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*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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month – ie those of birds seen and photographed in February should be sent by 20<sup>th</sup> March. 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.***

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Cover photograph: A localised winter visitor, the Finsch's Wheatear *Oenanthe finschii* is faithful to certain suitable locations such as Anarita Park, Agia Varvara, Agios Sozomenos, Kidasi, Troulli and Cape Greco where they can be seen from mid to late October until early to mid March. Others may appear at coastal locations on spring migration. They breed on rocky cliffs and plateaus to the north of Cyprus in Turkey. Often shy and wary they can be hard to photograph. During February at least one of the males present at Anarita Park moved into the range of the photographers' lenses and this one was captured by Albert Stöcker.

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## **BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES 2015**

*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. **Participants in field trips are advised therefore to check with the BirdLife Cyprus website in case of any late changes to the trip leader.***

### **April 2015**

#### **Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th April: Karpasia Peninsula**

Spring migrants and rare residents.

Details will follow. Advance booking required.

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

#### **Friday 11th April – Monday 14th April: Greek Orthodox Easter**

#### **Saturday 18th April: Cape Greko**

Spring migrants.

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

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

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

### **May 2015**

#### **Saturday 2nd May: Neo Chorio Ringing Demonstration**

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

Duration of the demonstration is 9.00 am -12.30 pm.

Leader: Alan Crabtree. Mobile: 99455345

#### **Saturday 9th May: Kannaviou Dam & Paphos Forest**

Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds.

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

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker. Home Tel: 99915907

#### **Saturday 16th May: Akrotiri Peninsula**

Late spring migrants and water birds.

Meet 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed-beds

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

### **Social Event**

#### **Saturday 23rd May: End of Season Get Together Lunch**

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou.

For bookings please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Mobile: 99413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

**Important Announcement:** Participation in BirdLife Cyprus field meetings is at one's own risk. BirdLife Cyprus accepts no liability or responsibility for accidents, illness, injury or loss or damage

to property that might occur. Field trips require light to moderate exercise. Please contact the field trip leader for more information on difficulty, distances and terrain of a particular field trip.

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## **FIELD MEETING REPORT – LARNACA SEWAGE WORKS AND NEARBY AREAS 21st**

**February 2015**

*John Stapley*

Who would have thought after a week of wind, rain and snow that Saturday would turn out bright and sunny, albeit with a bit of a cold nip in the air? The attendance was disappointing but the three Js (June, Julie and John) who did turn up certainly had a good morning's viewing.

From the hide overlooking the ponds at the sewage works, we saw 40+ **Mallard**, 50+ **Northern Shoveler**, 4 **Ferruginous Duck**, a lone male **Northern Pintail** plus **Common Black-headed Gulls** all on the water. Some 110+ **Eurasian Teal** were spotted, initially resting on the far slope of the pond, out of the wind and enjoying the warm sunshine, before later taking to the water. A party of **White Wagtail** flitted around the hide feeding on insects on the ground, whilst a pair of **Western Black Redstart** did likewise in the surrounding bushes. Meanwhile a flight of **Barn Swallow** kept up a constant noisy aerial attack. Two **Common Redshank** flew across our view while a **Common Kestrel** hovered in the distance.

Moving on to the Spiros Pool and beach area, we saw 40+ **Greater Flamingo**, a company of 8 **Eurasian Wigeon** and a number of Mallard on the pool. We disturbed a small herd of 9 **Eurasian Curlew** that took to the air but soon settled again a little further away. Along the edges of the track, we spotted several **Crested Lark**, at least one pair of **Common Stonechat**, a **European Greenfinch**, **Zitting Cisticola**, 3 **Red-throated Pipit** and a **Hooded Crow** that cawed so loudly and persistently that we felt obliged to include it on the day's list. Within the airfield, a Common Kestrel desperately tried to chase off a **Hen Harrier** which had invaded her territory; however, we believe its efforts were in vain as the harrier swooped and appeared to take a small prey before settling (hidden) on the ground. A **Sandwich Tern** flew past some distance out to sea.

Stopping for a few moments alongside Meneou Pool, we observed some 500+ Greater Flamingo, 2 **Spur-winged Lapwing** and 2 **Common Shelduck**.

Our final stop was on the road along the south-western shore of the Larnaca Salt Lake past the Hala Sultan Tekkes (mosque). There were several large congregations of Greater Flamingo with numerous rafts of Common Shelduck and Northern Shoveler scattered around the lake. In one corner, a flock of Common Black-headed Gulls, which had been loafing on the water, sprang into action when a young family stood on the edge throwing pieces of bread for them. Whilst most of the gulls were still in their winter plumage, several were already showing their distinctive dark brown hoods. There were other larger gulls in the distance but were out of range for a positive identification.

Other species seen along the track included **Great Tit**, **Western Jackdaw**, **Sardinian Warbler**, Common Stonechat, **European Goldfinch** and **Common Chaffinch**. We also heard, but failed to see clearly, a **Common Chiffchaff** and a **European Blackcap**. A small flock of **Common House Martin** hunted insects around the vicinity of the mosque. One of the many puddles on the shore had attracted a pair of **Meadow Pipit** as well as White Wagtail and **Common Linnet**. A handsome male Common Kestrel perched on a low bush close by, clearly looking for his next meal. A little while later, a number of **House Sparrow** were flushed from a nearby small farm

building. The culprit turned out to be the Kestrel's mate returning to join him from a remote forage. In the distance, two **Western Marsh Harrier** were spotted – they too looked as if they were on the hunt. For some unknown reason, a lone **Eurasian Magpie** was chattering monotonously to itself as if upset with the world. Our final bird of the day was a **Song Thrush** which suddenly flew out from a nearby tree as we approached our vehicles.

A total of 38 species must count as a successful morning's birding – it was just a pity that there weren't more members to share it.

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## **FIELD MEETING REPORT – ASPROKREMNOS DAM AND MANDRIA 28th February 2015**

*A V Ian Writer*

A total of 26 members and visitors met at the Asprokremnos Dam car park for this popular field meeting. Early arrivals would have seen **Common Woodpigeon**, **Eurasian Collared Dove**, **Hooded Crow** and **Eurasian Magpie** on their drive up to the dam. Amongst the trees around the park were noisy **Great Tit** and **European Goldfinchs** both drowning out any chance of hearing a possible Goldcrest, some of which had previously been seen in the area. In the scrub beyond the trees, we found **Common Stonechat**, **Common Chaffinch**, **European Serin** and **Sardinian Warbler** whilst the fields nearby yielded **Common Kestrel**, **Crested Lark** and **Meadow Pipit** plus the calls of **Chukar** and a **Common Quail**. On the reservoir, we spotted a group of around 10 **Mallard** and 3 **Caspian Gull** but the latter were disturbed and flew off. Some 30+ **Great Cormorant** were seen in the distance while a lone **Grey Heron** took off towards the sea. This particular field trip regularly produces one of the first sightings of the year for **Alpine Swift**. This was no exception, although only one was seen on this occasion; a **Common Swift** was also present. High overhead, we had good views of a **Long-legged** and two **Common Buzzard**; these caused alarm amongst a small flock of **Western Jackdaw**. Just before departing the dam area, we saw a male **Blue Rock Thrush** on the fence surrounding the spillway.

In the fields approaching the coast at Lark Corner, Mandria, we came across **European Greenfinch**, **White Wagtail**, **Zitting Cisticola** and **Barn Swallow**. One field, in particular, hosted 10 or more **Eurasian Stone-curlew** trying their best to remain hidden under the low branches of rows of avocado bushes, their pale plumage camouflaging well with the light-coloured soil. On the other side of the road a flock of 200+ **Spanish Sparrow** were clearly disputing possible breeding territories in a clump of trees. We parked at the picnic area, noticing that sitting on the rocks out to sea were two adult and one pale juvenile **European Shag**, before setting off walking towards the clump of trees. On the way, we flushed two **Common Quail**, but also listed two illusive **Isabelline Wheatear**, **Cetti's Warbler**, **Western Black Redstart**, **Common Chaffinch** and a distant **Sandwich Tern**, before finding our target bird, a **Eurasian Hoopoe**, which had been reported a day or so earlier. Initially seen on the track ahead of us, it flew off, but we successfully caught up with it a little further away where we enjoyed excellent views of this attractive visitor/migrant as it perched in the lower branches of a fruit tree.

The convoy of cars then headed for Anarita Park. Before reaching our intended lunch spot, we stopped by a small ravine and were rewarded with views of a **Little Owl**, a **Blue Rock Thrush** and a mixed party of **European Serin** and **Common Linnet** feeding in the short grasses. At the picnic spot, we observed **Common Chiffchaff**, **Common House Martin**, **Common Swift** and **Corn Bunting**. After several minutes' search, we found two male **Finsch's Wheatear** which we felt had just rounded off the trip nicely. However, as members departed in different directions, Dave and Jan called to say that they had found a **Great Spotted Cuckoo** a short distance away. Those who hadn't already departed did so, very quickly, and headed for the spot. Obligingly, the bird sat in the tree for 20 minutes or more, but unfortunately was partially hidden by foliage preventing a clear camera shot. As we were saying our "Good-byes", two **Chukar** flew across our view, completing the number of species observed during the trip to a very respectable 45.

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## **FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKHNA DAM & OROKLINI LAKE 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

*Stavros Christodoulides*

10 members and friends met at the usual time of 9.30 at the western end of the Akhna Dam wall. It was a nice mix of new faces and old hands with a couple of visitors from the UK as well as some regulars from the western end of the island. Despite the strong wind being far from ideal birding weather we were optimistic that it would be a pleasant morning with lots of interesting birds.

Given the recent rains, the water level at Akhna was surprisingly very low. With little water and considerable disturbance, few birds were in evidence. From our viewpoint we could just about see the whole lake and searched for birds with our telescopes. The best bird was a **Great Egret**, an uncommon winter visitor and passage migrant. With it, at the water's edge, were a couple of **Grey Heron** while in the water itself was a juvenile **Great Cormorant** and some **Eurasian Coot**. Because of the strong wind, the bushes around the lake appeared very quiet. With little else in evidence we decided to move on to Oroklini where a number of interesting birds had recently been reported.

At Oroklini we started off at the Hide above the Visitor Centre, overlooking the main (northern) part of the Lake. Immediately, we had a good variety of birds. Wintering duck numbers were down, as many had already moved northwards to their breeding grounds, but the selection of birds remained very good. In the lake itself, we spotted **Greater Flamingo**, **Mallard**, **Eurasian Teal**, **Northern Pintail**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Red-crested Pochard**, **Cattle Egret**, **Black-headed**, **Armenian**, **Caspian** and **Slender-billed Gull**, Eurasian Coot, Grey Heron, **Common Snipe** and **Spur-winged Lapwing**. Flocks of **Common Swift** circled overhead joined by some less acrobatic **Common House Martin** and **Barn Swallow**. The star bird was an adult **Mediterranean Gull** moulting into its spectacular breeding plumage.

Happy with what we had seen thus far we decided to move onto the southern end of the marsh and in the area of unfinished houses to get an elevated view of the other end of the lake. On this end, the water level was lower and was ideal for waders including many Spur-winged Lapwing, several **Black-winged Stilt**, some **Ruff**, as well as lots of Flamingo and ducks. We scanned a large Gull flock and managed two more Mediterranean Gulls, a first spring and a second spring bird, their identification and ageing testing everyone's ID skills! Amongst the flock was a **Pied Avocet**, another good bird and one I hadn't seen for quite some time.

We moved on to the nearby hide for some better views of the western end of the marsh as well as the surrounding tamarisks. Here, we had similar birds plus **Common Redshank**, a couple of patrolling **Western Marsh Harrier** and a wonderful pale **Long-legged Buzzard** which drifted over the marsh and after being mobbed by a fearless Spur-winged Lapwing landed on top of a nearby army bunker. In the tamarisks we heard **Common Reed Bunting** and **Bluethroat** but only managed brief flight views of the former. We also had a couple of **Chiffchaff** as well as stunning, close views of two brilliant male **Penduline Tit**, a lifer for a couple of our participants from the UK. It was approaching midday and we had a decision to make, stay at Oroklini until the end of the field trip or move on to Larnaca. In the end most of us decided to stay at Oroklini and move back to Main Hide for the remainder of the field trip.

Back at the Main Hide we had some better views of the gull flock and had the opportunity to study some of the birds in more detail. Smart, breeding plumaged Slender-billed Gull stood out by their pinkish tones and dark red bill while there was a fair number of larger gulls swimming amongst the flock of smaller gulls. All were Armenian Gull of various ages, amongst them a brilliant adult with a tricoloured bill and dark eye. In the hide we were joined by a couple of families with young children and we took some time pointing out some of the birds through our telescopes. It was nice to see families travelling from the surrounding area to spend some time looking at the birds. On that pleasant note we ended our fieldtrip which although started slowly, ended up being quite productive with good views of a number of interesting and uncommon species.

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## **FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKROTIRI 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

*June Neal*

It was a relief – blue skies with fluffy clouds, warm and hardly any wind as we met at Zakaki hide – a welcome change from the previous 6 or 7 field meetings I'd led around the peninsula where rain was the predominant memory.

Twenty five people joined in during the course of the morning, including two visiting birdwatchers who 'happened' to meet us. The outstanding birds seen at the hide included a pair of **Little Crane** feeding on a sandy bank and in and out of the reeds. A **Spotted Crane** was less obliging only coming into view now and again in a closer clump of reeds and an obvious **Bluethroat**, with red spot, delighted many of us as it fed in the same area. Bill almost trod on a **Jack Snipe** as he walked to the hide.

**Sedge Warbler**, **Eurasian Reed Warbler** (including a singing male on top of a reed), plus calling **Cetti's Warbler** were also nearby. Three or more **Little Egret** put in an appearance on the island; two **Little Grebe** fed in the pool where **Common Coot**, a **Common Moorhen**, several **Mallard** and a **Green Sandpiper** came into view. Two **Common Snipe** snoozed on a muddy island. Overhead **Common Swift**, **Barn Swallow** and **Northern House Martin** swooped and fed. Two **Common Buzzard** soared high to the north and a lone **Common Kestrel** was noted. From the hide **Greater Flamingo** were seen on the salt lake and three **Grey Heron** flew across the distant marsh.

A couple of female **Common Stonechat** were spotted around the marsh area and seven **Little Ringed Plover** on the pool across the road were joined by a handful of **Common Linnet**. **Black Francolin** were heard calling and a pair was seen as we moved on to Lady's Mile. It was quiet there with only one **Slender-billed Gull** amongst the small flock of **Common Black-headed Gull**. A handful of **Northern** or **Isabelline Wheatear** were disturbed as we arrived. A **Common Kingfisher** briefly sat on the rocks nearer the port before flying off in search of food. An **Armenian Gull** perched on a pole at the restaurant and two more (probable) birds sat on the pools to the south. Also there were eight **Black-winged Stilt** and one **Ruff** flew in to join them.

Some of us drove the long way round the roads to Bishop's Pool noting **Great Tit** and **Common Chaffinch** on the way whilst the rest of the group drove along the Mile seeing one **Kentish Plover** and probably both Northern and Isabelline Wheatears that were too distant to be identified accurately.

Besides two sleeping **Common Sandpiper** the only other species of note were one **Red-rumped Swallow**, a few Little Grebe and a Common Kestrel with the predominant species being **Common Chiffchaff**. We heard the possible calls included Eurasian Wryneck and Lesser Whitethroat.

Agios Georgios Church area was rife with mosquitoes so we didn't stay long. Some people noted a **Eurasian Hoopoe** and a male **Cyprus Wheatear** as well as the many **Common Greenfinch**, a probable **Rüppell's Warbler** and a few **Cretzschmar's Bunting**.

We drove past Phassouri Reed-beds to the recently formed 'lake' behind the derelict rabbit farm between the reedbeds and the Gravel Pits. Here the best birds were two feeding **Marsh Sandpiper**, Common Sandpiper, two or three Common Snipe, two **Water Pipit**, seven Black-winged Stilt and seven Ruff, **Sardinian Warbler** and an overflying male **Blue-headed Wagtail**.

After lunch a few of us drove along the track towards the masts seeing en route: five Cyprus Wheatear perched on bushes with both Isabelline and Northern Wheatear; a **Tree Pipit**, a **Lesser Whitethroat**, a singing Sardinian Warbler and a hunting ring-tailed Harrier (probably female **Hen Harrier**) flew over the reedbeds away from us.

It was a good day's birding in excellent company and I thank everyone for their input and for making it a most enjoyable day where a total of 54 species were recorded.

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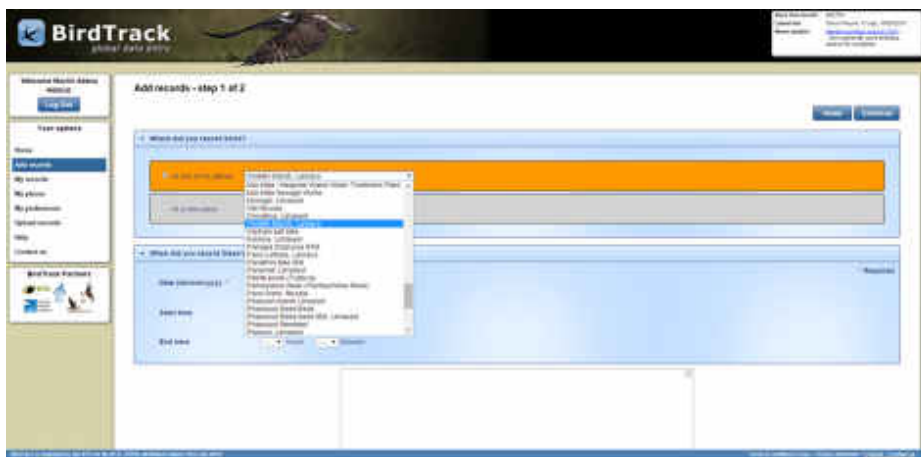
## BIRDTRACK REPLACES CYPRIACA

*Martin Hellicar*



It is happening! We are pleased to announce that our on-line bird recording system Cyprica is being transferred onto the global BirdTrack system. Existing Cyprica users have already received email instructions on how to log on to the new system. There is work yet to be done before the full Cyprus version of the British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) BirdTrack system is operational, but with WorldBirds (the parent system of Cyprica) winding down, it was important to lose no time in making the move...

BirdLife Cyprus is working with the BTO to set up BirdTrackCyprus – our own portal for users to enter Cyprus data. We aim to have this up this spring, and will arrange a suitable launch for BirdTrackCyprus, but you can already have full access to the global BirdTrack system and enter sightings from anywhere in Cyprus, or beyond. In keeping with the practice in most of Europe and the beyond, BirdLife Cyprus will increasingly be encouraging birders to use the BirdTrack system for reporting records – an easy and efficient system compared to Excel spread-sheets or sending written records.



BirdTrack is a truly global system, used in most of Europe, and is notably user-friendly. A large number of Cyprus sites are already catalogued in the BirdTrack system, and it is easy to add new sites (though always best to check first that a site is not already there!)

If you're not an existing Cyprica user, then just go to <http://blx1.bto.org/btologin/users/new-observer.jsp>

and set up an account on BirdTrack. If you have data on Cyprica, your login details have already been transferred, along with your locations, so you can start using BirdTrack to record your bird observations.

Cyprica will be closed for good on 31st March 2015. If you wish to export a copy of your existing data, please login and go to 'Reports', 'Download My Data'.

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**BIRD PHOTO QUIZ**  
*Stavros Christodoulides*

**PHOTO # 26**



**Last Month's Quiz answer**

February's mystery bird is what many birders refer to as a "little brown job". It is a largely plain coloured (brown and black) passerine which at first glance shows no obvious distinguishing features. The angle photographed (body facing away from the camera) adds to the confusion, as not much can be said about its body shape, yet enough of the bird can be seen for safe identification! The plain colouration, shape of the bill as well as its ground-dwelling behaviour suggests that the bird belongs to one of two families; it is either a species of lark or a pipit. Pipits have a thin bill and slim body while our bird appears plump-bodied with a rather thicker and shorter bill, suggesting that it is a species of Lark.

On Cyprus, Larks are well represented with 7 species occurring regularly and another 6 occurring as rare vagrants. Some are quite similar but others are very distinctive. Our photographed bird has a rather thin (for a Lark) bill and a long white supercilium, excluding all but two rather similar species, Skylark and Woodlark. Skylarks are very common winter visitors to low ground while Woodlarks are a rather uncommon highland breeding species, becoming more common and widespread in the winter, including at low elevations. In winter, habitat can help in identification with Skylarks preferring open fields while Woodlarks usually prefer stony ground, often near water. The two can however sometimes be seen side by side, so habitat alone is unlikely to be enough for safe identification.

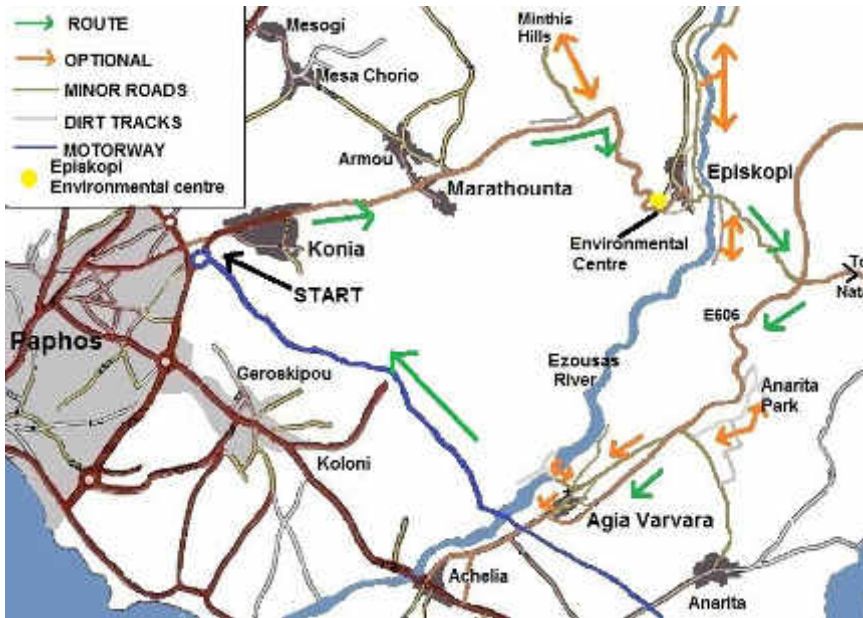
Although quite similar and often confused, with good views identification of the two species is not too difficult. Skylarks show a heavier horn-coloured bill while Woodlarks have a largely dark bill with a pinkish orange base. Woodlarks also show a well marked, often orange-red looking face and a longer white supercilium reaching the back of the neck. Indeed the bird photographed shows a largely dark bill, well marked face and a long flaring supercilium, confirming its identity as a **Woodlark**. Another feature of this species is the much shorter tail, easier to see when the bird is viewed sideways as well as a black alula, which again can only be seen when viewed from the side.

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## SPRING 2015 BIRDWATCHING TRIP

*Alison McArthur*

This year we are setting off from Paphos, starting at the big round-about at the end of the motorway. The trip is roughly 28 kms and will take us up to Episkopi before dropping into the Ezousas Valley. There are optional legs to the Minthis Hills, and both Anarita Park and the river below Agia Varvara. You could also visit the Episkopi Environmental Centre, so give yourself plenty of time.



From the round-about take the road to Konia and Episkopi which is the single lane exit which requires you to be in the right hand lane, at the traffic lights, if you have come off the motorway. It has a sign to 'Episkopi Environmental Centre'. Continue up the hill passing through Konia and on past the junctions to Armou and Marathounta. After seven kilometres you will find a road to the left to Stavros tis Minthis. This optional detour will take you past scrub which holds Cyprus and Sardinian Warblers, with Spectacled Warblers on the plateau at the top. From here you have spectacular views, and a chance of Long-legged Buzzard and Bonelli's Eagle, plus migrant species.

Return to the main road junction and check for Roller in this area before turning left over the summit of the hill. This is Black-headed Bunting territory! Drop down towards Episkopi where the Environmental Centre is on the corner of the first road left as you enter the village. The grounds are laid out with numerous plant species representing different habitat types in Cyprus, and there is an exhibition of birds, butterflies and mammals found in the Ezousas valley. There is a small charge for entry to the exhibition which also includes viewing of a 25 minute nature film. This beautiful film will tell you more about the nature of this valley than I can possibly convey here!

Continue down the hill towards the village. You might like to stop below the striking limestone cliff on your left which dominates the area. Cyprus Wheatear normally breed here. Just beyond the coffee shop, which is always open, you will come to a T-junction where you turn right following the signs to Nata. This takes you on a narrow zigzag descent to the valley below and I strongly

recommend that instead of taking the acute turn to your left, again signposted to Nata, that you continue 50 metres to the turning circle beyond and then drive back to take the turn which will now be a fork off to your right. This avoids the strong possibility that your vehicle will not have the lock to take the left turn!



Once down in the valley then drive across the ford and park on the other side. This is a wonderful place to explore on foot. Wander both down and upstream because you will cover various habitats, with the river holding passage waders, wagtails, or kingfisher, and the scrub and reedbeds supporting warblers. The tamarisk on the upper side of the ford can be particularly productive, but also carefully check the many orchards. Flycatchers and Golden Orioles are regular in this area, and both Great-spotted Cuckoo and Cretzschmar's Buntings breed here. Also check the skyline for resident Peregrine and Long-legged Buzzard.

*Great Spotted Cuckoo by Alison McArthur*

The trip continues with a challenging drive of two and a half kilometres up a twisty narrow concrete road which will take you to a crossroads where you turn right to head back down towards Agia Varvara - -check the map! If your driver prefers not to continue then retrace your steps back to Paphos from the ford. Continuing up the concrete road offers chances of seeing Roller and Little Owl in addition to more buntings and cuckoos - - or of course anything on passage, but the stopping places are limited.

Once established on the main E606 you continue for roughly five kilometres, passing several sharp bends, and descending until you see the first tarred road off to your left. This is on a straight section of road 300 metres past a refuse truck park. Left here, plus immediate left again on to a dirt track, takes you into the area local birdwatchers call 'Anarita Park'. This site is well watched and is known as a good area to find Red-footed Falcon and Lesser Kestrel on passage. They typically hunt inwards of this junction and sit on the electricity conductors running parallel to the dirt track. This is also a regular feeding ground for Great-spotted Cuckoos. Explore further along this track, as you wish, watching for harriers and resident raptors. Once you reach a staggered four-way junction, by a rocky outcrop, take left along beside a small stream bordered by much

scrub. This, combined with the deserted quarry ahead, is a regular migrant, plus resident warbler, Little Owl and Corn Bunting hotspot!



*Little Bittern at Agia Varvara by Alison McArthur*



*Red-footed Falcon at Anarita Park by Alison McArthur*

Retrace your route back to the main road which will bring you out almost opposite a concrete road running diagonally away. As shown on the map this takes you down to Agia Varvara where you will come to a 'blind' crossroads with a church on the opposite corner. Take the road down to the valley with the church on your left. Here the Ezousas river runs through a concrete ford and you have many options to choose from, depending on how the river is running. If you cross to the opposite side the open fields and scrub can be good for pipits, shrikes, buntings, wheatears, and other chats, whilst water soakaway pits alongside the river often support waders, wagtails and snipe. On the village side the electricity conductors are worth checking for Bee-eaters and Rollers and the river here often holds herons, egrets and crakes. The valley is also home to the elusive Black Francolin, but you need some luck to see it!

I hope you enjoy lots of good birdwatching on this trip, and also come across some of the spectacular butterflies and dragonflies around at this time of year. Don't forget to keep records and send them to the recorder! To return to Paphos from this area you have several options, including using the motorway from the nearby junction, or why not extend your trip by heading further down the Ezousas valley!



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*Common Kingfisher, Lower Ezousas Valley by Alison McArthur*

## **MIGRATING HERONS, EGRETS ETC IN SPRING**

Jane Stylianou

*During April and May flocks of migrating herons, egrets and their close relatives can often be seen flying along the coast or heading inland on their journey northwards to their breeding grounds. Identification, when they land to roost and feed, is usually pretty straight forward but in flight some of them may not be as easily recognizable. Below are some photographs of some of the more regularly seen species in flight together with a few ID pointers.*

### **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**



These Black-crowned Night Heron were photographed at Timi Beach in May 2014 by Dave Walker. They are a short-billed almost 'dumpy' medium-sized heron. In flight it looks compact with the feet not noticeably extended past its tail. It has stiff wingbeats. The black back of the adults contrasts with the light grey wings. Juvenile/first winter birds are brown and buff in colour with white spotting on its upper wings which is gradually lost as the bird gets older and the bird obtains a grey-brown back and crown in its second summer. The young can often be seen in the migrating flock together with the adult birds.

### **SQUACCO HERON**

On the ground a Squacco Heron looks like a small buffy-brown heron with a bluish black tip and yellowy-pink legs. It is a similar size to the Black-crowned Night Heron. In flight however it looks almost like a different bird as its white wings make it seem almost all white. Closer inspection will reveal the brown back. The photograph shows a Squacco Heron photographed in April 2010 by Dave Nye.





### **CATTLE EGRET**

Another small heron seen migrating around our coasts is the Cattle Egret. It has a short bill and a short neck which when retracted in flight makes the bird appear even smaller. The short bill is orangey pink at this time of year and the legs are a pale yellow. Birds in breeding plumage have an orange tone to the crown, breast and mantle. In flight it has fast wing beats. It is separated from the Little Egret in flight by its size but also the shorter, thicker bill. The Little Egret has black legs with yellow toes and has a more elegant flight.

### **LITTLE EGRET**

One of the commoner heron species migrating through Cyprus in the spring. It is larger than the species dealt with so far but not as large as the Great Egret or Grey and Purple Herons. Its plumage is pure white and even in flight it has an 'elegant' appearance. Its black legs contrast sharply with its bright yellow toes and its bill is long and black. It appears slimmer than the Great Egret. The group in the photograph below numbers at least sixty and the yellow feet can be seen clearly. They were photographed last April by Agamemnon Loutsios.

### **GREAT EGRET**

Not usually as common as the other birds mentioned so far, the Great (White) Egret is a very big all-white heron which is almost as large as a Grey Heron but is more elegant with a longer neck and legs. In flight the legs are all dark and appear long in comparison to the rest of the body. In contrast to those of the Little Egret above they are dark. The bill of non-breeding birds is yellow while it becomes almost black on breeding birds. Its plumage has no orange parts and that fact and its larger size exclude confusion with Cattle Egret. It is only occasionally seen in flocks of double figures. The bird in the photograph below was at Athalassa Dam in October 2013 and was photographed by Filippos Georgiades.



## **GREY HERON**



Probably the most common heron seen migrating across the island, this is a well-known bird. It is a large and heavy looking heron which is mainly grey above and greyish white below. Confusion with crane species is avoided as the Grey Heron has a retracted neck in flight whereas that of cranes is outstretched. Its bill is straight and greyish-yellow changing to orangey when breeding. Its flight is slow with irregular wing beats and the upperwings are grey with darker flight feathers and two pale carpal patches which are clearly visible if viewed from the front. The underparts are much paler. The above flock was photographed by Dave Walker in September 2013.

## **PURPLE HERON**

Another large heron which can be seen in quite large flocks around the south coast especially at this time of year. Confusion when seen in flight with Grey Heron flocks is possible especially if seen in the distance. The Purple Heron will usually appear quite dark looking and its bill is longer and narrower. The Collin's Field Guide (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) notes that there is a 'hint of jerkiness' in its wing beats. Its neck is narrower and when retracted in flight looks more angular where it bends as opposed to that of the Grey Heron. It is a lanky bird that overall is slightly smaller than the Grey Heron. Its back is dark grey as opposed to the light grey back of the Grey Heron and its underparts appear darker even from a distance. The Purple Heron below was photographed by Alison McArthur at Mavrokolympos Dam in April 2010.



### **GLOSSY IBIS**

A distinctive species with its curlew like down-curved bill, long legs projecting behind its body in flight and rapid wing beats which are interspersed with short glides. Flocks of over a hundred migrating along the coast are not uncommon and perhaps the main confusion species could actually be with the flocks of Great Cormorant that also move around the coast early in spring. Both fly in lines although the Glossy Ibis can fly in disordered flocks as well. The Great Cormorant lack the downturned bill and legs held behind the body of the Glossy Ibis. At rest the Glossy Ibis is unmistakable: its plumage is a dark purple-brown with a green gloss on its wings. These two Glossy Ibis were photographed over Akrotiri in May 2013 by Albert Stöcker.



## **EURASIAN SPOONBILL**

Like the Great Egret, the Eurasian Spoonbill is less regularly observed migrating through Cyprus. Small flocks of over thirty have been seen but groups of five or less are more likely. Like the Glossy Ibis the bill is the distinguishing feature. It is long and spoon or spatula shaped meaning that only at a distance can it be confused with an all-white egret. In flight their necks are extended in comparison to the retracted neck of the Great and Little Egret, and their wing beats are also faster than those of the egrets and are interspersed with glides. The adults have dark legs which appear pinkish on the immature birds which also have black tips to their outer primaries. The Eurasian Spoonbill below was photographed by Dave Nye in September 2009.



## **BIRDS ON CYPRUS LIST WITH JUST ONE OR TWO RECORDS**

Jane Stylianou

*The first in an occasional series which will look at birds with just one or two records on the Cyprus list. This month the Bataleur.*

There are several species which have only been recorded once or twice in Cyprus. These include, for example, species such as : Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*, Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*, European Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus*, Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*, Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus*, Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra*, Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*, Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*, Red Kite *Milvus milvus*, Bataleur *Terathopius ecaudatus*, Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio alleni*, Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*, Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*, Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*, Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*, Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan*, Dideric Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx caprius*, Dunn's Lark *Eremalauda dunnii*, Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti*, Temminck's Lark *Eremophila bilopha*, Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*, Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*, Hypocolius *Hypocolius ampelinus*, Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*, Pied Stonechat *Saxicola caprata*, Common Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*, Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola*, Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*, Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis*, Upscher's Warbler *Hippolais languida*, Ménétries Warbler *Sylvia mystacea*, Mountain Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus lorentzi sindianus*, White-winged Snowfinch *Montifringilla nivalis*, Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*, Striolated Bunting *Emberiza striolata*.

### **Bataleur *Terathopius ecaudatus***

A juvenile Bataleur was seen at Cape Greco on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007 by participants on a BirdLife Cyprus field meeting, which by luck was taking place in the area that morning. There was another sighting of what was certainly the same individual at Cape Andreas on 29<sup>th</sup> April. The distinctive shape, short tail and bulging primaries of the bird meant that there was no doubting its ID. It was the first record of the species for Europe although there have been eight records in Israel to date with a ninth possible under consideration from 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The increase in observations from that nearby location (in 2007 there had been two confirmed sightings) means another Cyprus record is a possibility. The species has also been observed in N. Egypt.



*Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides*

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## SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Jane Stylianou

3345 bird records received

157 species and forms recorded in February, compared to 163 in February 2014.

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

### **LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιπς

Largest counts:

Athalassa Park 30+ 9-Feb JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 11 21-Feb JN

Mia Milia c18 7-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh c30 6-Feb JS

Paralimni Lake 20 2 & 11-Feb AKe

### **GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps*

*cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιπς

Paphos Headland 1 1 & 3-Feb FGe/DJW

### **BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps*

*nigricollis* Μαυροβούτιπς

Kouklia Lake 3 7-Feb ME

Kouklia Lake 2 17-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 26 1-Feb ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1 & 18-Feb

ME/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 5-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Feb KH

### **GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax*

*carbo* Κορμοράνος

Largest counts and migrants:

Asprokremnos Dam 55+ 5-Feb IKB

Cape Drepanum 21 Flying over NW 24-Feb ASt

Fresh Water Lake South 62 7-Feb ME

Mandria 150 2 flocks of c50 and c100

migrating North 25-Feb DJW

Pyla coast 32 flying east 22-Feb BB

Spiros Beach c20 heading E 22-Feb JS

### **EUROPEAN SHAG** *Phalacrocorax*

*aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας

Cape Drepanum 2 One adult one first year 8-Feb IKB

Cape Drepanum 3 21-Feb DJW

Clapsides 2 15-Feb ME

Dhekelia Power Station 11 5-Feb BB

Dhekelia Power Station 5 8-Feb ME

Kensington Cliffs 2 2-Feb DJW

Kensington Cliffs 1 17-Feb JS

Mandria 2 5-Feb IKB

Mandria 1 6 & 15-Feb IKB/LAC

Mandria 3 28-Feb DJW/JN

Timi Beach 2 7-Feb LAC/BC Field Meeting/JN

### **EURASIAN BITTERN** *Botaurus stellaris*

Βουρωδιός

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 13-Feb KH

### **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**

Athalassa Dam 2 ad 5-Feb SC

### **STRIATED HERON** *Butorides striata*

*brevipes* Ερωδιός των μακροβίων

Zakaki Marsh 1 11-Feb TRE

### **CATTLE EGRET** *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Max count per location:

Aradippou Slurry Pits c15 15-Feb SC

Athalassa Dam 7 5-Feb SC

Dhekelia 5 7-Feb FGe

Fresh Water Lake South c400 7-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh c200 coming into roost 6 & 22-Feb JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 2 3-Feb IKB

Pyla 4 14-Feb BB

### **LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Max count per location:

Agia Thekla 2 4-Feb ME

Agias Trias 1 15-Feb ME

Athalassa Park 2 9-Feb JS

Germasogeia Dam 1 17-Feb JS

Kouklia Lake 1 7-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh 1 25-Feb CP/PPa

Paralimni Lake 10 9 & 11-Feb ME/AKe

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 2 19-Feb FGe

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 2, 3, 4, 16 & 17-Feb DJW/SC/MC/APL/JS

Spiros Pool 1 26-Feb JS

Zakaki Marsh 2 17-Feb JS

**GREAT EGRET** *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα



*Great Egret, Oroklini Marsh, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Photograph by Rajia Howard.*

Akhna Dam 1 7, 12, 20 & 21-Feb  
FGe/ME/BB  
Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 In Off The Sea  
20-Feb ME  
Fresh Water Lake North 2 7-Feb ME  
Fresh Water Lake South 9 6-Feb ME  
Fresh Water Lake South 1 7-Feb ME  
Kouklia Lake 5 7-Feb ME  
Kouklia Lake 2 17-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Feb KH  
Paralimni Lake 2 1, 5, 9 & 11-Feb AKe  
Paralimni Lake 1 2, 3, 14, 17 & 19-Feb  
AKe/ME/JS  
Pyrga, Famagusta 1 7-Feb ME

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea* Ψαροφάς

Largest counts:

Asprokremnos Dam 7 5-Feb IKB  
Fresh Water Lake South 10 2-Feb ME  
Lady's Mile c50 3-Feb SC  
Mandria 5 migrating North 25-Feb DJW  
Paralimni Lake 30 25-Feb AKe  
Zakaki Marsh c50 3-Feb SC

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Fresh Water Lake South 2 Roosting with  
Cattle Egrets 2, 7 & 17-Feb ME  
Fresh Water Lake South 3 15-Feb ME

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus  
roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c1,000 28-Feb SC with  
L Sergides & D Rhoads  
Fresh Water Lake North 24 17-Feb ME  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta c300 17-Feb  
ME  
Lady's Mile 137 Flying over 23-Feb KH  
Larnaca Airport Pools North c150 15 & 16-  
Feb SC/MC/APL

Larnaca Airport Pools South 245 18-Feb  
JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 3346 18-Feb JS  
Meneou c120 21-Feb JN  
Neapolis Pond c150 6-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 89 12-Feb ME  
Paralimni Lake c300 18 & 19-Feb  
ME/AKe  
Silver Beach 15 17-Feb ME  
Spiros Pool 67 18-Feb JS

**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**

*Anser albifrons* Αρκόσιγνα

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 7-Feb ME

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 9 7-Feb ME  
Paralimni Lake 9 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15,  
17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26 & 28-Feb  
AKe/ME/JS

**COMMON SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλδουρτος

Akrotiri Salt Lake c5 3-Feb SC  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c30 17-Feb JS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 27-Feb FMM  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 7 7-Feb ME  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 9 17-Feb ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake c550 1-Feb ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake 760 18-Feb JS  
Meneou Pool 3 18-Feb JS  
Meneou 2 21-Feb JN  
Mia Milia 11 7-Feb ME  
Paralimni Lake 1 18 & 24-Feb ME/AKe  
Silver Beach 17 6-Feb ME  
Silver Beach 13 15-Feb ME  
Silver Beach 14 17-Feb ME

**EURASIAN WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

Αρματσάσις

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 7 7-Feb ME  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 8 5 Drakes 17-  
Feb ME  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Drakes 1-Feb  
ME  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 Drakes  
7-Feb ME  
Spiros Pool c4 both sexes 15-Feb SC  
Spiros Pool 8 21-Feb JS/JN/JStA/JSm

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 Male 7 & 17-  
Feb ME  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 18-Feb  
JS



Mia Milia 2 Pair 7-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 3 16-Feb KH

**EURASIAN TEAL** *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Max count per location:

Athalassa Park c40 9-Feb JS  
Bishop's Pool c8 16-Feb SC with M  
Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Evretou Dam 4 3 male, 1 fem 16-Feb  
DJW  
Kermia Beach nr. Ayia Napa 3 Floating  
offshore 6-Feb JS  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta c600 7-Feb ME  
Larnaca Sewage Works 330 18-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh c100 15-Feb SC  
Paralimni Lake 30 5-Feb AKE  
Silver Beach c300 6-Feb ME  
Zakaki Marsh 3 17-Feb JS

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta c200 7-Feb ME  
Larnaca Sewage Works c150 1-Feb ME  
Mia Milia c30 7-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh c50 15-Feb SC

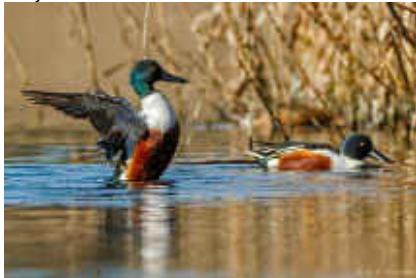
**NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Fresh Water Lake North 11 17-Feb ME  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 Drakes 7-Feb  
ME  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 4 17-Feb ME  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 18-Feb  
JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 1 male, 2  
females 21-Feb JN  
Mia Milia 1 Male 7-Feb ME  
Neapolis Pond 14 7-Feb ME  
Neapolis Pond 8 15-Feb ME  
Neapolis Pond 12 17-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 1 female 6-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 1 Drake 12-Feb ME  
Silver Beach 1 17-Feb ME

**NORTHERN SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

Σαζάνα



*Northern Shoveler, Athalassa Park, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Largest counts:

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta c1200 7-Feb  
ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake 299 18-Feb JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works c500 15-Feb SC  
Oroklini Marsh c300 15-Feb SC

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD** *Netta rufina*

Κοτσινοζέφαλη

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 Pair 17-Feb  
ME  
Oroklini Marsh 6 2m and 4f 6 & 7-Feb  
JS/FGe  
Oroklini Marsh 2 Pair 12-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 3 1 male, 2 female 16-Feb  
SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Oroklini Marsh 4 4f 16-Feb KH  
Oroklini Marsh 2 male-female 25-Feb  
CP/PPa

**COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

Κοντούρα

Athalassa Park 1 Female 7-Feb JS  
Bishop's Pool 1 female 12 & 16-Feb  
KH/SC/MC/APL  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 130 7-Feb ME  
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 86 17-Feb ME  
Mia Milia c30 7-Feb ME

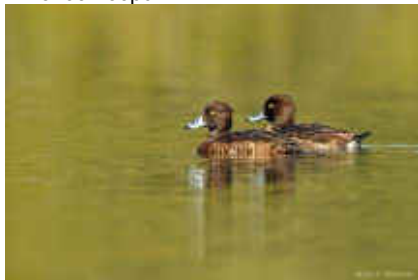
**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια

Athalassa Park 1 male 4-Feb FGe  
Athalassa Dam 3 2 male, 1 female 5, 7 &  
9-Feb SC/JS  
Bishop's Pool 3 12-Feb KH  
Bishop's Pool 1 16-Feb SC with M  
Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Fresh Water Lake South 1 Drake 6-Feb  
ME  
Fresh Water Lake South 2 15-Feb ME

Kannaviou Dam 1 16-Feb DJW  
 Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 10 7-Feb ME  
 Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 8 17-Feb ME  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 21-Feb JN  
 Mia Milia 11 7-Feb ME  
 Vathia Gonia Water Treatment Plant 2 26-Feb JS  
 Zakaki Marsh 2 15-Feb KH  
 Zakaki Marsh 4 16-Feb SC with M  
 Charalambides & A P Leventis  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 17-Feb JS

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*  
 Ππισκουνούρα



*Tufted Duck, Athalassa Park, February 5<sup>th</sup>.*  
 Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Athalassa Park 1 female 4, 5 & 7-Feb  
 FGe/SC/JS  
 Athalassa Park 2 5-Feb GKo/ASt  
 Athalassa Park 4 females 8-Feb FGe

**WHITE-HEADED DUCK** *Oxyura*  
*leucoccephala* Κεφαλόπατια  
 Mia Milia 1 Fem - Report Submitted with  
 Photograph 7-Feb ME

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα  
 Cape Greco 1 Immature bird.  
 Photographed 28-Feb JS  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5-Feb KH

**EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps*  
*fulvus* Γύπας  
 Kensington Cliffs 1 2-Feb DJW  
 Kensington Cliffs 3 25-Feb KH  
 Paramali Motorway Tunnel 1 27-Feb TRE

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus*  
*aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο  
 Max count per location:  
 Akhna Dam 2 Fems 12-Feb ME  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 2 & 16-Feb  
 DJW/SC/MC/APL

Fresh Water Lake South 1 Fem 6-Feb  
 ME  
 Hala Sultan Tekke 2 females, seen twice  
 very high 21-Feb JN  
 Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 3 7-Feb ME  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 18-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 2 18-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 juvenile type  
 15 & 16-Feb SC/MC/APL  
 Mandria 1 7-Feb JN  
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 Fems  
 7-Feb ME  
 Oroklini Marsh 2 Fems 12-Feb ME  
 Paralimni Lake 3 9-Feb AKE  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 4 17-Feb JS  
 Spiros Pool 3 Flying over area at same  
 time 21-Feb JS  
 Trahoni Pools 1 Fem 7-Feb ME  
 Zakaki Marsh 2 Fems 1-Feb ME

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*  
 Ορνιθοσιάχινο  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 ringtail 16-Feb SC  
 with M Charalambides & A P Leventis  
 Anarita Mast 1 male 25-Feb IKB  
 Kamares (Tala) 1 fem 11-Feb DJW  
 Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 Male 7 & 17-  
 Feb ME  
 Kouklia Soakaways 1 female 2-Feb IKB  
 Mandria 1 female 2, 6 & 14-Feb  
 IKB/LAC  
 Mandria 1 male 15-Feb DJW  
 Spiros Pool 1 female 21-Feb JN  
 Trahoni Pools 1 Male 7-Feb ME  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 female 15-Feb KH  
 MSS  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 f 12-Jan CR/WAS/KH

**NORTHERN GOSHAWK** *Accipiter gentilis*  
 Διπλοσιάχινο  
 Limni 1 25-Feb BCRS

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter*  
*nisus* Τζικλοσιάχινο  
 Anarita Park 1 15-Feb IKB  
 Bishop's Pool 1 4 & 12-Feb KH  
 Finikaria, Germasogeia 1 25-Feb ADT/KH  
 Fresh Water Lake North 1 Fem 7-Feb  
 ME  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 21 & 24-Feb KH

**COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*  
 Ποντικοσιάχινο  
 Max count per location:  
 Akhna Dam 1 20-Feb ME  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2-Feb DJW

Akrotiri Salt Lake, Eucalyptus Plantation north of Salt Lake 1+ 3-Feb SC  
 Anarita Park 1 7-Feb JN  
 Armou Hills 1 13-Feb DJW  
 Asprokremnos Dam 3 28-Feb DJW/JN  
 Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 18-Feb ME  
 Ezousas Soakaways 1 perched 25-Feb IKB  
 Kantou 1 mobbed by Jackdaws 27-Feb JN  
 Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 17-Feb ME  
 Kouklia Soakaways 2 4 & 7-Feb LAC/BC field trip  
 Larnaca Airport 1 28-Feb JS  
 Mandria 1 3 & 12-Feb IKB  
 Pareklissia 1 1-Feb SC  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 5 21-Feb KH  
 Timi Beach headland 1 15-Feb DJW

**LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD** *Buteo rufinus*  
 Σιαχινολάγουδο



*Long-legged Buzzard, Agios Theodoros, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Agios Sozomenos 1 10 & 26-Feb JS/MG  
 Agios Theodoros 2 6 & 23-Feb AgL/FGe  
 Amathus 1 Overflying motorway 4-Feb JS  
 Anarita Par 1 27-Feb JN/DJW  
 Armou Hills 3 one being mobbed by crows, two flying together 26-Feb IKB  
 Arodhes 1 16-Feb DJW  
 Aspro Mast 1 being mobbed by crows 6-Feb IKB  
 Asprokremnos Dam 1 28-Feb DJW/JN  
 Cape Greco 1 Adult - heading out to sea 15-Feb ME  
 Drouseia 2 Flying together 24-Feb IKB  
 Frenaros 1 27-Feb AKe  
 Kantou, Limassol 1 26-Feb JN  
 Kensington Cliffs 1 17-Feb JS  
 Kensington Cliffs 3 adults flying together 25-Feb KH  
 Kofinou, Larnaca 1 juv 28-Feb FGe

Kouklia Soakaways 2 One mature bird, other very light 2-Feb IKB  
 Kouklia Soakaways 1 5 & 6-Feb LAC/IKB  
 Kouklia Soakaways 4 7-Feb LAC/BC field trip  
 Lasa, Paphos 1 16-Feb DJW  
 Marathounta Hills 2 13-Feb DJW  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 14-Feb JS  
 Panagia Stazousa 2 9 & 26-Feb JS  
 Tsada 1 5-Feb DJW  
 Tsada to Stroumbi Road 1 16-Feb DJW

**BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Aquila fasciatus*

Περπικοσίχινο  
 Agios Sozomenos 2 Both immature birds 26-Feb JS  
 Anarita Park 1 7, 26 & 27-Feb LAC/BC field trip/JN/IKB/DJW  
 Anavargos Hills 1 26-Feb MSS  
 Arodhes 1 16-Feb DJW  
 Asprokremnos Dam 1 adult 5-Feb DJW  
 Avagas Gorge 1 imm 6-Feb DJW  
 Choirokitia 2 28-Feb SC with L Sergides & D Rhoads  
 Finikaria 1 25-Feb ADT  
 Germasogeia Dam 1 Adult 4-Feb JS  
 Germasogeia Dam 2 adult 20-Feb KH  
 Kamares (Tala) 1 adult 3-Feb DJW  
 Panagia Stazousa 1 Immature 9-Feb JS

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίτης  
 Largest counts:  
 Agios Sozomenos 7 22-Feb CP/PPa  
 Anarita Park 8 7-Feb JN  
 Cape Drepanum 5 2m and 3f 8-Feb IKB  
 Cape Greco 8 28-Feb JS  
 Hala Sultan Tekke 5 3 very high soaring together, 1 male and 1 female 21-Feb JN

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

Τζάνος  
 Agios Sozomenos 2 22-Feb CP/PPa  
 Agios Sozomenos 1 male 26-Feb JS  
 Akhna Dam 1 Male 20-Feb ME  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits/Curium Bay 1 calidus juv photographed 23-Feb KH/MH  
 Cape Greco Army Post Cliffs 1 Male 4-Feb ME  
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 5-Feb DJW  
 Geronisos Island 1 perched 16-Feb IKB  
 Kensington Cliffs 2 pair 25-Feb KH  
 Kyrenia Rock – Halevka 1 Male 7-Feb ME  
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 Male 7-Feb ME

**CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar* Περόκι

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 5 23-Feb FGe  
 Cape Greco 14 28-Feb JS  
 Panagia Stazousa 5 9-Feb JS  
 Souni 5 2 seen, 3 coveys heard 17 & 23-Feb JN

**BLACK FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus francolinus* Φραγκολίνα

Agios Theodoros 1 23-Feb FGe  
 Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 20-Feb FGe  
 Armou Hills 1 heard 26-Feb IKB  
 Athalassa Dam 1 heard only 5 & 9-Feb SC/JS  
 Avgorou 1 Fem 5-Feb ME  
 Episkopi Town, Limassol 1 1-Feb FGe  
 Fresh Water Lake South 1 Heard 7-Feb ME  
 Kannaviou Dam 1 calling 16-Feb DJW  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 heard only 15-Feb SC  
 Lymbia, Nicosia 1 28-Feb FGe  
 Mandria 1 6 & 15-Feb IKB/LAC  
 Mandria 3 male and female together with male getting agitated by call of another male nearby 17-Feb IKB  
 Meneou Pool 2 21-Feb JS  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 heard only 15-Feb SC  
 Paphos, King's Road 1 heard 3-Feb IKB  
 Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 heard 28-Feb MH  
 Petounta Point 1 male 15-Feb SC  
 Petounta Point 2 26-Feb JS  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 male and female flushed together 17-Feb JS  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 heard only 3, 16 & 28-Feb SC

**COMMON QUAIL** *Coturnix coturnix* Οπτόκι

Anavargos Hills 1 26-Feb MSS  
 Asprokremnos Dam 1 heard 28-Feb DJW  
 Frenaros 1 5-Feb AKE  
 Kermia Beach 1 heard 2-Feb KH  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 In off sea 18-Feb JS  
 Mandria 2 flushed from hill behind picnic area 2-Feb IKB  
 Mandria 1 heard 25-Feb DJW  
 Mandria 3 28-Feb JN  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 heard 5, 14 & 17-Feb KH  
 Souni 1 heard 20-Feb JN  
 Timi Beach headland 1 heard 7-Feb JN

**WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλλάδα  
 Lower Ezouzas 1 probable seen briefly in flight 4-Feb LAC  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 6 & 15-Feb JS/SC  
 Paralimni Lake 1 3 & 17-Feb ME/AKE  
 Paralimni Lake 2 Heard in different locations 14-Feb JS  
 Partenitis Dam 1 heard only 15-Feb SC  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 heard only 16-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετεινάρο  
 Largest counts;  
 Athalassa Dam c5 5 & 9-Feb SC/JS  
 Fresh Water Lake South c30 2-Feb ME  
 Oroklini Marsh 5 1-Feb ME  
 Paralimni Lake 10 2, 11 & 25-Feb AKE  
 Partenitis Dam c5 15-Feb SC

**EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς

*Eurasian Coot, Athalassa Park, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Albert Stöcker*

Largest counts:

Athalassa Park c20 5-Feb JS  
 Evretou Dam 41 16-Feb DJW  
 Kannaviou Dam 23 16-Feb DJW  
 Oroklini Marsh c30 1 & 6-Feb ME/JS  
 Paralimni Lake 50 9 & 17-Feb AKE  
 Vathia Gonia Water Treatment Plant, Nicosia 20+ 3-Feb JS

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus*

*himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς  
 Neapolis Pond 9 6-Feb ME  
 Neapolis Pond 8 10-Feb ME  
 Neapolis Pond 7 17-Feb ME  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 12-Feb ME  
 Oroklini Marsh 3 15-Feb SC  
 Oroklini Marsh 4 25-Feb CP/PPa  
 Paralimni Lake 1 3-Feb ME  
 Spiros Pool 3 1-Feb ME

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα

Oroklini Marsh 1 16, 22 & 25-Feb

KH/JS/CP/PPa

Paralimni Lake 2 15 & 28-Feb ME/AKe

**EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW** *Burhinus*

*oedicnemus* Τρουλλουρίδα



*Eurasian Stone-curlew, Mandria, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Aspro Mast 1 6-Feb IKB

Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Heard 1-Feb ME

Ay Nik (ESBA) 2 Heard 16-Feb ME

Frenaros 1 5-Feb AKe

Mandria 21 22-Feb DJW

Mandria 5 25-Feb DJW

Mandria 8 28-Feb DJW/JN

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Paralimni Lake 2 18-Feb AKe

Paralimni Lake 1 19-Feb AKe

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Larnaca Salt Lake 2 5-Feb ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 4 18-Feb JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 1-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 1 19-Feb ME

Spiros Beach 4 22-Feb JS

Spiros Pool 1 26-Feb JS

**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*alexandrinus* Πλουμίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 15-Feb KH

Lady's Mile Marshes c25 16-Feb SC with  
M Charalambides & A P Leventis

Lady's Mile 3 24-Feb KH

Larnaca Airport Pools North 12 18-Feb  
JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 6 18-Feb JS

Paralimni Lake 5 3-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 11 19-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 70 20-Feb AKe

Paralimni Lake 80 26-Feb AKe

Petounta Point 6 16-Feb KH

Petounta Point 1 21-Feb JS

Petounta Point 4 26 & 28-Feb JS/FGe

Spiros Beach c20 22-Feb JS

**GREATER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι

Agia Thekla coast 9 4-Feb ME

Agia Thekla coast 2 22-Feb BB

Agia Trias 1 6 & 14-Feb JS

Agia Trias 3 20-Feb ME

Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 5 20-Feb  
BB

Paphos Headland 4 1 & 7-Feb FGe/KH

**EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis*

*apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι



*Eurasian Golden Plover, Kazivera, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Photograph by Mehmet Gunel*

Max count per location:

Coral Bay 12 21-Feb DJW

Kazivera 2 1-Feb MGu

Larnaca Airport Coast 3 18-Feb JS

Mandria 51 1-Feb FGe

Paphos Headland 47 1-Feb FGe

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμίδι



*Grey Plover, Agia Trias, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Agia Trias 8 6-Feb JS  
Agia Trias 1 14-Feb JS  
Agia Trias 9 15-Feb ME  
Agia Trias 3 20-Feb ME

**SPUR-WINGED LAPWING** *Vanellus*

*spinosus* Πελοκατερίνα

Max count per location:

Fresh Water Lake North c60 7-Feb ME  
Fresh Water Lake South 2 6, 7 & 15-Feb ME  
Larnaca Airport Coast 2 21-Feb JN  
Larnaca JUMBO Drain 8 12-Feb ME  
Neapolis Pond 8 6-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 42 6-Feb JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 4 7 & 17-Feb  
JN/LAC/BC field meeting/IKB  
Paralimni Lake 20 in pairs 28-Feb AKe  
Partenitis Dam 1 15-Feb SC  
Spiros Pool 3 26-Feb JS

**NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής

Akhna Dam 1 21-Feb BB  
Mandria 1 Flying west 25-Feb IKB  
Mia Milia 4 7-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh c30 1-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 3 6-Feb JS  
Paralimni Lake 6 20-Feb AKe  
Paralimni Lake 20 21-Feb AKe  
Paralimni Lake 1 24-Feb AKe  
Paralimni Lake 15 25 & 26-Feb AKe  
Paralimni Lake 5 28-Feb AKe

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile Marshes c25 16-Feb SC with  
M Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Lady's Mile Marshes c20 28-Feb SC with  
L Sergides & D Rhoads  
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 5-Feb ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake 7 18-Feb JS  
Spiros Beach 4 22-Feb JS

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile Marshes 1 16-Feb SC with M  
Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Lady's Mile 2 24-Feb KH  
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 5-Feb ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake 5 18-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh c20 1-Feb ME  
Paphos Headland 1 1 & 7-Feb FGe/KH  
Paralimni Lake 14 18-Feb ME  
Paralimni Lake 60 19-Feb AKe  
Paralimni Lake 50 20-Feb AKe  
Spiros Beach 3 22-Feb JS

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής

Max count per location:

Fresh Water Lake North 2 7-Feb ME  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 6 4-Feb ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 1-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 10 25-Feb CP/PPa  
Paralimni Lake c300 18-Feb ME/AKe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 24-Feb KH  
Spiros Pool 2 5-Feb ME

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόνι

Germasogeia Dam 1 4-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 3 14 & 15-Feb JS/SC  
Paralimni Lake 1 3-Feb ME  
Paralimni Lake 2 19-Feb ME  
Phassouri Reed Beds 5 2-Feb DJW  
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 4-Feb JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 7 12-Feb KH  
Zakaki Marsh 1 4-Feb JS

**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*

Βαλοτροπεκάτσα

Paralimni Lake 1 17, 18, 19 & 28-Feb  
ME/AKe

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

Θαλασσοτροπεκάτσα



*Whimbrel, Paphos Headland, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Photograph by Albert Stöcker*

Paphos Headland 1 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 23-Feb  
FGe/ASt/DJW/KH

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*  
Νεροτροπεκάτσα

Larnaca Sewage Works 9 26-Feb JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 28-Feb ADT  
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 3 & 12-Feb  
SC/KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 17-Feb JS/KH  
Spiros Pool 11 21 & 23-Feb FGe/JS

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδα

Paralimni Lake 3 18-Feb AKe  
Paralimni Lake 2 19-Feb ME/AKe  
Paralimni Lake 1 25, 26 & 28-Feb AKe  
Silver Beach 1 17-Feb ME

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Φλυαρονεραλλίδα

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 2 21-Feb BB  
Fresh Water Lake North 2 7-Feb ME  
Fresh Water Lake South 1 7 & 15-Feb ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake 10 18-Feb JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 21-Feb JN  
Neapolis Pond 1 6-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 6 1-Feb ME  
Paralimni Lake 10 11-Feb AKe  
Silver Beach 2 17-Feb ME  
Spiros Pool 1 5, 15 & 18-Feb ME/SC/JS

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδα

Oroklini Marsh 1 16-Feb KH

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa*

*nebularia* Στακτονεραλλίδα

Paralimni Lake 1 5, 9, 17 & 21-Feb AKe/ME  
Silver Beach 1 6-Feb ME

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

Πρασινονεραλλίδα

Agios Sozomenos 1 Next to flooded river area 3-Feb JS  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4 & 28-Feb JS/SC with L Sergides & D Rhoads  
Fresh Water Lake North 1 7-Feb ME  
Fresh Water Lake South 2 7-Feb ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 5, 18 & 21-Feb ME/JS/JN  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 25-Feb IKB  
Paralimni Lake 1 17, 18, 26 & 28-Feb ME/AKe  
Paralimni Lake 2 18 & 24-Feb AKe  
Partenitis Dam 1 15-Feb SC  
Silver Beach 1 17-Feb ME  
Zakaki Marsh 2 3-Feb SC  
Zakaki Marsh 1 16 & 28-Feb SC/MC/APL/LS/DRh

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

Δασονεραλλίδα

Paralimni Lake 4 3-Feb ME

Paralimni Lake 1 9-Feb ME

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

Μικρονεραλλίδα



*Common Sandpiper, Paphos Headland, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Coral Bay, Paphos 1 21-Feb DJW  
Fresh Water Lake South 1 7 & 15-Feb ME

Macronissos Beach 1 6-Feb JS  
Paphos Headland 1 1, 2, 6, 7 & 11-Feb FGe/AST/DJW/IKB  
Petounta Point 1 16-Feb KH

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

Βραχονεραλλίδα



*Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Paphos Headland 2 1, 2, 3 & 6-Feb FGe/AST/DJW

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος



*Mediterranean Gull, Cape Drepanum, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Cape Drepanum 1 Adult photographed  
16-Feb IKB  
Oroklini Dolphin Rocks 2 Adult - complete  
hoods 12-Feb ME  
Oroklini Beach 1 14-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 2-Feb KH  
Oroklini Marsh 1 adult 16-Feb IKB

**LITTLE GULL** *Larus minutus* Νανόγλαρος



*Little Gull, Lady's Mile, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Photograph by Rajja Howard.*

Kiti Dam 1 possible in distance 21-Feb  
JN  
Lady's Mile 1 juvenile 23-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 adult winter 15,  
16, 18 & 21-Feb SC/MC/APL/JS/FG  
Meneou Pool 1 First winter 18-Feb JS

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



*Common Black-headed Gull, Oroklini  
Marsh, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by  
Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Largest counts:

Fresh Water Lake North c120 7-Feb ME  
Lady's Mile c1,000 3-Feb SC  
Larnaca Salt Lake c300 18-Feb JS  
Oroklini Beach c300 6-Feb JS  
Spiros Pool 250+ 21-Feb JS

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus genei*

Ροδόγλαρος

Lady's Mile 1 adult pink 24-Feb KH  
Lady's Mile Marshes c40 28-Feb SC with  
L Sergides & D Rhoads  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 With pink  
tinge 23 & 28-Feb JS/ADT  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Adult 5-Feb ME  
Meneou Pools 1 adult 15-Feb SC  
Meneou Pool 2 23-Feb AS  
Spiros Pool 1 26-Feb JS

**AUDOIN'S GULL** *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος

Agia Trias 2 Adults 3-Feb ME  
Agia Trias 4 One first winter 6-Feb JS  
Cape Greco 1 2 & 6-Feb KH/JS  
Clapsides 1 Adult 15-Feb ME  
Kermia Beach 2 2 & 20-Feb KH/ME  
Kermia Beach 3 6-Feb JS  
Kermia Beach 5 28-Feb JS  
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 4 6-Feb  
JS  
Neapolis Pond 1 Adult 10-Feb ME

**BALTIC GULL** *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος

Lady's Mile 1 17-Feb JS  
Larnaca Airport Pool South 1 Adult 1-Feb  
ME  
Asprokremnos Dam 1 23-Feb IKB

**HEUGLIN'S GULL** *Larus heuglini*

Σιβηρικός Γλάρος

Larnaca Airport Pool South 1 Adult 1-Feb  
ME

**YELLOW-LEGGED GULL** *Larus*

*michahellis* Χιντιανόγλαρος

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 17-Feb JS  
Asprokremnos Dam 90+ adult and  
immature 5-Feb IKB  
Asprokremnos Dam 45+ 6-Feb IKB  
Asprokremnos Dam 25 14-Feb IKB  
Cape Drepanum 40+ 21-Feb DJW



Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 15 & 20-Feb ME  
 Cape Greco 2 28-Feb JS  
 Fresh Water Lake South 8 6-Feb ME  
 Kensington Cliffs 3 17-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Airport Coast 3 18-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Airport Pool South c30 1-Feb ME  
 Neapolis Pond 2 10-Feb ME  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 3w 12-Feb ME  
 Paphos Headland 1 1 & 7-Feb FGe/SMM  
 Spiros Beach 2 21-Feb JS  
 Timi Beach headland 1 7-Feb JN

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans*

Κασπικός Γλάρος  
 Asprokremnos Dam 2 28-Feb JN  
 Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 3w 11-Feb ME  
 Lady's Mile c5 juvenile 3-Feb SC  
 Lady's Mile 3+ 4-Feb JS  
 Lady's Mile 1 Second calendar year 17-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Airport Coast 2 probable offshore 21-Feb JN  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 3 18-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Salt Lake c80 18-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Sewage Works c8 15-Feb SC  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 with juveniles, probably this species 21-Feb JN  
 Oroklini Beach 1 14-Feb JS  
 Oroklini Marsh 3 14-Feb JS  
 Oroklini Marsh 2 16-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis  
 Spiros Beach 1 First winter 21-Feb JS

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus*

Αρμενικός Γλάρος  
 Lady's Mile 4 1-Feb ME  
 Lady's Mile c10 1 adult, c10 immature 3-Feb SC  
 Lady's Mile 24 4-Feb JS  
 Lady's Mile c25 mostly juvenile 16-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis  
 Lady's Mile 8 Two adult and six juvenile 17-Feb JS  
 Ladies Mile 3 25-Feb ADT  
 Lady's Mile Marshes c10 28-Feb SC with L Sergides & D Rhoads  
 Larnaca Airport Pool South c50 1-Feb ME  
 Larnaca Salt Lake c10 18-Feb JS  
 Oroklini Beach 1 14-Feb JS  
 Oroklini Marsh 10 4 Adult / 2 2w / 4 1w 12-Feb ME  
 Oroklini Marsh 3 14-Feb JS  
 Oroklini Marsh c25 mostly juvenile 16-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis

Oroklini Marsh 4 22-Feb JS  
 Spiros Beach 3 21-Feb JS

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*  
 Χειμωνογάρωνο



*Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides.*

Agia Trias 3 6-Feb JS  
 Agia Trias 1 14-Feb JS  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 17-Feb JS  
 Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 Fishing in heavy seas 11-Feb ME  
 Kazivera 5 1-Feb MGU  
 Lady's Mile 2 4 & 23-Feb JS/KH  
 Lady's Mile 6 19-Feb KH  
 Lady's Mile 4 24-Feb KH  
 Lady's Mile Marshes c5 28-Feb SC with L Sergides & D Rhoads  
 Larnaca Airport Coast 1 offshore 21-Feb JN  
 Mandria 1 28-Feb JN  
 Oroklini Beach 2 14-Feb JS  
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 19-Feb DJW  
 Petounta Point 2 21-Feb JS  
 Petounta Point 1 28-Feb FGe  
 Spiros Beach 2 15-Feb SC  
 Spiros Beach 3 18-Feb JS  
 Timi Beach 1 7-Feb LAC/BC Field Trip

**BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE**

*Pterocles orientalis* Πουρτάλλα  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male, near Agios Georgios Church 28-Feb SC with L Sergides & D Rhoads

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο



Rock Dove, Avagas Gorge, February 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Photograph by Dave Walker

Avagas Gorge 8 7-Feb DJW  
Cape Drepanum 4 8-Feb IKB  
Phassouri Reed Beds 8 17-Feb JS  
White River, Akamas 6 6-Feb DJW

**COMMON WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Athalassa Park c100+ 5-Feb SC  
Kouklia Soakaways 25 15-Feb IKB  
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 35 19-Feb FGe  
Strakka c200 large flock 16-Feb SC  
with M Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Timi Beach headland 30+ 15-Feb DJW

**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE**

*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνη

Largest counts:

Agia Napa to Sea Caves 14 14-Feb JS  
Frenaros 30 8-Feb AKe  
Lymbia 14 28-Feb FGe  
Vrysoulles 200 on wires 4-Feb AKe

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Stigmatopelia*

*senegalensis* Φοινικοτρύγωνα

Germasogeia Potamos 1 8-Feb KH

**GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO**

*Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά



Great Spotted Cuckoo, Anarita Park,  
February 26<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Anarita Park 3 26-Feb DJW  
Anarita Park 1 28-Feb DJW  
Curium 1 25-Feb KH  
Pentakomo 1 28-Feb SC  
Pera Orinis, Nicosia 2 28-Feb MH  
Souni 1 in flight 27-Feb JN

**BARN OWL** *Tyto alba* Ανθρωποπούλλι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2-Feb MSS  
Famagusta 1 21-Feb ME  
Pera Orinis, Nicosia Present heard 28-Feb MH

**EURASIAN SCOPS OWL** *Otus scops*

Θουπί

Panagia Stazousa 1 Heard briefly 9-Feb JS

Souni 1 heard calling 12, 24 & 26-Feb JN

Souni 2 one seen briefly on wires up the hill 23-Feb JN

Souni 3 heard calling 27-Feb JN

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

Κουκουφκιάς



Little Owl, Anarita Park, February 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Photograph by Ian Bloomer

Agios Sozomenos 1 22 & 26-Feb  
CP/PPa/JS

Akhna Dam 1 8-Feb ME

Anarita Mast 1 on rubble pile near SE

border of mast fence 12-Feb IKB

Anarita Park 1 25-Feb IKB/DJW

Anarita Park 2 28-Feb DJW

Anavargos Hills 1 26-Feb MSS

Arodhes 2 16-Feb DJW

Kili (Kamareas) 2 Pair entering nest hole  
26-Feb DJW

Marathounta Hills 1 13-Feb DJW

Souni 1 heard calling 2, 6, 7, 13 & 21-Feb  
JN

Souni 2 at least heard calling 4-Feb JN

Vrysoulles 2 20-Feb ME  
Zelemenos, Paphos 2 Heard previously in month but first sighting. Pair has bred successfully in this location every year since 2005 14-Feb JSta

**LONG-EARED OWL** *Asio otus*

Αρκόθουπος  
Τυμνου Airport 1 21-Feb ME

**SHORT-EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus*

Βαλτόθουπος  
Mandria 1 27-Feb TRe

**COMMON SWIFT** *Apus apus*

Πετροχελίδονο  
Agios Sozomenos 15 22-Feb CP/PPa  
Agios Sozomenos 2 26-Feb JS  
Anarita Park 4 26-Feb DJW  
Anarita Park 6 28-Feb DJW  
Asprokremnos Dam 5 28-Feb JN  
Coral Bay, Paphos 1 24-Feb IKB  
Kiti Dam 14 21-Feb JN  
Kouklia Soakaways 2 20-Feb IKB  
Mandria 1 27-Feb TRe  
Manglis Dam 13 25-Feb JS  
Nicosia 1 19-Feb SC  
Oroklini Marsh c50 12-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 1 14-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh c100+ 15-Feb SC  
Oroklini Marsh 2 25-Feb CP/PPa  
Paphos Old Town 1 14-Feb IKB  
Paralimni Lake 1 19-Feb AKe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 5 11-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 12-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 45 13-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 14-Feb KH  
Tsada 2 27-Feb MSS  
Tseri, Nicosia 1 26-Feb JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1+ 28-Feb SC with L  
Sergides & D Rhoads

**ALPINE SWIFT** *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχελίδονο



*Alpine Swift, Kensington Cliffs, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Asprokremnos Dam 1 28-Feb JN  
Kensington Cliffs 6 2-Feb DJW  
Kensington Cliffs 1 25-Feb KH  
Paralimni Salt Lake 1 14-Feb JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 13-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 19 14-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 7 21-Feb KH

**COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη  
Athalassa Dam 1+ 5-Feb SC  
Athalassa Park 1 7 & 9-Feb JS  
Kermia Beach nr. Ayia Napa 1 14-Feb JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 4-Feb JS

**EURASIAN HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

Πουπούσιος



*Eurasian Hoopoe, Paphos Headland, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 in olive grove at start of track from Reed beds 17-Feb JS  
Cape Greco 1 28-Feb BB  
Frenaros 1 27-Feb AKe  
Larnaca Sewage works 1 28-Feb ADT  
Mandria 1 25 & 26-Feb DJW/IKB  
Mandria 3 27-Feb TRe  
Mandria 2 28-Feb DJW  
Paphos Lighthouse 3 27-Feb DJW  
Petounta Point 1 26-Feb JS  
Petounta Point 1 28-Feb FGe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 18 & 19-Feb KH  
Souni 1 heard calling 26-Feb JN

**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha*

*calandra* Μαυροτράσιηλος  
Kiti to Petounta road 3 Flew across road 21-Feb JS  
Kivisili 1 possibly 2 21-Feb JN  
Perivolia 5+ 21-Feb JS  
Perivolia 8 Seen. Possibly more 26-Feb JS

Trahoni Pools 8 7-Feb ME

**CRESTED LARK** *Galerida cristata*  
Σκορπαλλός



*Crested Lark, Meneou, February 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Largest counts:

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 13 20-Feb FGe

Cape Greco 19 28-Feb JS

Coral Bay 12 21-Feb DJW

Frenaros 136 8-Feb AKe

Larnaca Sewage Works c10 15-Feb SC

Mandria 12 7-Feb JN

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 15 15-Feb KH

Anarita Park 12 13-Feb DJW

Finikaria 15 3-Feb KH

Mandria c20 22-Feb DJW

Timi Beach c10 7-Feb LAC/BC Field trip

**EURASIAN SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 30 22-Feb CP/PPa

Frenaros 197 8-Feb AKe

Larnaca Airport Coast 42+ 18-Feb JS

Mandria 100+ Lark Corner 2-Feb IKB

Perivolia 50+ 21-Feb JS

Timi Beach headland 55+ 7-Feb JN

**EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne*

*rupestris* Βραχοχελιδόνο

Finikaria, Gernsogeia Dam 2 13-Feb KH

Finikaria, Gernsogeia Dam 4 17-Feb KH

Finikaria, Gernsogeia Dam 10 20 & 25-

Feb KH/ADT

**Correction:** *The photograph of this species in January's Systematic List was incorrectly credited to Albert Stöcker. It was infact taken by Rajja Howard.*

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Anarita Mast area 25 8-Feb LAC

Asprokremnos Dam c100 17-Feb DJW

Frenaros 100 (1 collecting mud) 18-Feb AKe

Larnaca Salt Lake 60+ 18-Feb JS

Mandria 100+ Seen from Anarita Mast

over Mandria 5-Feb IKB

Oroklini Marsh c50 14 & 15-Feb JS/SC

Paralimni Lake c500 19-Feb ME

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Hirundo*

*aurica* Μιλτοχελιδόνο



*Red-rumped Swallow, Finikaria, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Rajja Howard.*

Finikaria, Gernsogeia Dam 2 25-Feb

ADT/KH

**COMMON HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon*

*urbicum* Ασπροχελιδόνο

Aspro Dam area 100+ circling low over goat herd 12-Feb IKB

Athalassa Park 40 8-Feb FGe

Gernsogeia River c40 9-Feb KH

Kouklia Soakaways 100+ over memorial 25-Feb IKB

Mandria 100+ Above desalination plant 15-Feb IKB

Oroklini Marsh c70 14-Feb JS

Phassouri Reed Beds c60 13-Feb KH

**MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

Χωραφογαλούδι

Largest counts: Agios Theodoros 22 23-Feb FGe

Akhna Dam c30 21-Feb BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c50+ 16-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis

Anarita Park 30+ 7-Feb JN

Cape Greco 46 28-Feb JS

Frenaros 169 5-Feb AKe

Gernsogeia Dam c30 4-Feb JS

Mandria 30 17-Feb IKB

**RED-THROATED PIPIT** *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινογιαλλούδι



*Red-throated Pipit, Anarita Mast, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Jan Walker.*

Anarita Mast 2 probably more 17-Feb DJW  
 Anarita Mast 4 Probably more 25-Feb DJW  
 Anarita Mast 6 26-Feb DJW  
 Larnaca Airport Coast 3 21-Feb JN  
 Paphos Headland 1 7-Feb KH  
 Paphos Lighthouse 2 27-Feb DJW

**WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Anarita Mast area 1 8-Feb LAC  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 4 5-Feb ME  
 Paralimni Lake 3 3-Feb ME  
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1 3-Feb SC  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 4-Feb JS  
 Zakaki Marsh 1+ 3, 16 & 28-Feb SC

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Ποταμοζευκαλάτης

Aspro Dam wall 1 5-Feb IKB  
 Avagas Gorge 1 7-Feb DJW  
 Bishop's Pool 2 4 & 12-Feb KH  
 Germasogeia Dam 2 4-Feb JS  
 Kalopanagiotis 1 22-Feb RSn  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 1-Feb ME  
 Tomb of King's area, Paphos 1 17-Feb PCu

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba* Ασπρος

Ζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Anarita Mast c20 17-Feb DJW  
 Frenaros 56 8-Feb AKe  
 Mandria 35 25-Feb DJW  
 Paralimni Lake c200 19 & 20-Feb ME/AKe  
 Zakaki Marsh c20 17-Feb JS

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*

Κεληδόστρουθος

Avdimou 1 26-Feb NPo

**EUROPEAN ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

Κοτσινολαίμης

Largest counts and ringing record:  
 Agios Theodoros 8 2-Feb FGE  
 Anavargos Hills 6 26-Feb MSS  
 Avagas Gorge 7 7-Feb DJW  
 Frenaros 97 5-Feb AKe  
 Polis Reedbeds 2 6-Feb BCRS  
 Souni 25 17-Feb JN

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*

Γαλαζολαίμης

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16-Feb KH/MH  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 7 & 15-Feb FGE/SC  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 5-Feb BCRS  
 Trahoni Pools 1 7-Feb ME  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 redspotted 19-Feb TRe

**WESTERN BLACK REDSTART***Phoenicurus ochruros* Καρβουννίαρης

*Western Black Redstart, Akti Coast, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts and ringing record:

Anavargos Hills 4 26-Feb MSS  
 Asprokremnos Dam 4 females 28-Feb JN  
 Ayios Sozomenos 6+ 3-Feb JS  
 Cape Drepanum 8 5f and 3m 16-Feb IKB  
 Cape Greco 5 28-Feb JS  
 Neo Chorio 13 8m and 5f 24-Feb IKB  
 Paphos Lighthouse 12 2 male, 10 fem 27-Feb DJW  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 5-Feb BCRS  
 White River, Akamas 6 1 male, 5 fem 6-Feb DJW

**COMMON STONECHAT** *Saxicola rubicola*

Παπαθικιά (Περιπεκτούδι)

Largest counts and ringing records:

Agios Sozomenos 10 22-Feb CP/PPa  
 Agios Theodoros 12 2-Feb FGE  
 Anavargos Hills 22 26-Feb MSS  
 Anthoupolis 12 20-Feb FGE

Cape Greco 28 28-Feb JS  
 Evretou Dam 14 16-Feb DJW  
 Frenaros 207 8-Feb AKE  
 Panagia Stazousa 10+ 7 & 9-Feb JS  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 2 & 5-Feb BCRS

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe isabellina* Διπλοσκαλιφούρτα



*Isabelline Wheatear, Avagas Coast, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agia Napa to Sea Caves 1 14-Feb JS  
 Akamas 1 18-Feb MG  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15-Feb KH  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 28-Feb SC with L  
 Sergides & D Rhoads  
 Akrotiri Peninsula 1 16-Feb SC with M  
 Charalambides & A P Leventis  
 Anarita Park 1 20-Feb IKB  
 Avagas Coast 1 7-Feb DJW  
 Cape Greco Pines 1 20-Feb ME  
 Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 20-Feb ME  
 Cape Greco 3 28-Feb JS  
 Kermia Beach nr. Ayia Napa 1 28-Feb JS  
 Mandria 1 25 & 27-Feb DJW  
 Mandria 2 26-Feb IKB  
 Mandria 3 28-Feb DJW  
 Petounta Point 1 26-Feb JS

**NORTHERN WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe* Στακτοσκαλιφούρτα  
 Cape Greco 1 Male 28-Feb JS

**CYPRUS WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe cyprica*  
 Σκαλιφούρτα  
 Cape Greco 1 Early bird seen flitting  
 around juniper bushes 7-Feb FGe  
 Stroumbi 1 probably on territory 28-Feb  
 DW

**FINSCH'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe finschii*  
 Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα



*Finch's Wheatear, Anarita Park, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agios Sozomenos 2 Males 3-Feb JS  
 Agios Sozomenos 1 Male 10, 22 & 26-  
 Feb JS/MG/CP/PPa  
 Anarita Park 2 3, 5, 25 & 27-Feb  
 LAC/DJW/IKB/TRe  
 Anarita Park 3 7, 13, 15, 17, 25, 26 & 28-  
 Feb LAC /BC Field trip/DJW/  
 Anarita Park 4 males 7-Feb JN  
 Avdellero 1 male 15-Feb FGe  
 Cape Greco 2 One male and one female  
 2 & 28-Feb KH/JS  
 Cape Greco Army Post Cliffs 1 Fem 4-  
 Feb ME  
 Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 Fem 4-Feb ME  
 Cape Greco Army Post Cliffs 2 Male &  
 Fem 15-Feb ME  
 Cape Greco Army Post Cliffs 1 Male 20-  
 Feb ME  
 Troulloi 1 female 15-Feb FGe

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*  
 Γαλαζοκόσσυφας



*Blue Rock Thrush, Cape Drepanum, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Akamas 2 18-Feb MG  
 Amathus Ruins 1 2-Feb WAS  
 Anarita Park 2 3, 5, 7, 26 & 28-Feb  
 LAC/DJW/JN

Anarita Park 3 2m + 1f 7-Feb LAC/BC  
field trip  
Anarita Park 1 15, 17, 25 & 27-Feb  
DJW/IKB/TRε  
Asprokremnos Dam 1 17 & 28-Feb  
DJW/JN  
Avagas Gorge 1 male 16-Feb IKB  
Cape Drepanum 1 male 6, 8, 16 & 21-Feb  
DJW/IKB  
Cape Greco 2 2, 4 & 15-Feb KH/ME  
Cape Greco 1 Male 18 & 20-Feb ME  
Evretou Dam 1 male 24-Feb IKB  
Kamares (Tala) 1 24-Feb DJW  
Kensington Cliffs 1 2-Feb DJW  
Tomb of King's area 1 singing male 17-  
Feb PCu  
White River, Akamas 1 6 & 21-Feb DJW

#### **EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)  
Largest counts and ringing records:  
Anavargos Hills 4 26-Feb MSS  
Armou Hills 5 13-Feb DJW  
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 17-Feb JS  
Polis Reedbeds 2 5-Feb BCBS  
Souni 3 heard calling in ravines 23-Feb  
JN

#### **SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos* Τζικλα

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Agios Theodoros 14 2-Feb FGe  
Avagas Gorge 15 6-Feb DJW  
Cape Greco Army Post Cliffs c120 20-Feb  
ME  
Frenaros 55 8-Feb AKe  
Kouklia Soakaways 11 15-Feb IKB  
Phassouri Reed Beds 10+ 17-Feb JS  
Polis Reedbeds 1 5-Feb BCBS  
Pyrga, Larnaca 10 2-Feb FGe  
Souni 15 17-Feb JN

#### **MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα  
Cape Greco Picnic Site 1 15-Feb ME  
Cape Greco Rubbish Tip 1 15-Feb ME  
Livadi Tou Pasha 1 Heard 1-Feb ME

#### **CETTI'S WARBLER** *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδώνι  
Largest counts and ringing records:  
Agia Marina Xyliatou 3 14-Feb FGe  
Agios Sozomenos 5 13-Feb JS  
Anarita Park 3 heard calling 7-Feb JN  
Athalassa Park 3 9-Feb JS  
Evretou Dam 3 heard 16-Feb DJW  
Germasogeia Dam 4+ heard 4-Feb JS

Paralimni Lake 3+ 14-Feb JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 17-Feb JS  
Polis Reedbeds 1 2 & 6-Feb BCBS  
Pyrga, Larnaca 3 2-Feb FGe

#### **ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης  
Largest counts:  
Agios Sozomenos 5 3 & 26-Feb JS  
Anavargos Hills 5 26-Feb MSS  
Frenaros 200 27-Feb AKe  
Mandria 6 28-Feb JN

#### **MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus*

*melanorogon* Μουστακομουιουδί  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 Heard  
Singing 7-Feb ME  
Oroklini Marsh 2 15-Feb SC  
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 heard only 3-Feb  
SC  
Polis Reedbeds 1 2 & 5-Feb BCBS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 heard only 3, 16 & 28-  
Feb SC/MC/APL/LS/DRh

#### **SPECTACLED WARBLER** *Sylvia*

*conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι  
Agios Sozomenos 5 Singing males 3 &  
26-Feb JS  
Agios Sozomenos 3 10-Feb JS/MG  
Agios Sozomenos 8 plus one nest with 5  
young (4-5 days old) 22-Feb CP/PPa  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 16-Feb SC  
with M Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Anarita Mast area 1 6-Feb LAC  
Anarita Mast area 2 8-Feb LAC  
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 4 20-Feb FGe  
Aspro Mast 1 6-Feb IKB  
Cape Greco 2 4, 7 & 20-Feb ME/FGe  
Cape Greco 5 6 & 28-Feb JS  
Cape Greco 4 15-Feb ME  
Cape Greco 1 18-Feb ME  
Cape Greco 7 28-Feb BB  
Frenaros 30 4-Feb AKe  
Frenaros 35 5-Feb AKe  
Frenaros 43 8-Feb AKe  
Hala Sultan Tekke 2 21-Feb JN  
Spiros Pool 1 16 & 18-Feb  
SC/MC/APL/JS  
Spiros Pool 2 21-Feb JS

#### **SARDINIAN WARBLER** *Sylvia*

*melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης  
Largest counts and ringing records:  
Anarita Park 5 17-Feb DJW  
Anavargos Hills 19 26-Feb MSS  
Aphrodite's Rock, Paphos 10 28-Feb JN

Arodhes 5 2 male, 3 fem 16-Feb DJW  
Avagas Gorge 5 3 male, 2 fem 21-Feb  
DJW  
Cape Greco 8 15-Feb ME  
Frenaros 30 4-Feb AKe  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 8 3 male, 5 fem 16-  
Feb DJW  
Nata 5 4 male, 1 fem 5-Feb DJW  
Polis Reedbeds 2 6 & 22-Feb BCRS  
Souni 8 26-Feb JN

**CYPRUS WARBLER** *Sylvia melanothorax*  
Τρυπομάζης

Agios Sozomenos 1 Female 3-Feb JS  
Agios Theodoros 4 23-Feb FGe  
Anarita Park 1 26-Feb DJW  
Anavargos Hills 2 26-Feb MSS  
Aphrodite's Rock, Paphos 3 28-Feb JN  
Arodhes 2 M/F 16-Feb DJW  
Aspro Mast 1 singing 6-Feb IKB  
Cape Greco 3 Male 6 & 20-Feb JS/ME  
Los Alaminos Fishing Shelter 1 26-Feb  
JS  
Panagia Stazousa 16 14+ singing males  
and two females seen. Others heard 7-Feb  
JS  
Panagia Stazousa 6+ 9-Feb JS  
Panagia Stazousa 3 26-Feb JS  
Pyrga, Larnaca 3 2-Feb FGe  
Sotira, Limassol 1 male in flight 28-Feb  
JN  
Souni 4 16-Feb JN  
Souni 6 17 & 26-Feb JN  
Souni 7 3 females included 20-Feb JN  
Souni 3 2 heard, other glimpsed probable  
female 23-Feb JN  
Souni 3 24-Feb JN  
Souni 10 27-Feb JN

**RÜPPELL'S WARBLER** *Sylvia rueppelli*  
Ελιοβάτης

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 26-Feb KH

**EURASIAN BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*  
Αμπελοπούλι

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Agios Theodoros c80 some seen but most  
only heard singing and calling 2-Feb  
FGe  
Frenaros 115 8-Feb AKe  
Kouklia Soakaways 10 4m and 6f 20-Feb  
IKB  
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 11 19-  
Feb FGe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 10+ 4 & 17-Feb JS  
Polis Reedbeds 12 2-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 6 5-Feb BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 8 6-Feb BCRS  
Pyrga, Larnaca 20 2-Feb FGe

**COMMON CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus*  
*collybita* Μουγιαννούδι



*Common Chiffchaff, Anarita Park, February*  
*17<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Agia Marina Xyliatou 6 14-Feb FGe  
Agios Theodoros 7 2-Feb FGe  
Asprokremnos Dam 6 28-Feb JN  
Frenaros 54 8-Feb AKe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 18-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 8 12 & 14-Feb ME/JS  
Polis Reedbeds 11 5-Feb BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 9 6-Feb BCRS  
Pyrga, Larnaca 12 2-Feb FGe  
Souni 13 27-Feb JN

**GOLDCREST** *Regulus regulus*

Βασιλογιαννούδι  
Asprokremnos Dam Car park 3 possibly  
4 7-Feb KH/MH  
Giant Juniper Picnic Site, Troodos 1 1-Feb  
ME  
Halevka 2 7-Feb ME

**COAL TIT** *Parus ater* Πέμπετσος

Giant Juniper Picnic Site, Troodos 2 1-Feb  
ME  
Livadi Tou Pasha 1 1-Feb ME  
Persephone Trail, Troodos 2 1-Feb ME  
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 1 1-Feb ME

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts and ringing record:  
Avdellero 5 15-Feb FGe  
Evretou Dam 12 24-Feb IKB  
Frenaros 13 4-Feb AKe  
Makedonitissa, Nicosia 5 25-Feb FGe  
Polis Reedbeds 1 6-Feb BCRS  
Souni 12 24-Feb JN



**WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria*

Βραχοβάτης



Wallcreeper, Avagas Gorge, February 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Photography by Dave Walker.

Avagas Gorge, Paphos 1 6 & 7-Feb DJW

**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia*

*brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης

Troodos 6 1-Feb KH/MH

**EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz*

*pendulinus* Υφάντρα



Eurasian Penduline Tit, Zakaki Marsh,  
February 16<sup>th</sup>. Photograph by Stavros  
Christodoulides.

Neapolis Pond 2 10-Feb ME  
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 5-Feb KH/MH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 15+ 12-Feb KH/MH  
Polis Reedbeds 1 5-Feb BCRS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 Heard 4-Feb JS  
Zakaki Marsh 2+ 16-Feb SC with M  
Charalambides & A P Leventis

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Troodos 1 Seen stealing a discarded  
sandwich in Troodos Square 22-Feb RSn

**EURASIAN MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Κατσκορώνα

Largest counts:

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 16 20-Feb FGe  
Evretou Dam 14 16-Feb DJW

Fresh Water Lake South 10 2-Feb ME

Marathounta Hills 12 13-Feb DJW

Troulloi 12 15-Feb FGe

**WESTERN JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

Κολιός

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 160 22-Feb CP/PPa

Agios Theodoros 120 23-Feb FGe

Avagas Gorge 300+ Flying at 500+m 16-  
Feb IKB

Evretou Dam c200 16-Feb DJW

Partenitis Dam c150 15-Feb SC

**HOODED CROW** *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Frenaros 30 4-Feb AKE

Manglis Dam c30 25-Feb JS

Phassouri Reed Beds 20+ 4 & 17-Feb JS

Timi Beach headland 20+ 15-Feb DJW

**NORTHERN RAVEN** *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Kyrenia Rock – Halevka 2 Pair 7-Feb ME

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Largest counts:

Archangelos, Nicosia 100+ flew over  
house 3-Feb JS

Frenaros 5000 4 & 8-Feb AKE

Fresh Water Lake South c2500 7-Feb ME

Germasogeia River c140 8-Feb KH

Larnaca Sewage Works c800 1-Feb ME

Oroklini Marsh 160+ 14-Feb JS

Paralimni Lake 500 2 & 26-Feb AKE

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 90 23-Feb FGe

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 60 20-Feb FGe

Frenaros 5000 8-Feb AKE

Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 60+ 6-Feb  
JS

Makedonitissa, Nicosia 55 25-Feb FGe

Panagia Stazousa 50+ 9-Feb JS

Perivolia 50 21-Feb JS

Petounta Point 120+ in a flock with Corn

Buntings 26-Feb JS

Troulloi 60 15-Feb FGe

**SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer*

*hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 60 3-Feb JS

Anthoupolis 20 20-Feb FGE  
Frenaros 115 4-Feb AKE  
Mandria c100 22 & 25-Feb DJW  
Oroklini Marsh c20 15-Feb SC  
Paphos, King's Road 40+ 3-Feb IKB

**COMMON CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*  
Σπίννος

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Armou Hills c30 13-Feb DJW  
Evretou Dam c300 16-Feb DJW  
Frenaros 425 8-Feb AKE  
Germasogeia Dam c30 17-Feb JS  
Marathounta Hills c50 13-Feb DJW  
Mavrokolymbos Dam c30 16-Feb DJW  
Neo Chorio 60+ 24-Feb IKB  
Phassouri Reed Beds c40 17-Feb JS  
Polis Reedbeds 1 2-Feb BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 5 5-Feb BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 2 6-Feb BCRS  
Souni 50 17-Feb JN  
Troodos Leave Centre Valley c40 1-Feb  
ME

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*  
Χειμωνόσπιννος



*Brambling, Troodos, February 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Photograph by Rajja Howard.*

Troodos 4 3m and 1f 1-Feb KH/MH  
Troodos Leave Centre Valley 1 Male 1-  
Feb ME

**EUROPEAN SERIN** *Serinus serinus*  
Μπισταρτοκανάρινο

Largest counts and ringing record:  
Cape Drepanum 20+ 8-Feb IKB  
Frenaros 400 8-Feb AKE  
Germasogeia Dam 20+ 4-Feb JS  
Kouklia Soakaways 50+ 2-Feb IKB  
Panagia Stazousa c40 9-Feb JS  
Paphos Sewage Works 22 9-Feb LAC  
Polis Reedbeds 1 5-Feb BCRS  
Souni 45 26-Feb JN  
Troulloi 45 15-Feb FGE

**EUROPEAN GREENFINCH** *Carduelis  
chloris* Λουλουδάς

Largest counts:  
Avagas Gorge 60+ 16-Feb IKB  
Cape Drepanum 50+ 8-Feb IKB  
Coral Bay c40 21-Feb DJW  
E4 north of Cape Drepanum 100+ 8-Feb  
IKB  
Frenaros 67 4-Feb AKE  
Petounta Point c80 28-Feb FGE  
White River, Akamas c40 6-Feb DJW

**EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis  
carduelis* Σγαρτίλι

Largest counts and ringing record:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c40 17-Feb JS  
Anarita Park c40 28-Feb DJW  
Frenaros 311 5-Feb AKE  
Germasogeia Dam 30+ 4-Feb JS  
Polis Reedbeds 2 2-Feb BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 1 6-Feb BCRS

**EURASIAN SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus*  
Θκιολαρούδι

Lower Ezouzas 1 female 4-Feb LAC  
Troodos 15+ 1-Feb KH/MH

**COMMON LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*  
Τσακροσγάριτο



*Common Linnet, Anarita Park. Photograph  
by Albert Stöcker.*

Largest counts:  
Anarita Park c50 28-Feb DJW  
Cape Drepanum 25+ 8-Feb IKB  
Evretou Dam c30 16-Feb DJW  
Frenaros 30 4-Feb AKE  
Mandria c40 22-Feb DJW

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes*  
*coccothraustes* Κεφαλόσπιννος



*Hawfinch, Deftera. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Feb SC with M  
Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Aspro Dam Car Park area 1 male 17-Feb  
IKB  
Avagas Gorge 1 21-Feb DJW  
Bishop's Pool 1 4-Feb KH  
Kalopanagiotis 1 22-Feb RSn  
Kamares (Tala) 1 24-Feb DJW  
Kouklia Soakaways 3+ 1m + 2f, at least  
7-Feb LAC/BC field trip  
Mandria 1 22 & 27-Feb DJW/TRe/IKB  
Mandria 4 23-Feb MPH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 4, 14 & 19-Feb  
KH/TRe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 11-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 12 & 27-Feb  
KH/FMM  
Phassouri Reed Beds 5 19-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 7 20-Feb KH  
Polis Reedbeds 1 2 & 5-Feb BCRS  
Souni 3 in pine next door 26-Feb JN  
Souni 1 female in olive tree 27-Feb JN  
Tsada 12 27-Feb MSS

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*  
Κιτρινοπιπίλλα  
Persephone Trail , Troodos c25 1-Feb  
ME

**COMMON REED BUNTING** *Emberiza*  
*schoeniclus* Καλαμοπιπίλλα  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 16-Feb SC with M  
Charalambides & A P Leventis  
Oroklini Marsh c4 15-Feb SC  
Phassouri Reed-beds 10+ 24-Feb KH  
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 4-Feb JS  
Polis Reedbeds 1 2-Feb BCRS  
Zakaki Marsh c5 16 & 28-Feb  
SC/MC/APL/LS/DRh  
Zakaki Marsh 2 19-Feb TRe

**CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*  
Τσακρόστρουθος



*Corn Bunting, Anarita Park, February 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 75 23-Feb FGe  
Akhna Dam c120 20-Feb ME  
Anarita Mast area 81 8-Feb LAC  
Frenaros 480 (song heard) 8-Feb AKe  
Kouklia Lake c50 17-Feb ME  
Petounta Point 100+ in a flock with House  
Sparrows 26-Feb JS  
Souni 58 24-Feb JN

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## MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

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

A total of 15 sites were covered in February 2015 and 43 species were recorded with a total number of 8,612 water birds. The most common bird sighted during this count was the Greater Flamingo (3,949 counted) where Larnaka Salt Lake held almost 95 per cent of these numbers (3,760 counted). This is followed by the Common Black-headed Gull (1,458 counted), the Northern Shoveler and the Eurasian Teal, both with counts reaching almost 900. Of the 15 sites covered, Larnaka Salt Lake held the highest total count, almost 55 per cent of the total February count. Oroklini Marsh held second place in February for number of birds counted, but held first place concerning the number of species (20 waterbird species) keeping its record of last month. Water levels were high at most sites, after good winter rains.

**Erratum:** in the water bird counts for December 2014, reported in the January 2015 checklist, 156 Northern Shovelers recorded at Oroklini Marsh on December 16<sup>th</sup> were erroneously listed as Common Shelducks, due to a transcription error.

## **Site coverage for the February 2015 Waterbird Count**

| <b>Site</b>  | <b>Recorder</b>           | <b>Date</b> | <b>Water level</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Mavrokolymbos Dam</b>                           | Dave & Jan Walker         | 16 Feb      | 40% full           |
| <b>Evretou Dam</b>                                 | Dave & Jan Walker         | 16 Feb      | 65% full           |
| <b>Kannaviou Dam</b>                               | Dave & Jan Walker         | 16 Feb      | 70% full           |
| <b>Phassouri Reed Bed</b>                          | Martin Hellicar           | 23 Feb      | High               |
| <b>Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake &amp; Lady's Mile</b> | Martin Hellicar           | 23 Feb      | High               |
| <b>Bishop's Pool</b>                               | John & Ann Stapley        | 18 Feb      |                    |
| <b>Zakaki Pond</b>                                 | Martin Hellicar           | 23 Feb      | High               |
| <b>Klirou Dam</b>                                  | Alan Tye & Damalis Azuero | 17 Feb      |                    |
| <b>Manglis Dam</b>                                 | Jane Stylianou            | 19 Feb      |                    |
| <b>Larnaka Salt Lake</b>                           | Jane Stylianou            | 18 Feb      |                    |
| <b>Larnaka Sewage Works</b>                        | Jane Stylianou            | 18 Feb      |                    |
| <b>Aradippou Dam</b>                               | Stavros Christodoulides   | 15 Feb      |                    |
| <b>Aradippou slurry pits</b>                       | Stavros Christodoulides   | 15 Feb      |                    |
| <b>Oroklini Marsh</b>                              | Martin Hellicar           | 17 Feb      | Full               |
| <b>Achna Dam</b>                                   | Bill Barker               | 15 Feb      |                    |

## February 2015 Site and Species Totals

| WETLAND BIRD COUNT<br>FEBRUARY 2015     | Little Grebe | Black-necked Grebe | Great Cormorant | Cattle Egret | Great White Egret | Grey Heron | Greater Flamingo | Feral Goose | Common Shelduck | Eurasian Wigeon |
|---|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mavrokolymbos Dam                       |              |                    | 2               |              |                   | 1          |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Evretou Dam                             | 1            |                    | 4               |              |                   |            |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Kannaviou Dam                           |              |                    | 4               |              |                   | 1          |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Phassouri Reed Bed                      |              |                    |                 |              |                   |            |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile |              |                    |                 |              |                   |            | 110              |             |                 |                 |
| Bishop's Pool                           | 14           |                    |                 |              |                   |            |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Zakaki Pond                             | 1            |                    |                 |              |                   | 18         |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Klirou Dam                              |              |                    |                 |              |                   |            |                  | 2           |                 |                 |
| Manglis Dam                             | 1            |                    | 1               |              |                   |            |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Larnaka Salt Lake                       |              |                    |                 |              |                   |            | 3760             |             |                 |                 |
| Larnaka Sewage Works                    | 2            | 1                  | 1               |              |                   |            |                  |             | 760             |                 |
| Aradippou Dam                           | 6            |                    |                 |              |                   |            |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Aradippou slurry pits                   |              |                    |                 | 15           |                   |            |                  |             |                 |                 |
| Oroklini Marsh                          | 17           |                    |                 | 2            |                   |            | 79               |             |                 | 1               |
| Achna Dam                               |              |                    |                 |              | 1                 | 1          |                  |             |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>42</b>    | <b>1</b>           | <b>12</b>       | <b>17</b>    | <b>1</b>          | <b>21</b>  | <b>3949</b>      | <b>2</b>    | <b>760</b>      | <b>1</b>        |

| WETLAND BIRD COUNT<br>FEBRUARY 2015     | Eurasian Teal | Mallard    | Gadwall  | Northern Pintail | Northern Shoveler | Common Pochard | Red-crested Pochard | Ferruginous Duck | Western Marsh Harrier | Water Rail | Common Moorhen |
|---|---------------|------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mavrokolymbos Dam                       |               |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Evretou Dam                             | 4             |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Kannaviou Dam                           |               | 13         |          |                  |                   |                |                     | 1                |                       |            |                |
| Phassouri Reed Bed                      | 3             |            |          |                  | 45                |                |                     |                  | 1                     |            |                |
| Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile | 50            |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Bishop's Pool                           | 2             |            |          |                  |                   | 1              |                     | 1                |                       |            |                |
| Zakaki Pond                             |               |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Klirou Dam                              |               |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Manglis Dam                             |               |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Larnaka Salt Lake                       |               | 27         |          |                  | 337               |                |                     |                  | 3                     |            |                |
| Larnaka Sewage Works                    | 330           | 73         | 1        | 1                | 13                |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Aradippou Dam                           |               | 2          |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       | 1          | 5              |
| Aradippou slurry pits                   |               |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| Oroklini Marsh                          | 450           | 110        | 2        |                  | 500               |                | 3                   |                  | 2                     |            |                |
| Achna Dam                               |               |            |          |                  |                   |                |                     |                  |                       |            |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>839</b>    | <b>225</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b>         | <b>895</b>        | <b>1</b>       | <b>3</b>            | <b>2</b>         | <b>6</b>              | <b>1</b>   | <b>5</b>       |

| WETLAND BIRD COUNT<br>FEBRUARY 2015                              | Common Coot | Black-winged Stilt | Spur-winged Lapwing | Eurasian Golden Plover | Kentish Plover | Common Ringed Plover | Little Stint | Dunlin    | Ruff     | Common Snipe | Eurasian Curlew | Common Redshank |
|--|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mavrokolymbos Dam  |             |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Evretou Dam  | 41          |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Kannaviou Dam  | 23          |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Phassouri Reed Bed<br>Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake &<br>Lady's Mile |             |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           | 1        | 1            |                 |                 |
| Bishop's Pool  | 14          |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           | 1        |              |                 |                 |
| Zakaki Pond  | 1           |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Klirou Dam   | 5           |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Manglis Dam  | 4           |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Larnaka Salt Lake  | 3           |                    |                     | 11                     | 18             | 4                    | 7            | 5         |          |              |                 | 10              |
| Larnaka Sewage Works   |             |                    | 2                   |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Aradippou Dam  | 12          |                    | 1                   |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Aradippou slurry pits  |             |                    |                     |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 |                 |
| Oroklini Marsh   | 95          | 3                  | 24                  |                        |                | 1                    |              | 40        |          |              |                 | 1               |
| Achna Dam  |             |                    | 1                   |                        |                |                      |              |           |          |              |                 | 1               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>198</b>  | <b>3</b>           | <b>28</b>           | <b>11</b>              | <b>18</b>      | <b>5</b>             | <b>7</b>     | <b>45</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>        | <b>12</b>       |

| WETLAND BIRD COUNT<br>FEBRUARY 2015                              | Common Sandpiper | Little Gull | Mediterranean Gull | Common Black-headed Gull | Yellow-legged Gull | Caspian Gull | Sandwich Tern | Common Kingfisher | Larus spp | TOTAL       | Species Count |
|--|------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Mavrokolymbos Dam  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 3           | 2             |
| Evretou Dam  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 50          | 4             |
| Kannaviou Dam  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 42          | 5             |
| Phassouri Reed Bed<br>Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake &<br>Lady's Mile |                  | 1           |                    | 900                      |                    | 8            | 3             | 1                 | 8         | 52          | 6             |
| Bishop's Pool  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 32          | 5             |
| Zakaki Pond  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 22          | 4             |
| Klirou Dam   |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 7           | 2             |
| Manglis Dam  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 6           | 3             |
| Larnaka Salt Lake  |                  | 2           |                    | 475                      | 3                  | c80          | 3             |                   |           | 4669        | 16            |
| Larnaka Sewage Works   |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 1184        | 10            |
| Aradippou Dam  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 28          | 7             |
| Aradippou slurry pits  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 15          | 1             |
| Oroklini Marsh   | 1                |             | 1                  | 83                       |                    |              |               |                   | 2         | 1417        | 20            |
| Achna Dam  |                  |             |                    |                          |                    |              |               |                   |           | 4           | 4             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>1</b>         | <b>3</b>    | <b>1</b>           | <b>1458</b>              | <b>3</b>           | <b>8</b>     | <b>6</b>      | <b>1</b>          | <b>10</b> | <b>8612</b> | <b>43</b>     |





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- Να ανανεώσω τη συνδρομή μου     Να εγγραφώ μέλος

■ Επισυνάπτω:

- € 35 ατομική συνδρομή (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 30 ατομική συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 40 συνδρομή ζεύγους (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 35 συνδρομή ζεύγους (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 10 παιδική συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)

*Για μέλη εξωτερικού:*

- € 40 ατομική συνδρομή (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 35 ατομική συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 45 συνδρομή ζεύγους (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 40 συνδρομή ζεύγους (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)  
 € 12 παιδική συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)

**3. Τρόποι πληρωμής**

- i.*  Απευθείας πληρωμή στο λογαριασμό του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου Κύπρου

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS

*Τράπεζα Κύπρου:* Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 0148-01-008101, SWIFT: BCYPCY2N

IBAN No: CY 980020 0148 000000 10081 0100

*Τράπεζα Πειραιώς:* Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 0001161054, SWIFT: PIRBCY2N

IBAN No: CY 730080 0103 000000 00116 1054

*Alpha Bank:* Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 206-220-011014-0, Swift: ABKLCY2N

IBAN No: CY75 0090 0206 0002 0622 0011 0140

- ii.*  Πληρωμή με πιστωτική κάρτα μέσω διαδικτύου [www.birdlifecyprus.org](http://www.birdlifecyprus.org)  
(Ημερομηνία της πληρωμής   /  /  )

- iii.*  Επιταγή σε ευρώ πληρωτέα στον Πτηνολογικό Σύνδεσμο Κύπρου

Πληρωτέο ποσό: € \_\_\_\_\_ Συνδρομή  
                          € \_\_\_\_\_ Εισφορά  
                          € \_\_\_\_\_ **Σύνολο**

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