29-Oct JS

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus*

spinus Πελλοκατερίνα

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 4 9-Oct JS
Aradippou Slurry Pits 2 17-Oct SC with L
Sergides
Fresh Water Lake South c50 inc juvs 9-
Oct JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta c10 9-Oct
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 27 9-Oct FGe
Oroklini Marsh 43 15-Oct MH
Paphos Sewage Plant 15 7-Oct DJW
Paralimni lake 2 26-Oct JS
Spiros Pool 30 19-Oct JS
Zakaki Marsh 2 3, 7, 8, 10, 11 & 13-Oct
MGr/JSG/JN/FMM

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής

Achna Dam 2 9-Oct FGe
Agia Varvara 2 13-Oct JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 5-Oct JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 28-Oct FGe
Bishop's Pool 2 4-Oct SC/EBW
Bishop's Pool 8 7-Oct JSG
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 4 9-Oct
JS

Lady's Mile 1 4 & 28-Oct SC/EBW
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 13, 19, 20, 21,
24 & 27-Oct MGr/JS/SC/BC fieldtrip/JN
Mandria 1 also 01.10 27-Sep KR/IB
Mandria 4 15-Oct IKB/JS
Paphos Headland 2 Seen flying over
archaeological site heading SE 15-Oct JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 1-Oct MSS
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 3-Oct MSS
Zakaki Marsh 3 1-Oct JN

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Λευκονεραλλίδι



Sanderling, Lady's Mile, 26th October.
Photograph by Tony Reeves

Lady's Mile 4 26-Oct TRe
Spiros Beach 1 juvenile 1-Oct FGe

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 28-Oct FGe
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 20+ 9-Oct
JS
Lady's Mile 25 1-Oct JN
Lady's Mile c15 4-Oct SC/EBW
Lady's Mile 36 8-Oct JN
Lady's Mile c15 28-Oct SC
Larnaca Sewage Works c30+ 10-Oct SC
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 13-Oct MGr
Larnaca Sewage Works c80 17-Oct FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 39 19-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 24 24-Oct JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 12+ 27-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 29-Oct JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Oct JN

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Sewage Pools 2 9-Oct FGe

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλιῶι
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Oct JE
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 28-Oct FGe
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta c20 9-Oct
 JS
 Lady's Mile 2+ 1-Oct SC
 Lady's Mile c3 4-Oct SC/EBW
 Lady's Mile 2 8-Oct JN
 Lady's Mile 1 9-Oct LAC
 Lady's Mile c20 28-Oct SC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 59 19-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c20 24-Oct
 SC/BC field trip

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 28-Oct FGe
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta c50 9-Oct
 JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 6 1-Oct FGe
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 9, 13 & 17-Oct
 FGe/MGr/SC.LS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1+ 10-Oct SC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 19 & 24-Oct
 JS/JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 21-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 27-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 29-Oct JS
 Spiros Pool 14 1-Oct FGe
 Spiros Pool 5 19-Oct JS

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus*
 Κουφοπικιάτσονο
 Phasouri Reed Beds 1 11 & 26-Oct
 FMM/MPh

COMMON SNIFE *Gallinago gallinago*
 Πικιατσόνι
 Agia Varvara 1 8, 10, 15 & 17-Oct LAC
 Agia Varvara 2 13 & 14-Oct JS/IKB
 Bishop's Pool 1 5, 7, 9, 15 & 16-Oct
 MSS/JSG/LAC/FMM/JSta
 Fresh Water Lake South 1 9-Oct JS
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 71 (Seventy
 one) 9-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Feeding out in
 open on one of the muddy islands! 24-Oct
 JS
 Oroklini Marsh 2 15-Oct MH
 Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Oct JN
 Phasouri Reed Beds 1 11 & 15-Oct
 LDz/TRe
 Spiros Pool 1 19-Oct JS

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*
 Λιμόζα
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 9-Oct JS

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*
 Θαλασσολιμόζα



*Bar-tailed Godwit, Spiros Beach, 3rd October.
 Photograph by Filippos Georgiades*

Spiros Beach 1 3 & 9-Oct FGe/GKo/CCo

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*
 Φαιομπεκιάτσα
 Paphos Headland 1 15-Oct JS

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*
 Νερομπεκιάτσα
 Famagusta 1 27-Oct NeP
 Spiros Beach 2 24-Oct SC/BC field trip

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*
 Κοκκινονεραλλιῶι
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 3 9-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 13-Oct MGr
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2+ 17-Oct SC
 with L Sergides
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24-Oct SC/BC
 field trip
 Larnaca Sewage Works 10+ 27-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 39 29-Oct JS
 Oroklini Marsh 1 15 & 24-Oct MH/JN
 Spiros Pool 1+ Heard 19-Oct JS

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*
 Βαλτονεραλλιῶι
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 10, 19 & 27-Oct
 SC/JS

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa
 nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλιῶι
 Aspro Dam 1 28-Sep KR/IB
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 3 9-Oct JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1-Oct FGe

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*
 Δασονεραλλιῶι
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 28-Oct SC
 Aradippou slurry pits 2 9-Oct FGe
 Zakaki Marsh 1 flew around pond, but did
 not land 3-Oct MGr

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*
Λάσποννεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2-Oct TRe
Bishop's Pool 2 4-Oct SC/EBW
Bishop's Pool 3 7, 9, 15 & 16-Oct
JSG/LAC/FMM/JSta
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 10+ 9-Oct
JS
Nikokleia 1 over calling 28-Sep KR/IB

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*
Ακτίτης
Agia Trias 1 26-Oct JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 26-Oct JE
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24-Oct JN
Melanda Beach 1 8-Oct JSG
Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Oct JN
Paphos Headland 1 9-Oct JSG
Paphos Headland 3 13 & 31-Oct JS/JN
Paphos Headland 2 15-Oct JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*
Χαλίκονεραλλίδι
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21, 24 & 27-Oct
JS/SC/BC fieldtrip/JN
Paphos Headland 1 15-Oct JS
Spiros Beach 1 3 & 9-Oct FGe

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1, 10, 27 & 29-Oct FGe/SC/JS

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus* Χωραφόγλαρος
Lady's Mile c60 28-Oct SC
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 17 & 19-Oct
FGe/JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 24-Oct SC/BC
field trip
Larnaca Sewage Works c50 27-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 40 29-Oct JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*
Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος
Kermia Beach 20 Offshore migrating W to
E 26-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17-Oct
FGe/SC/LS
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 27-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 10 29-Oct JS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*
Νησόγλαρος
Cape Apostolos Andreas 1 10-Oct JS

Karpas Peninsula 1 Between Koca Reis
hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*
Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 adult 29-
Oct JS
Spiros Beach 1 1st winter 24-Oct SC/BC
field trip/JN

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis* Ασημόγλαρος



Yellow-legged Gull, Spiros Beach, 19th
October. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:
Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs c85 21-Oct
FGe
Governor's Bay c70 10-Oct FGe
Spiros Beach 44+ Fourteen in sea by
buoys. 30 on beach 19-Oct JS

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος
Κασπίας
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 29-Oct JS
Spiros Beach 1 19-Oct JS
Spiros Beach 3 20-Oct JS

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*
Γλάρος Αρμενίας



Armenian Gull, Spiros Beach, 19th October.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 29-Oct JS
Spiros Beach 2 3 & 10-Oct FGe/SC
Spiros Beach 1+ 19-Oct JS

Spiros Beach 4 20-Oct JS
Spiros Beach 7 Two adults and five
juveniles 21-Oct JS
Spiros Beach 1 24-Oct SC/BC field
trip/JN

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida*

Λιμνογλάρονο
Aspro Dam 2 possible third in juv plumage
but not sure 27-Sep KR/IB
Asprokremmos Dam 1 8, 9, 10 & 28-Oct
LAC/DJW/JSG/IKB
Bishop's Pool 1 4 & 5-Oct SC/EBW/MSS
Fresh Water Lake South 4 9-Oct JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 4 9-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24-Oct SC/BC
field trip/JN
Spiro's Pool 1 24-Oct JN

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias*

leucopterus Αργυρογλάρονο
Aspro Dam 1 1 juv - at one point we
thought 2 & 2 whiskered but not sure 26-
Sep KR/IB
Fresh Water Lake South 1 Juvenile 9-Oct
JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 2 9-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 juveniles 3-Oct
FGe

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο

Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs c100 21-Oct
FGe
Phinikas c20 27-Oct DJW

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba*

palumbus Φάσσα
Largest counts:
Karpas Peninsula c30 Between Koca Reis
hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula c70 South coast near
Livana hotel 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula 50+ Around Koca Reis
hotel 11-Oct JS
Mandria 87 4-Oct JN
Phasouri Reed-beds & nearby c50 28-Oct
SC

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

Streptopelia decaocto Φιλικουτούνι
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Peninsula c30 4-Oct SC/EBW
Frenaros 20 29-Oct AKe
Mandria 20 4-Oct JN

EURASIAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia*

turtur Τρυγόνι



*Eurasian Turtle Dove, Larnaca Airport, 4th
October. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.*

Akhna Dam 1 9-Oct JS
Bishop's Pool c5 4-Oct SC/EBW
Bishop's Pool 1 5-Oct MSS
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia 8 1-Oct MSS
Ezousas Pools 3 7, 9 & 10-Oct MSS/DJW
Ezousas Pools 1 16-Oct MSS
Karpas Peninsula 2 Between Koca Reis
hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula 1 South coast near
Livana hotel 10-Oct JS
Kouklia, Paphos 8 29-Sep KR/IB
Mandria 27 25-Sep KR/IB
Nikokleia 14 max group in for drink from
trough below villa 26-Sep KR/IB
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 1 & 10-Oct SC/JN
Phasouri Reed-beds 3 4-Oct SC/EBW
Phassouri Reed-beds 7 5-Oct MSS
Spiros Pool 1 1-Oct FGe

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia*

senegalensis Φοινικотρύγονο



*Laughing Dove, Kouklia, 31st October.
Photograph by Paul Curry*

Asprokremmos Dam 1 on wires on
approach road below pumping station 9:50.
Also present 14:00 21-Oct IKB
Kouklia 7 28-Oct LAC
Kouklia 6 29-Oct KPr
Kouklia 5 31-Oct PCu

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι
Gerovasa turn 1 calling in dark 30-Sep
KR/IB

Kouklia 1 seen in car headlights, southern
edge of village on bushes 1-Oct KR/IB
Larnaca Airport 1 Flew over roundabout
23.00hrs 23-Oct JS

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*
Θουτί



Eurasian Scops Owl, Pyrga, 21st October.
Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Latchi Foothills 1 Possibly 2, calling early
evenings of 11th, 12th, 13th, also 02:00-
02:30 & 05:30-06:15 on 14th Oct 11-Oct
BM

Nicosia, Pedagogical Academy Park 1 15
& 20-Oct SC/FGe/HS

Nikokleia 1 26-Sep KR/IB

Omodhos 1 heard calling in the village
20-Oct JN

Pyrga 3 calling 21-Oct FGe

Souni 2 heard calling 7, 12 & 19-Oct JN

Souni 1 heard calling 8, 10, 11, 13, 14,
15, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25 & 26-Oct JN

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Κουκκουφκιάος

Agia Varvara 1 22 & 24-Oct IKB/DJW

Agios Sozomenos 4+ Three seen and
others heard 21-Oct JS

Anarita Park 1 14-Oct IKB

Anarita Park 2 24 & 26-Oct DJW

Anavargos Hills 1 15-Oct MSS

Karpas Peninsula 1 Around Koca Reis
hotel in late afternoon 10-Oct JS

Latchi Foothills 2 Calling c. 19:00, and 1
again on evening of 13th 12-Oct BM

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 11-Oct DJW

Nikokleia 4 max 29-Sep KR/IB

Panagia Stazousa 1 21-Oct JS

Pissouri 1 Seen before dusk in tree
across from apartment. Then heard and

seen after dark on apartment roof! 16-Oct
JSG

Pyla 1 calling 23-Oct BB

Souni 2 heard calling 3, 7 & 29-Oct JN

Souni 1 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23
& 25-Oct JN

Zelemenos, Tala 1+ Present all month
31-Oct JSta

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

Αρκόθουπος

Kouklia 1 flew over road through headlight
beam, high above village 1-Oct KR/IB

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*

Πετροχελίδονο

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 15-Oct JN

Zakaki Marsh 2 15-Oct JN

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχελίδονο

Kamares (Tala) c50 25-Oct DJW

Latchi Foothills 18 Flock, leisurely west to
east 09:15 9-Oct BM

WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER *Halcyon
smyrnenensis* Συμρναλκυόνα

Mandria coast 1 On rocks while walking
towards airport 12-Oct DK (Further details
requested)

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη



*Common Kingfisher, Lower Ezousas, 21st
October. Photograph by Dave Walker*

Single birds recorded at suitable locations.
Records of two birds below:

Karpas Peninsula 2 On coast near Koca
Reis hotel 10 & 11-Oct LP/SK

Lower Ezousas 2 19-Oct IKB/LAC

Paphos Headland 2 15-Oct JS

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 2 15-
Oct FGe

Zakaki Marsh 2 8 & 16-Oct MGr/JSG

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυλος
Achelia Dam 1 15 & 16-Oct LAC/MSS

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος
Largest counts and latest reports:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 114 1-Oct JN
Aspro Dam 61 27-Sep KR/IB
Bishop's Pool 41+ 9-Oct LAC
Kouklia Soakaways c40 1-Oct IKB
Meneou Beach 4 On electricity wires at
14.00pm 24-Oct JS
Kiti to Petounta road 3 Sitting on wires
then headed out to sea 24-Oct JS
Paphos Sewage Plant c150 1-Oct PCu
Spiros Pool 1 29-Oct JS
Zakaki Marsh and Pool 90 1-Oct JN

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 1-Oct SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Trees North
of Lake 1 1-Oct SC
Germasogeia Dam 1 21-Oct KPr
Kouklia, Paphos 1 on wires 12-Oct JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 5, 9 & 20-Oct
MSS/LAC/AW

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουζίος
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Oct JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 15-Oct TRE
Latchi Foothills 1 In flight by St Johns
stream bed 15:45 11-Oct BM
Mandria 1 1-Oct IKB
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3 & 7-Oct MSS

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

calandra Μαυροτράσηλος
Mandria 1 18-Oct LAC

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK

Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασηλούδα
Field opposite Spiros Coast c5+ 10-Oct
SC
Mandria 15 1-Oct DJW
Mandria 14 8-Oct DJW
Mandria Beach (Lark's Cnr) 1 in ploughed
field behind carpark 25-Oct MGr
Paphos Headland 1+ Probably three 6-
Oct LAC

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 20 1-Oct JN

Frenaros 250 3-Oct AKE
Gerí c25 17-Oct FGE
Xylofagou 21 8-Oct AKE

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits H 30-Oct JS
Anarita Mast 1 heard 7-Oct IKB
Cape Greco 1 Heard 26-Oct JS
Field opposite Spiros Coast 1 24-Oct
SC/BC field trip
Larnaca Airport Coast 3 at least 24-Oct
JN
Larnaca Airport Coast 1+ 29-Oct JS
Mandria 1 17-Oct LAC
Mandria 2 25-Oct MGr
Xylofagou 200 28-Oct AKE

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Οχθοχελιδόνιο
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 9-Oct AKE
Bishop's Pool 5 7-Oct JSG
Fresh Water Lake South 5+ 9-Oct JS
Kouklia 2 2-Oct KR/IB
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 10+ 9-Oct
JS
Meneou Beach 4 21-Oct JS
Nikokleia 1 24-Sep KR/IB
Phassouri Reed Beds c300 3-Oct IKB
Phassouri Reed-beds c10 4-Oct SC/EBW
Zakaki Marsh 2 8 & 10-Oct MGr/JN
Zakaki Marsh 3 8-Oct JN

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Largest counts:
Agia Napa Football Fields 300 9-Oct AKE
Akrotiri Peninsula c2,000 including 1
leucistic 4-Oct SC/EBW
Mandria 250 17-Oct JN
Zakaki Marsh 576 1-Oct JN

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo*

daurica Μιλιτοχελιδόνιο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Oct JN
Akrotiri Peninsula c100 4-Oct SC/EBW
Bishop's Pool 4 9-Oct LAC
Kiti Lighthouse 1 24-Oct SC/BC field trip
Mandria 3 Seen flying out to sea 15-Oct
JSG
Meneou Beach 2 20-Oct JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 in with Barn Swallows 4-
Oct LDz
Zakaki Marsh 20 11-Oct FMM
Zakaki Marsh 1 18-Oct JN

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon**urbicum* Ασπροχελιδόνο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 1-Oct JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 6-Oct JN
Mandria 10 13-Oct JS
Mandria 1 Consorting with Red-rumped
Swallows 15-Oct JSG
Phassouri Reed-beds 5 10-Oct JN
Zakaki Marsh 24 8-Oct JN
Zakaki Marsh 20 11-Oct FMM

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

Ωχρογαλούδι

Agia Varvara 1 2-Oct DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2+ 28-Oct SC
Anarita 7 flew off N from harvested field W
of Water Treatment Buildings 1-Oct KR/IB
Cape Greco 2 28-Oct NeP
Kivisili Fields c20 in one large flock + 1 on
its own 10-Oct SC
Mandria 5 1-Oct IKB
Mandria, Paphos 3 4 & 8-Oct JN/DJW
Mandria 1 15, 17 & 25-Oct JS/JN
Paphos Headland 1 15-Oct JS
Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 1-Oct MSS

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Anavargos Hills 3 3-Oct MSS
Aspro Dam 1 27-Sep KR/IB
Lower Ezousas 1 2-Oct IKB
Mandria 1 30-Sep KR/IB

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Λιβαδογαλούδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 9-Oct LDZ
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 heard & seen 28-
Oct SC
Evretou Da 1 15-Oct DJW
Frenaros 30 31-Oct AKe
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 heard 9-
Oct JS
Mandria c20 25-Oct IKB
Paphos Headland 2 31-Oct JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 30-Oct JS

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινογαλούδι

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Football Fields 10 23-Oct AKe
Agia Thekla 1+ 26-Oct JS
Agios Sozomenos 1+ Heard 21-Oct JS
Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs 4 21-Oct
FGe
Evretou Dam 1 15-Oct DJW
Frenaros 3 6-Oct AKe
Kiti to Petounta road 10 24-Oct JS

Larnaca Desalination Plant c110 9-Oct
FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works area c30 10-Oct
SC
Mandria Beach 15 25-Oct MGR
Paphos Headland 4 31-Oct JN
Paphos Sewage Plant 3 15-Oct JS
Perivolia 12 24-Oct JS
Phasouri Reed-beds 1+ 4-Oct SC/EBW
Potamia 4 24-Oct FGe
Spiros Pool Fields c12 10-Oct SC

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Oct JE

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Τζιπρινοζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Asprokremnos Dam 38 4-Oct JN
Mandria 100+ 5-Oct LAC
Paphos Sewage Plant 200 3-Oct MSS

GREY-HEADED WAGTAIL *M. f. thunbergi*

Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 male 4-Oct
SC/EBW

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης



*Grey Wagtail, Lower Ezousas, 15th October.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Singles reported at many suitable locations.

Two plus reports below:

Aspro Dam 2 on west end dam wall 30-
Sep KR/IB
Latchi Coastline 2 On beach near Baths of
Aphrodite 10-Oct BM
Lower Ezousas 2 18 & 19-Oct IKB
Mandria 6 6-Oct LDZ

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης



White Wagtail, Akrotiri, 29th October.
Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Evretou Dam c50 15-Oct DJW
Kivisili Fields c40 10-Oct SC
Larnaca area c200+ 24-Oct SC/BC field trip
Mandria c180 in two fields following tractor 15-Oct IKB
Paphos Sewage Plant c50 15-Oct JS

WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάβουδο

Kakopetria 2 1-Oct LAC
Livadhi tou Pashia 1 20-Oct SC with H Shirihai
Prodromos PRESENT 18-Oct MH
Troodos Visitor Centre 2 17-Oct JS

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

Κοτσινολαίμης



European Robin, Agios Theodoros, 30th October. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Early records, ringing records and largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 6 29-Oct AKe
Avakas Gorge 1 15-Oct KPr
Frenaros 30 31-Oct AKe
Germasogeia Dam 10+ 28-Oct JS
Kannaviou Dam 2 15-Oct DJW
Neo Horio 2 10-Oct BCRS

Neo Horio 1 13-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 10 17-Oct BCRS
Nicosia, Pedieos River 1 heard only 12-Oct SC
Paphos Headland 6 31-Oct JN
Polis Reed Beds 1 20 & 29-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 3 26-Oct BCRS
Souni 50 16 singing (only 1 seen); 3 seen and others heard calling 28-Oct JN

BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica*

Γαλαζολαίμης

Frenaros 1 1-Oct AKe
Kouklia Soakaways 1 female 3-Oct IKB
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19-Oct JS
Lower Ezousas 1 10, 15 & 16-Oct MSS/IKB
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 4, 19 & 28-Oct SC/EBW
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 5-Oct MSS
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 9, 11 & 15-Oct LDz/TRe
Polis Reed Beds 1 29 & 31-Oct BCRS
Zakaki Marsh 1 10, 13, 23, 28 & 30-Oct JN/FMM/MGr/FGe/JS
Zakaki Marsh 2 15 & 16-Oct FMM/JSG
Zakaki Marsh c3 28-Oct SC

WESTERN BLACK REDSTART*Phoenicurus ochrurus* Καρβουνιάρης

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 12 & 29-Oct AKe
CyKing Village Paphos 1 27-Oct SMM
Lady's Mile 2 30-Oct TRe
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 29-Oct JS
Paphos Headland 3 31-Oct LAC
Phinikas 2 fem 27-Oct DJW
Sotira, Limassol 1 31-Oct JN
Souni 1 male 31-Oct JN

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus**phoenicurus* Κοτσινονούρης

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 19-Oct AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 4-Oct SC/EBW
Cape Greco 1 juv 28-Oct NeP
Karpas Peninsula 1 Female. Between Koca Reis hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula 2 South coast near Livana hotel 10-Oct JS
Latchi Foothills 2 Ad male & 1w/fem 10-Oct BM
Neo Horio 2 10-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 4 13-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 1 17-Oct BCRS

Paphos Headland 2 females 31-Oct JN
Souni 2 females 5-Oct JN
Troodos 1 male along Atalante trail 30-Sep KR/IB

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι



*Whinchat, Cape Greco, 1st October.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios*

Largest counts and late records:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c8 1 & 4-Oct SC/EBW
Anarita Mast 11 1-Oct KR/IB
Frenaros 150 1-Oct AKe
Kidhasi 1 18-Oct DJW
Mandria 30+ Five observed flying out to sea 1-Oct IKB
Zakaki Marsh 1 28-Oct FGE

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*
Παπαθικιά

Early records and largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 20+ 26-Oct JS
Agios Sozomenos 24 Inc one singing male 23-Oct JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c20 28-Oct SC
Frenaros 2 1-Oct AKe
Frenaros 30 31-Oct AKe
Germasogeia Dam c20 28-Oct JS
Kiti to Petounta road 50+ 24-Oct JS
Kivisili 20+ 24-Oct JS
Mandria 1 6-Oct JSG
Perivolia c30 24-Oct JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Oct JN

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 9-Oct AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 9-Oct LDz
Asprokremmos Dam canal 2 2-Oct LDz
behind Lady's Mile 1 1-Oct SC
Geris 2 17-Oct FGe
Mandria 1 4 & 14-Oct LDz/JSG

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα



Northern Wheatear, Anarita Park, 26th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c10 4-Oct SC/EBW
Anavargos Hills 20 3-Oct MSS
Mandria 43 2-Oct KR/IB
Mandria 50+ In fields 1-Oct IKB
Souni 12 3 feeding females and 8 others perched plus 1 male 14-Oct JN

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*
Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Arodes, 15th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agios Nikoas 12 in about 5km North on roadside 30-Sep KR/IB
Cape Aspro 10+ 16-Oct JSta
Karpas Peninsul 12+ Between Koca Reis hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS
Latchi Foothills 6 Up to 6 seen daily 8th-14th Oct 8-Oct BM
Panagia Stazousa 5 2 confirmed as 1W male and 1W female 21-Oct FGe
Souni 6 includes 3 chasing birds, presumed to be migrant(s) chased off by local birds 12-Oct JN

EASTERN BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR

Oenanthe melanoleuca Ισπανική
 Σκαλιφούρτα
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3-Oct PCu
 Anarita 1 fem 1-Oct KR/IB
 Kermia Beach 1 Male 26-Oct JS
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 1-Oct MSS
 Zakaki Marsh 1 1-Oct JN

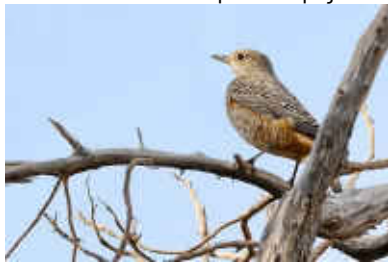
FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii*
 Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα

Finch's Wheatear, Anarita Park, 24th October.
Photograph by Dave Walker

Agios Sozomenos 1 17 & 23-Oct FGe/JS
 Anarita Park 2 24-Oct DJW
 Marathounta Hills 1 30-Oct LAC
 Phinikas 4 27-Oct DJW

RUFIOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH

Monticola saxatilis Πετροκότσυφος



Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Cape Greco, 1st October.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Cape Greco 1 Female 1-Oct AgL

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσυφος
 Agios Sozomenos 1 21-Oct JS
 Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs 1 21-Oct
 FGe
 Anarita Park 1 2, 15, 22 & 24-Oct
 DJW/LAC/IKB
 Anarita Park 2 1 male, 1 fem 26-Oct
 DJW

Cape Apostolos Andreas 1 Male 10-Oct
 JS
 Cape Greco 2 1f and 1 first winter male
 26-Oct JS
 Cape Greco 5 at least 28-Oct NeP
 King's Road, Paphos 1 male perched on
 roof of apartment 21-Oct IKB

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
 Cyprus--Troodos Mtns 1 heard 4-Oct
 MGr
 Giant Juniper, Troodos 1 2-Oct LAC
 Livadhi tou Pashia 1+ heard only 20-Oct
 SC with H Shirihai
 Neo Horio 1 13-Oct BCRS
 Prodomos PRESENT 18-Oct MH
 Salamis 1 27-Oct NeP
 Souni 3 29-Oct JN
 Souni 2 30-Oct JN
 Troodos 1 moulting female 30-Sep
 KR/IB

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

Τζήγκλα
 Frenaros 7 28-Oct AKe
 Frenaros 10 30-Oct AKe
 Frenaros 20 31-Oct AKe
 Neo Horio 1 10-Oct BCRS
 Souni 1 5 & 19-Oct JN
 Souni 12 includes 10 flying together 28-
 Oct JN
 Souni 2 30-Oct JN

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα
 Lady's Mile 3 30-Oct TRe

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνι
 Largest counts and ringing records:
 Agios Sozomenos 3 23-Oct JS
 Akhna Dam 3+ 26-Oct JS
 Neo Horio 3 10-Oct BCRS
 Neo Horio 5 13-Oct BCRS
 Neo Horio 1 17-Oct BCRS
 Pedaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 3 15-
 Oct FGe
 Phassouri Reed-beds 3 15-Oct JN
 Polis Reed Beds 3 20-Oct BCRS
 Polis Reed Beds 4 26-Oct BCRS
 Polis Reed Beds 1 29-Oct BCRS
 Polis Reed Beds 7 31-Oct BCRS
 Zakaki Marsh 3 15, 16 & 23-Oct
 FMM/JN/JSG/MGr

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 6 23-Oct JS

Akhna Dam 5 26-Oct JS

Frenaros 18 7-Oct AKe

Perivolia 5 24-Oct JS

Phassouri Reed-beds 7 10-Oct JN

SAVI'S WARBLER *Locustella luscinioides*

Καλαμοτριλιστής

Polis Reed Beds 1 20 & 26-Oct BCRS

MOUSTCHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus**melanorogon* Μουστακομουγιανούδι

Polis Reed Beds 1 31-Oct BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 1 18 & 30-Oct JN/JS

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus**schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιανούδι

Ezousas Pools 2 7, 10 & 22-Oct

MSS/DJW/LAC

Ezousas Pools 1 22 & 29-Oct DJW/LAC

Kouklia 1 28-Sep KR/IB

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 5-Oct MSS

Polis Reed Beds 3 26-Oct BCRS

Polis Reed Beds 1 29-Oct BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 1 13-Oct FMM

Zakaki Marsh 2 28 & 30-Oct SC/JS

EURASIAN REED WARBLER*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Dhiarizos R. Kouklia, Paphos 1 1-Oct

MSS

Ezousas Pools. 4 10 & 21-Oct MSS/LAC

Ezousas Pools. 1 12-Oct LAC

Ezousas Pools. 3 16 & 19-Oct MSS/LAC

Ezousas Pools. 2 18-Oct IKB

Kouklia 2 28-Sep KR/IB

Partenitis Dam 6 9-Oct FGE

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 10-Oct JN

Polis Reed Beds 1 20, 29 & 31-Oct BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 2 1, 3 & 30-Oct JN/MGr/JS

Zakaki Marsh c4 4-Oct SC/EBW

Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Oct MGr/JN

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus**arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι

Ezousas Pools 2 10-Oct MSS

Ezousas Pools 1 19-Oct LAC

Partenitis Dam 1 heard only 17-Oct SC
with L SergidesPhassouri Reed-beds 1 heard only 4-Oct
SC/EBW

Phassouri Reed-beds 4 5-Oct MSS

Polis Reed Beds 1 26-Oct BCRS

Polis Reed Beds 3 29-Oct BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 1 10, 13, 16, 17, 18 & 23-

Oct JN/FMM/JSG/MGr/JS

Zakaki Marsh 2 15-Oct JN

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia**conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρη

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Football Fields 2 12-Oct AKe

Agia Thekla 1 26-Oct JS

Agios Sozomenos 1 21 & 23-Oct JS

Akhna Dam 1 Heard 9-Oct JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2 & 28-Oct TRe/SC

Anarita Mast 5 3 seen plus two heard 1-
Oct KR/IB

Asprokremmos Dam 2 25-Oct IKB

Cape Greco 1 One seen well. Others
heard 26-Oct JS

Dali 5 1-Oct MH

Frenaros 17 7-Oct AKe

Lady's Mile 2 30-Oct TRe

Larnaca Airport Coast 3 24-Oct JN

Larnaca Sewage Works area c4 24-Oct

SC/BC field trip

Spiros Pool 1 10 & 19-Oct SC

Zakaki Marsh 1 1 & 8-Oct JN

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia**melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts and ringing records:

Anavargos Hills 14 3-Oct MSS

Evretou Dam 5 15-Oct DJW

Latchi Foothills 12 Max count, frequently

observed 7th-14th Oct 9-Oct BM

Neo Horio 5 10-Oct BCRS

Neo Horio 3 13-Oct BCRS

Neo Horio 1 17-Oct BCRS

Polis Reed Beds 2 26 & 29-Oct BCRS

Polis Reed Beds 1 31-Oct BCRS

Souni 19 19-Oct JN

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης



Cyprus Warbler, Anarita Park, 26th October.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and ringing record:
Akrotiri peninsula south cliffs 3 21-Oct
FGe
Avakas Gorge 3 15-Oct KPr
Dali 4 1-Oct MH
Karpas Peninsula 3 South coast near
Livana hotel 10-Oct JS
Neo Horio 1 10-Oct BCRS
Panagia Stazousa 10 16-Oct MH
Souni 23 14-Oct JN

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia rueppelli*
Εληοβάτης
Agios Nikloas 1 in one ravine 5km N:
female with blackcaps 30-Sep KR/IB

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*
Συκαλλίδι
Karpas Peninsula 3 Between Koca Reis
hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula 1 South coast near
Livana hotel 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula 2 Around Koca Reis
hotel. 11-Oct JS
Latchi Foothills 1 Presumed same seen on
10th 9-Oct BM
Neo Horio 1 13-Oct BCRS
Nikokleia 1 in fennel N of M'way bridge
28-Sep KR/IB

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*
Κηπσοσυκαλλίδι
Neo Horio 1 10-Oct BCRS
Nikokleia 1 in figs 2-Oct KR/IB

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*
Αμπελοπούλλι
Largest counts and ringing records:
Agios Nikloas 21 in one ravine 5km N:
bushes hopping with them 30-Sep KR/IB
Anageia 5 12-Oct FGe
Latchi Foothills 20 Max count, frequently
observed 7th-14th Oct 9-Oct BM
Limassol Zoo Garden 6 perhaps more;
group singing brightly in tall trees; 2 males
observed 18-Oct MGr
Neo Horio 54 10-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 43 13-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 30 20-Oct BCRS
Nikokleia 6 29-Sep KR/IB
Phasouri Bee-hives c5 1-Oct SC
Polis Reed Beds 21 26-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 43 29-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 23 31-Oct BCRS

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Δασογιαννούδι
Neo Horio 1 13-Oct BCRS
Nikokleia 1 2-Oct KR/IB

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*
Μουγιαννούδι
Largest counts and ringing records:
Frenaros 20 31-Oct AKe
Lower Ezousas 4 31-Oct LAC
Neo Horio 3 17-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 6 20-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 3 26-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 9 29-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 8 31-Oct BCRS
Souni 3 28, 29 & 30-Oct JN

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*
Θαμνογιαννούδι
Largest counts and ringing records:
Anarita Mast 28 1-Oct KR/IB
Frenaros 115 1-Oct AKe
Kouklia Soakaways c25 1-Oct IKB
Lower Ezousas 18+ 8-Oct LAC
Mandria 13 2-Oct KR/IB
Neo Horio 28 10-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 38 13-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 14 17-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 13 20-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 7 26-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 13 29-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 4 31-Oct BCRS

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*
Μουγιοφάς
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 19-Oct AKe
Agia Varvara 1 2 & 15-Oct DJW/JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Oct JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 4-Oct SC/EBW
Anarita Mast 2 1-Oct KR/IB
Anarita Park 1 1 & 2-Oct PCu/DJW
Anavargos Hills 1 3-Oct MSS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 4, 13 & 21-Oct
LAC/JN/JS/DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 2 8 & 11-Oct LAC
Bishop's Pool 1 8 & 9-Oct JE/LAC
Cape Apostolos Andreas 1 10-Oct JS
Dhiarizos R. Kouklia, Paphos 1 13-Oct JS
Frenaros 1 2 & 5-Oct AKe
Karpas Peninsula 2 Between Koca Reis
hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS
Karpas Peninsula 1 South coast near
Livana hotel 10-Oct JS
Kouklia Soakaways 1 3-Oct LAC
Latchi Foothills 10 Max count, observed
7th-13th 9-Oct BM

Mandria (Limassol) 1 2-Oct LAC
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3-Oct MSS
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 15-Oct JS
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 9-Oct LAC

RED-BREADED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula*

parva Κοκκινομουγιοχάφτης
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Fem type in
bushes in garden at end of track to Sewage
Works. Seen well over 4 mins but not
relocated on subsequent visits in afternoon
19-Oct JS (further details requested)
Neo Horio 1 13-Oct BCRS

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula*

albicollis Κρικομουγιοχάφτης
Mandria (Limassol) 1 Road to Agios
Nikolaos 2-Oct LAC
(Further details requested).

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπτετος

Almirolivado c5 20-Oct SC with H Shirihai
Cyprus--Troodos Mtns 10 probably more;
lots calling, many seen 4-Oct MGr
Giant Juniper, Troodos 1 2-Oct LAC
Livadhi tou Pashia c5 20-Oct SC with H
Shirihai
Troodos Geopark 3 2-Oct LAC
Troodos Visitor Centre 4+ 17-Oct JS
Troodos, Caledonia deserted Hotel 1 20-
Oct SC with H Shirihai
Troodos 6 17-Oct MH

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts and ringing records:
Agia Varvara 5 1-Oct PCu
Kannaviou Dam 8 15-Oct DJW
Karpas Peninsula 6+ Around Koca Reis
hotel 11-Oct JS
Kykkos olive groves, Engomi 5 14-Oct
FGe
Neo Horio 6 10-Oct BCRS
Neo Horio 7 13-Oct BCRS
Paphos Sewage Plant c6 15-Oct JS
Phassouri Reed-beds 8 10-Oct JN
Polis Reed Beds 1 20 & 26-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 3 29-Oct BCRS
Souni 20 5-Oct JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 5 13-Oct JS

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia*

brachydactyla Δενδροβιάτης
Almirolivado 1 20-Oct SC with H Shirihai
Platania Picnic Site c5 20-Oct SC with H
Shirihai
Troodos 5 30-Sep KR/IB

Troodos Mountains 1 12-Oct JSG
Troodos Square 2+ 20-Oct SC with H
Shirihai
Troodos Visitor Centre 2 17-Oct JS
Troodos, Caledonia deserted Hotel 1+ 20-
Oct SC with H Shirihai
Troodos 3 17-Oct MH

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz*

pendulinus Υφάντρα
Zakaki Marsh 1 Heard 30-Oct JS

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus*
oriolus Κλωρκός

Lower Ezousas 1 female 2-Oct IKB
Nikokleia 1 juv 24-Sep KR/IB
Nikokleia 1 flushed from lemon trees 27-
Sep KR/IB
Paphos Sewage 2 juvs 26-Sep KR/IB
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 5-Oct MSS
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 10-Oct JN
Souni 1 chased out off a pine tree by 2
Magpies 7-Oct JN

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Κεφαλάς



Red-backed Shrike, Arodes, 15th October.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Singles, mainly juveniles reported at many
locations throughout Oct. Reports of 2+
below:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 9 & 12-Oct LDz/JE
Akrotiri Peninsula c5 1-Oct SC
Anarita Park 3 1-Oct KR/IB
Asprokremmos Dam 2 juv 2 & 22-Oct
LDz/IKB
Cape Greco 2 Juvenile 26-Oct JS
Frenaros 30 5-Oct AKE
Karpas Peninsula 3 Juvenile. Between
Koca Reis hotel and Apostolos Andreas.
10-Oct JS
Kivisili Fields 2 10-Oct SC
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1-Oct FGe
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 1, 3 & 10-Oct
PCu/MSS

Souni 2 5 & 19-Oct JN

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

Σταχτοκεφαλός

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Oct SC

Anarita Mast 1 juv 7-Oct IKB

Aspro Dam 1 ad 26-Sep KR/IB

Lymbia, Nicosia 1 Juvenile with injured beak and wing probably from gun shot 17-Oct FGE

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοκκινοκεφαλός



Woodchat Shrike, Agia Varvara, 2nd October.
Photograph by Dave Walker

Agia Varvara 1 1 & 2-Oct MSS/DJW

Aspro Dam 1 adult 25-Sep KR/IB

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκανούρα

Agia Napa Football Fields 2 9-Oct AKe

Agia Varvara 1 Juvenile 13-Oct JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Oct JE

Frenaros 2 2-Oct AKe

Karpas Peninsula 5 Juveniles. Between Koca Reis hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS

Karpas Peninsula 2 Juveniles. South coast near Livana hotel 10-Oct JS

Kouklia 1 juv 29-Sep KR/IB

Mandria 1 juv 26-Sep KR/IB

Paphos Headland 1 31-Oct LAC/JN

Paphos Sewage 1 ad 26-Sep KR/IB

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 1-Oct MSS

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίτσα

Almirolivado c6 20-Oct SC with H Shirihai

Cyprus--Troodos Mtns 2 4-Oct MGr

Giant Juniper, Troodos 2 2-Oct LAC

Kannaviou Dam 1 15-Oct DJW

Platania Picnic Site c3 20-Oct SC with H Shirihai

Prodromos PRESENT 18-Oct MH

Troodos Geopark 1 2-Oct LAC

Troodos 1 17-Oct MH

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατσικορώννα

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 10+ 15-Oct JS

Anarita Park 11 2-Oct DJW

Karpas Peninsula c10 Between Koca Reis hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS

Latchi Foothills 28 Max count of 7th-14th Oct, converging on goat field by chicken farm 07:00 13-Oct BM

Panagia Stazousa 13 21-Oct FGE

Souni 10 19-Oct JN

WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos c100 21-Oct JS

Anageia c70 going to roost 12-Oct FGE

Evretou Dam c200 15-Oct DJW

Latchi Foothills 250 Max count during 7th-14th, large flocks seen frequently 12-Oct BM

Panagia Stazousa c80 1-Oct FGE

Paphos Sewage Plant c70 15-Oct JS

Partenitis Dam c70 9-Oct FGE

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 30+ 15-Oct JS

Mandria 91 4-Oct JN

Paphos Sewage Plant c50 7-Oct DJW

Phassouri Reed-beds 26 10-Oct JN

NORTHERN RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Karpas Peninsula 2 Near Livana Hotel 10-Oct JS

Latchi Foothills 2 Observed by St Johns stream (dry) mobbing Long-legged Buzzard 9-Oct BM

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Lady's Mile 5 26-Oct TRe

Lady's Mile 12 30-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 29-Oct JS

Lower Ezousas 1 29-Oct IKB

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Frenaros 1000 5-Oct AKe

Latchi Foothills c100 Approx count of birds arriving/departing daily roost in groves 7th-14th Oct 13-Oct BM

Mandria 100 14-Oct JSG
Paralimni Lake 100 25-Oct AKe
Xylofagou 100 8-Oct AKe

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθοῦς



Spanish Spanish, Mandria, 25th October.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 185 18-Oct JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 277 8-Oct JN
Frenaros 300 7-Oct AKe
Kiti to Petounta road c200 24-Oct JS
Larnaca Airport Coast c300 27-Oct JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 200 10-Oct MSS
Phassouri Reed-beds 196 10-Oct JN

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*
Σπίνοῦς

Max count per location and ringing records:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 30-Oct JS
Armirolivado 1+ 20-Oct SC with H Shirihai
Armou Hills 6 30-Oct IKB
Asprokremmos Dam 2 28-Oct IKB
Cape Greco 8 26-Oct JS
Frenaros 20 31-Oct AKe
Larnaca Airport Coast 4 29-Oct JS
Marthounta Hills 1 30-Oct LAC
Meneou Beach 2 29-Oct JS
Nikokleia 1 over SW 29-Sep KR/IB
Paphos Headland 3 31-Oct JN
Paralimni Lake 1 30-Oct AKe
Phassouri Reed Beds 7 30-Oct JS
Platania Picnic Site c15 20-Oct SC with H Shirihai
Polis Reed Beds 1 20 & 29-Oct BCRS
Souni 22 28-Oct JN
Troodos Mountains 4 4 & 12-Oct MGr/JSG

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*
Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

Armou Hills c40 30-Oct IKB
Kannaviou Dam 1 male 15-Oct DJW

Kouklia 8 in for a drink 2-Oct KR/IB
Mandria 5 28-Oct IKB
Nikokleia 3 north over villa 24-Sep KR/IB
Polis Reed Beds 2 29-Oct BCRS
Prodromos PRESENT 18-Oct MH
Sotira, Limassol 2 31-Oct JN
Souni 6 29-Oct JN
Souni 3 30-Oct JN

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris* Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος
Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 6-Oct JN
Frenaros 120 1-Oct AKe
Latchi Foothills c30 Approx count of birds arriving/departing daily roost in groves 7th - 14th Oct 13-Oct BM
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 8 15-Oct FGe
Phassouri Reed-beds 7 10-Oct JN
Souni 37 28-Oct JN

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis* Σγαρτίλι

Largest counts and ringing records:
Anarita Mast c200 7-Oct IKB
Asprokremmos Dam c80 29-Oct IKB
Cape Greco c50 26-Oct JS
Frenaros 250 1-Oct AKe
Polis Reed Beds 10 20-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 1 26-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 4 29-Oct BCRS
Polis Reed Beds 3 31-Oct BCRS

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*
Τσακροσγάριλο

Agia Varvara c20 Road near canal 22-Oct IKB
Akrotiri Deserty area c8 1-Oct SC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c40 4-Oct SC/EBW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15-Oct JN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 18-Oct JN
Akrotiri Peninsula c100 28-Oct SC
Anarita Park 14 22-Oct IKB
Anarita Park 3 24-Oct DJW
Arakapas 3 28-Oct JS
Argaka PRESENT 11-Oct RB
Cape Greco 1 26-Oct JS
Kouklia Soakaways 5 2-Oct IKB
Lady's Mile 4 30-Oct JS
Larnaca Airport Coast 4 27-Oct JS
Nikokleia 1 male in to drink 1-Oct KR/IB
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 2 12-Oct JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 13 & 15-Oct JS
Zakaki Marsh 12 28-Oct FGe

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττης

Almirolivado c20+ 20-Oct SC with H
Shirihai

Cyprus--Troodos Mtns 2 both flying
together; one briefly stopped on wires and
then joined other bird at top of black pine.

Either female or juvenile birds 4-Oct MGr

Troodos 7 very active, a vocal, young
male singing and getting chased by red
males when too close. It, two pairs & two
green none singers 30-Sep KR/IB

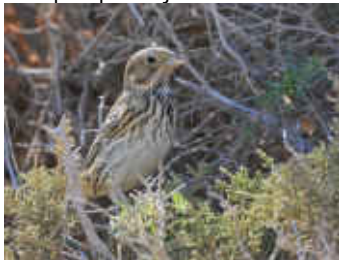
Troodos Mountains 1 Calling from tree

next to Troodos Square 12-Oct JSG

Troodos Visitor Centre 2 17-Oct JS

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος



Corn Bunting, Cape Greco, 1st October.

Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Agios Sozomenos 2 23-Oct JS

Armou Hills 4 30-Oct IKB

Asprokremnos Dam 3 13-Oct JS

Cape Greco 1 21-Oct AgL

Geri c30 17-Oct FGe

Karpas Peninsula 1 Between Koca Reis

hotel and Apostolos Andreas 10-Oct JS

Manglis dam 1 16-Oct JS

Souni 25 1-Nov JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 6 13-Oct JS

Zakaki Marsh c15+ 1 flock 28-Oct SC

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

OCTOBER 2015

Christiana Tourapi/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. The aim is to cover all sites 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 19 sites were covered in October 2015 and 60 species were recorded (7 more than for last month's count) with a total of 5,351 water birds. Although only 60% of last month's sites were covered, total bird counts as well as species counts were significantly higher. The most common bird sighted was the Common Coot (2,240 counted – 60% of which were sighted at Kouklia Dam). The Little Grebe follows in numbers (544) of which 250 were sighted at Kouklia Dam and third comes the Northern Shoveler (422), most of which were sighted at Larnaka Sewage Works. Also counted in their hundreds were the Mallard, Common Moorhen, Spur-winged Lapwing, Gadwall, Ferruginous Duck and Little Stint (in order of decreasing abundance).

First place regarding total bird count and species was once more Kouklia Dam, with 2,367 water birds (almost 45% of the total water birds count) and a staggering 41 species (almost 70% of the total species count)! It was followed in water bird numbers by Agia Eirini Dam with 984 in total and 15 species, while in third place was Larnaka Sewage Works with 966 individuals and 22 species.

Water levels are still low due to the lack of rain, but all sites covered held water birds in October.

Site coverage for the October 2015 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Phassouri Reed Bed	Martin Hellicar	13 October 2015	Low
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Martin Hellicar	13 October 2015	Low
Bishop's Pool	John & Ann Stapley, Frank Mogford	15 October 2015	85%
Zakaki Pond	Martin Hellicar		Low
Lamaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	19 October 2015	5%
Lamaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	19 October 2015	15%
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	15 October 2015	20% - Top part
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	17 October 2015	
Agios Loukas Lake North	Nick Pegler	15 October 2015	
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 October 2015	60%
Agia Eirini Dam	Nick Pegler	12 October 2015	
Kanli Dam	Nick Pegler	16 October 2015	
Kioneli Dam	Nick Pegler	16 October 2015	
Kouklia Dam	Nick Pegler	15 October 2015	
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 October 2015	50%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 October 2015	59%
Panagra Dam	Nick Pegler	12 October 2015	
Sygkrasis Dam	Nick Pegler	15 October 2015	
Platani Dam	Nick Pegler	17 October 2015	

October 2015 Site and Species Totals

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2015	Little Grebe	Great White Pelican	Great Cormorant	Shag	Great Bittern	Black-crowned Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Squacco Heron	Little Egret	Great White Egret
Phassouri Reed Bed								1		
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile										
Bishop's Pool	40						2			
Zakaki Pond										
Lamaka Salt Lake				3						
Lamaka Sewage Works	51									1
Oroklini Marsh										
Achna Dam										1
Agios Loukas Lake North	25					6		3	10	2
Evretou Dam										
Agia Eirini Dam	95		1						3	2
Kanli Dam	6									
Kioneli Dam	10								10	2
Kouklia Dam	250	1			1		50	6	35	4
Mavrokolymbos Dam	5									
Kannaviou Dam	1									
Panagra Dam	10		2							
Sygkrasis Dam	11									
Platani Dam	40									
TOTAL	544	1	3	3	1	6	52	10	58	12

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2015	Grey Heron	Glossy Ibis	Spoonbill	Greater Flamingo	Ruddy Shelduck	Eurasian Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Northern Pintail	Garganey
Phassouri Reed Bed										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile										
Bishop's Pool						45	25		3	
Zakaki Pond										
Larnaka Salt Lake										
Larnaka Sewage Works	2			66	1		151	195	3	6
Oroklini Marsh										
Achna Dam	2									
Agios Loukas Lake North	8						20			
Evretou Dam	1									
Agia Eirini Dam						8	25		6	4
Kanli Dam	4					10	6			2
Kioneli Dam	6						14			
Kouklia Dam	6	3	11	1		20	15		1	15
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam	1						24			
Panagra Dam							10			
Sygkrasis Dam	1						1			
Platani Dam						5	3		2	
TOTAL	31	3	11	67	1	88	294	195	15	27

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2015	Northern Shoveler	Common Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	western Marsh Harrier	Water Rail	Little Crake	Spotted Crake	Common Moorhen	Common Coot
Phassouri Reed Bed								10	
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile									
Bishop's Pool	8		2	1				10	9
Zakaki Pond					1			1	
Larnaka Salt Lake						1			
Larnaka Sewage Works	304								21
Oroklini Marsh								12	
Achna Dam									
Agios Loukas Lake North				2				8	20
Evretou Dam									
Agia Eirini Dam	15	40	56					17	710
Kanli Dam									
Kioneli Dam			1		1			3	10
Kouklia Dam	95			4	7		3	210	1350
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Kannaviou Dam									14
Panagra Dam									16
Sygkrasis Dam								2	
Platani Dam			50					4	90
TOTAL	422	40	109	7	9	1	3	277	2240

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2015	Common Crane	Black-winged Stilt	Northern Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Eurasian Golden Plover	Kentish Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Common Ringed Plover	Sanderling	Little Stint
Phassouri Reed Bed										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile						36			1	22
Bishop's Pool										
Zakaki Pond										
Larnaka Salt Lake	6			30		20		34		
Larnaka Sewage Works		13	1	9		16		17		39
Oroklini Marsh				43						
Achna Dam							6			
Agios Loukas Lake North				80						
Evretou Dam										
Agia Eirini Dam					1					1
Kanli Dam				8						
Kioneli Dam				10						
Kouklia Dam		30	17	16	5		5	4		40
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam										
Panagra Dam										
Sygkrasis Dam										
Platani Dam										
TOTAL	6	43	18	196	6	72	11	55	1	102

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2015	Temminck's Stint	Dunlin	Ruff	Common Snipe	Black-tailed Godwit	Spotted Redshank	Common Redshank	Common Greenshank
Phassouri Reed Bed				1				
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile		4						
Bishop's Pool				1				
Zakaki Pond								
Larnaka Salt Lake			5	1			1	
Larnaka Sewage Works		59	5					
Oroklini Marsh							1	
Achna Dam								
Agios Loukas Lake North								
Evretou Dam								
Agia Eirini Dam								
Kanli Dam				3				
Kioneli Dam							1	
Kouklia Dam	6		30	65	2	4	2	5
Mavrokolymbos Dam								
Kannaviou Dam								
Panagra Dam								
Sygkrasis Dam								
Platani Dam								
TOTAL	6	63	40	71	2	4	5	5

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2015	Marsh Sandpiper	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Common Black-headed Gull	Great Black-headed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull
Phassouri Reed Bed							
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile							
Bishop's Pool			3			1	
Zakaki Pond							
Larnaka Salt Lake							44
Larnaka Sewage Works	1				4		1
Oroklini Marsh							
Achna Dam							
Agios Loukas Lake North			2	2			
Evretou Dam							
Agia Eirini Dam							
Kanli Dam							
Kioneli Dam							
Kouklia Dam	4	5	30	1			
Mavrokolymbos Dam							
Kannaviou Dam							
Panagra Dam							
Sygkrasis Dam							
Platani Dam							
TOTAL	5	5	35	3	4	1	45

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2015	Caspian Gull	Armenian Gull	White-winged Black Tern	Common Kingfisher	Pied Kingfisher	Reed Warbler	TOTAL	Species count
Phassouri Reed Bed							12	3
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile							63	4
Bishop's Pool					1		151	14
Zakaki Pond							2	2
Larnaka Salt Lake	1	1					147	12
Larnaka Sewage Works							966	22
Oroklini Marsh							56	3
Achna Dam							9	3
Agios Loukas Lake North			2	2			192	15
Evretou Dam							1	1
Agia Eirini Dam							984	15
Kanli Dam							39	7
Kioneli Dam							68	11
Kouklia Dam				3		5	2367	41
Mavrokolymbos Dam							5	1
Kannaviou Dam							40	4
Panagra Dam				2			40	5
Sygkrasis Dam							15	4
Platani Dam							194	7
TOTAL	1	1	2	7	1	5	5351	60



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