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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 20th of the month – ie those of birds seen and photographed in June and July should to be sent by 20th August. 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.

Please send to janestycy@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone: 99558953

Cover photograph: *A regular passage migrant through Cyprus in both spring and autumn, this Purple Heron Ardea purpurea was photographed by Ray Atkinson as it flew over his local patch in Goudhi, Paphos during May 2015.*

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.***

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

August 2015

Saturday 22nd August: Akhna Dam or Larnaka Sewage Works

Leader: Chris Stavrou Mobile:99530213

If water levels in the dam are too low to attract many water birds or waders, the field trip will take place in Larnaca.

Meet 9.30 am at west end of Akhna Dam Wall or at Larnaca Sewage Works hide. Please check the BirdLife Cyprus website for a decision / confirmation nearer the time.

Saturday 29th August: Akrotiri Salt Lake

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

Demoiselle Cranes and early autumn migrants.

Meet at 8.30 am, Sylvana Restaurant. Please note earlier start time.

September 2015

Saturday 5th September: Cape Greko

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Autumn migrants: Raptors and passerines.

Meet at 9.30 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turnover.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11th, 12th & 13th September: Akamas Weekend, including

Latchi Boat Trip

Joint Leaders: Melis Charalambides and Loria Phylakti.

An enjoyable, sociable, birding weekend to see seabirds and autumn migrants.

Meet at 6.30 pm at Droushia Heights Hotel on 11th for a presentation/film, followed by a buffet dinner;

at 9.30 am on 12th at J&P Restaurant in Latchi for boat trip returning to hotel afterwards for dinner; and departure at 9.00 am on 13th to attend bird-ringing demonstration at Neo Chorio to be led by Alan Crabtree. Mobile: 99455345

Further details to follow. However, please book in advance separately for accommodation and dinners with Melis Charalambides Mobile: 99653205 **or for the Boat Trip with Loria Phylakti.** Mobile: 99413383

Saturday 19th September: Paphos Lighthouse

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

Autumn passerines and shore birds.

Meet 9.00 am, near beach cafe at CTO beach, west end of Paphos Lighthouse archaeological site. Please note slightly earlier start time.

Saturday 26th September: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Birds of prey, water birds & autumn passerines. Meet at 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed-beds.

October 2015

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October: EuroBirdwatch Weekend – Events to be announced.

Friday 9th to Sunday 11th October: Karpasia Peninsula

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.

Details will follow.

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

Saturday 17th October: Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam & Anarita Park

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

Late autumn migrants and winter visitors.

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

Saturday 24th October: Larnaca Sewage Works

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Early wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

Saturday 31st October: Paphos Lighthouse

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

Winter visiting passerines and shore birds.

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

November 2015

Saturday 14th November: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Waterbirds and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, car park adjacent to the new hide at Zakaki ponds off the road to Lady's Mile.

Note this meeting point is near the one used some years ago before the drainage works commenced.

Saturday 21st November: Athalassa Park and Agios Sozomenos

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Winter residents and visitors such as the regular, but fairly scarce, Finsch's Wheatear.

From the big Nicosia general hospital roundabout, take the exit towards YERI, then, after the traffic lights, take exit on left signposted for 'Athalassa Park' and follow narrow surfaced track to car park for a 9.30 am start.

Saturday 28th November: Troodos

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Winter visitors and mountain endemics.

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

December 2015

Saturday 5th December: Kidasi

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

Saturday 12th December: Larnaca Sewage Works

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

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 – AKROTIRI PENINSULA, 16th May 2015

Alan Crane

On a lovely morning a disappointing number of only 5 members gathered at the Phassouri Reed Beds. Perhaps the best birds near the Reed Beds were only seen by one member, who saw 2 **European Honey Buzzard** while driving towards the meeting place. Otherwise the best birds seen by everyone were several **Squacco Heron**, **Cattle Egret**, **Glossy Ibis**, **European Bee-eater** and a single **Eurasian Turtle Dove**. A plus of the small group, and of all being friends, was that we were able to ignore the planned itinerary and be more adventurous than normal for a Field Meeting. So we by-passed the gravel pits, old church and Bishop's Pool and headed along Lady's Mile and across the drying salt lake to the so-called Zakaki outflow/ run off area.

Along Lady's Mile there were a few **Little Stint** and **Kentish Plover**, plus a high number (17) of **Little Egret**.

Compared to a few days previously, the number of migrant waders on the water's edge at the run off was well down, being around 50 compared to 400+. The number of different wader species present was however still good and a total of eight were seen, including **Curllew Sandpiper** and **Dunlin**. Surprises were a **Black Headed Wagtail**, a **European Roller** and 2 **Eleonora's Falcons** – the last not being seen by the leader! However, the stars at this location were the terns. We were able to get close to **White Winged**, **Whiskered** and as many as 14 **Little Terns**, providing good views both in flight and on the ground. While watching these terns, two **Gull Billed Tern** flew past. Then in the distance were seen an almost unbelievable large number of **White Winged Terns** shimmering over the surface of the salt lake. There were probably over 100. Must not forget to mention though that in the same vicinity as the close terns were 12 **Slender Billed Gull**.

Back at Lady's Mile, we added **Yellow Legged Gull** and more importantly **Little Gull** to the day's sightings list. Then, we used the hide at Zakaki Marsh to have our refreshments whilst bird watching protected from the middle of day sun. Notable birds were 3 more **Yellow Wagtails**, several **Sand Martin**, a **Eurasian Hoopoe** and a good number (6) of unusually showy **Eurasian Reed Warbler**.

Eventually we left the hide and 3 members continued and made a final stop at Kensington Cliffs. This proved to be a rewarding close to the Field Meeting, as from the cliff edge we watched **Eurasian Griffon Vulture** (3), **Eleonora's Falcon** (6+) and **Alpine Swift** (14) flying in front of us. Below, on the rocks, 8 **European Shag** were resting unperturbed by the aerial display taking place above them.

The total number of species seen during the course of the day was around 43.



One of the White-winged Tern and a Little Tern seen by the group. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ
Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 29



Last Month's Quiz answer

May's mystery bird is characterized by brownish upperparts and whitish underparts, a colour combination common to a large number of passerine species. However, the underparts show heavy, distinct striations which help narrow it down to just a handful of the Island's breeding birds. A bird carrying food (in this case appears to be a cricket) in June is almost certainly one of our breeding species. Our only brown and white breeding birds that show characteristic streaked underparts are the two species of Lark, Crested and Wood Lark, Spanish Sparrow and Corn Bunting. The two species of Lark can quickly be excluded as both show a crest while our mystery bird shows a rounded head profile. Spanish Sparrows are sexually dimorphic, males have a striking chestnut, black and white plumage with heavy black streaking to their lower breast and belly, while females are plainer, brownish above and greyish white below with only a hint of faint streaking. On our mystery bird the underparts are cleaner white with narrow but prominent dark streaks. Our bird is therefore a **Corn Bunting**, confirmed by its characteristic face pattern and bright orange legs.

SPRING 2015 GRIFFON VULTURE CENSUS

Martin Hellicar, Research Coordinator

A total of 23-28 vultures, plus three active nests with a total of 2 or 3 chicks, were recorded by observers during the Spring 2015 Griffon Vulture count organised on April 29th by BirdLife Cyprus and the Game & Fauna service.

Nineteen observers on active watch duty on the 29th covered 9 look-out posts stretching from Zapalo on the South coast (Episkopi area), to Limnatis in the Limassol hills, to Oreites in the SW (Kouklia area) and Ayios Yiannis on the edge of the Paphos forest (N end of Xeros valley). The vulture watch began at 8am and lasted till 3pm, or later where activity was still being recorded. Records during the day were mostly from three areas: Ayios Ioannis in the NW, Zapalo and Tunnel beach on the Episkopi coast and the Limnatis area. There was also some movement between these sites picked up over the course of the count, mostly between Ayios Ioannis and the Episkopi area.

A maximum count of 6-8 vultures was made at Ayios Ioannis, where there is a vulture release pen and a feeding station, late in the morning. At the nesting cliffs down at Zapalo and Tunnel beach, three active nests were identified (2 with chicks, the other with a possible incubating adult or very young chick) and the maximum count of flying birds (i.e. excluding those adults on nesting ledges, up to 3 birds) was 7, around 4pm. A flock of 10 birds was also picked up at Alassa, near Limnatis, around 3pm.

In addition to the birds picked up by observers manning look-out posts across the known range of the vulture, cameras active at the two vulture feeding stations provided valuable additional data both on the day and in the days immediately afterwards. The cameras captured 16 birds visiting the Limnatis-Korfi 'restaurant' on the 29th, and the Game & Fauna Service was also able to pick up visits to both this and the Ayios Ioannis feeding station in the following days. The cameras recorded 16 vultures visiting the 'restaurant' at Limnatis-Korfi between 1.30 and 3.30pm, while another 2 birds had been seen by observers stationed there on the Limnatis-Korfi release cage early in the day. The wing and leg tags on most birds allowed the identification of a total of 18 different individuals at this feeding station on the 29th. No birds were captured on camera at Ayios Ioannis feeding station on the 29th. After checking camera data for the 29th and following days, the Game & Fauna Service reported 15 birds visiting the Ayios Ioannis 'restaurant', 11 of which had also been recorded at Limnatis-Korfi.

**A BIRDLIFE CYPRUS SURVEY EXPEDITION TO THE MESAORIA, FAMAGUSTA AND
KARPASIA , 30th & 31st May**

***including the annual Audouin's Gull count at Kleides islands, completed in cooperation
with KUSKOR***

Martin Hellicar, Research Coordinator

This year's Audouin's Gull count expanded into an exhaustive (and also highly enjoyable) surveying effort including counts of Calandra Lark in the Mesaoria, three wetland sites (Kouklia Dam, Ayios Loukas South and Sygkrasis Dam), the Kleides gull colony and European Rollers on the Karpas peninsula, with a total of 55 species recorded in just under 28 hours.

Every year since 2007, BirdLife Cyprus has been cooperating with the Turkish Cypriot Bird Protection Society KUSKOR to count Audouin's Gull at their one and only breeding colony, the chain of rocky islets off Karpasia known as Kleides. This year, our Chairman Melis Charalambides, Treasurer Christakis Charalambides and our visiting full-time volunteer surveyor Peter Beckenham and I set off for the remote peninsula in the early afternoon of Saturday May 30th. We had decided from the outset that this was going to be an expedition that would maximise survey effort in all possible recording directions...

We began by taking the old road (via Ashia and Vatili) to Kouklia reservoir, which we already knew held excellent water levels this year and a host of interesting and unusual birds. The wetland did not disappoint. We picked out a **Western Marsh Harrier**, 14 **Little Egret**, 9 **Cattle Egret** and 4 **Squacco Herons** feeding along the shallow margins of the extensive wetland, single **Grey** and **Purple Heron**, hundreds of **Eurasian Coot**, many with chicks, about 50 **Glossy Ibis**, 27 **Black-winged Stilt**, 2 **Spur-winged Lapwing**, 21 **Mallard**, 2 **Northern Shoveler**, 2 **Garganey**, a lone **Yellow-legged Gull** and singing **Eurasian Reed Warbler**. But the highlights among the water-birds were the lone **Lesser Flamingo** (first discovered on May 12th at this site and still present), 3 out-of-season **Gadwall** (2 males and 1 female), 3 **Ferruginous Duck**, a pair of **Red-crested Pochard**, 7-8 **White-winged Tern** and 4-5 **Collared Pratincole**, one of which was behaving in an agitated manner suggesting possible breeding activity. Non water-birds recorded were: 2 **Eurasian Turtle Dove** and a **Common Woodpigeon**, a **Common Kestrel**, abundant **Barn Swallow** and **Common Swift**, **Crested Lark**, **Cetti's Warbler** and **Zitting Cisticola**, plus **Hooded Crow**. Just as we were jumping into the Chairman's jeep to move on, we spotted a splendid **European Hobby** perched on a hay bale in a field behind the dam.

Our next stop was the Ayios Loukas Lake (south) outside Famagusta town, where we focused on a census of the Cattle Egret breeding colony in the tamarisk bush 'islands'. We counted about 160 Cattle Egret nests, with over 400 chicks and about 120 adults in busy attendance. There were 6



Glossy Ibis with 4 nests in the egret colony, and we also picked up a **Black-crowned Night Heron** and a Squacco Heron. Driving roughly south along the dirt track towards the back of the lake, we located a much denser tamarisk island, which was also playing host to Cattle Egrets. We estimated there were about 50 Cattle Egret nests in the dense foliage, but it could have been more. We also picked out 3 Little Egret nests, 3 Squacco Heron nests and a further 5 Glossy Ibis nests in the same thickets.

Leaving Ayios Loukas, we drove on to Rizokarpaso, where we spent the night in preparation for the gull survey the next morning. We heard **Little Owl**, **Eurasian Scops Owl** and **Eurasian Stone Curlew** after dark in the quiet village.

The next morning, we used the drive from Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas, where we were to board a fishing boat to Kleides for the gull count, to carry out a driven European Roller survey. At only 4 birds, the **Roller** count was rather disappointing, but we did see a good number of other species, with the highlight a mixed flock of 6 **Eleonora's Falcon** (both dark and light morphs) and 2 **Red-footed Falcon**, feeding on flying insects. The other records along the route were: 4 Common Kestrel, a lone female Red-footed Falcon, 3 **Black Francolin**, a **Chukar**, 2 Yellow-legged Gulls, Crested Lark, Common Swift and Barn Swallow, 5 **Cyprus Wheatear**, 3 **Cyprus Warbler**, **Spanish Sparrow** and **House Sparrow**, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Turtle Dove, Hooded Crow, **Eurasian Magpie**, a **Black-headed Bunting** plus 4-5 **European Shag** on an offshore rock.

Meeting up with the KUSKOR survey team, we spent two hours on a small fishing boat going round the islets in the Kleides chain. We recorded over 100 Yellow-legged Gull, including about 40 young birds and over 50 nests, as well as around 15 adult and 30 juvenile European Shags, but the **Audouin's Gulls** made us work hard before we found this year's nesting site, on the very last rock of the Kleides chain. We counted just under 30 adults and 8 nests for this rare and localised gull. We also found 3 **Peregrine Falcon**, about 20 **Rock Dove**, about 50 Common Swifts and 6 Little Egret on the islets, while an isolated rock towards the end of the chain held a lone **Eurasian Spoonbill**. After lunch, and before heading back westwards, we checked Lefkoniso rock, off the north coast of the Karpas peninsula, where a small number of Audouin's Gull have been seen nesting in recent years. But there was no evidence of nesting, and no Audouin's Gulls present at Lefkoniso, this time – only 8 more European Shag on a nearby rock.



Our first stop on the return journey was at Sygkrais Dam, which held a good volume of water and offered an extensive area of shallow water and a low-lying island that were obviously to the liking of Black-winged Stilt. We counted 28 stilts and 9 nests. There were also 2 Spur-winged Lapwing, one of which was sitting on a nest, while Eurasian Coot, 2 Glossy Ibis, 3 Little Egret and single **Little Stint** and Squacco Heron completed the picture for water-birds. We added **Red-rumped Swallow** and **Alpine Swift** to the trip species list, and also more Crested Lark, Barn Swallow, Hooded Crow and a dark morph Eleonora's Falcon.

The remainder of the return trip through the Mesaoria was taken up with point-count stops to record breeding Calandra Lark, along the route from Lapathos to Trachoni. In total we recorded 7 **Calandra Lark**, some of them in display flight, and also Crested Lark, Common Kestrel, Black Francolin, Barn Swallow, Rollers, Zitting Cisticola and Hooded Crow.

We returned via Agios Dhometios in Nicosia at around 6pm on Sunday, with a 55-species-long trip list and data from six surveys 'in the bag'.

Photographs of the Cattle Egret colony at Agios Loukas, Audouin's Gulls at Kleides and Melis Charalambides and Martin Hellicar on the boat counting gulls all taken by Peter Beckenham.

SUMMER BIRDWATCHING IN THE AKAMAS

Jane Stylianou

At this time of year it is usual to try and think of locations to go bird watching where you can see a good variety of species with minimum of effort and exposure to the heat of the sun. The area of Akamas to the north of Paphos fulfils this criteria and there are also several beaches nearby to cool off afterwards or even do a bit of sea watching if you want.

The Akamas area is one of the top five breeding sites on Cyprus for the Black-headed and Cretzschmar's Bunting and the European Roller and one of the top ten for the Masked Shrike. The endemic Cyprus Wheatear breed throughout the area as do Eurasian Scops Owl, Little Owl and European Nightjar. Birds of prey include Long-legged Buzzard, Bonelli's Eagle and Peregrine Falcon.



A female Cyprus Wheatear. Photograph by Alison McArthur.

One of the more popular locations to visit is the area around the Smygies picnic site which is outside Neochorio village and past the small church of Agios Minas. You will definitely hear Sardinian and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers and by now there should be family parties of both around. There may still be singing Cretzschmar's Buntings as well especially in the area behind the picnic site towards the fire station but even if the males are no longer calling to defend their territories you may come across family parties of this species as well. That area is also host to breeding Masked Shrike and several pairs of Cyprus Wheatear.

The deserted village of Androlikou is a good area to find European Rollers and they also breed behind the villages of Arodes and Droushia and can often be seen hunting for insects perched on electricity wires. The road between Pittokopos and Droushia is a good place to search for Black-headed Bunting. Keeping an eye on the sky above is also a good idea here and you may spot Long-legged Buzzard and Bonelli's Eagle as well as the occasional hunting Eleonora's Falcon. This summer Lesser Kestrel have been summering in the area so a visit now may still enable you

to add those to your day list. The valley behind the villages of Pano and Kato Arodes are also a good place to check for European Rollers, Black-headed Bunting and the larger raptors. As we move into July that valley is also often one of the first places to find returning, migrating Lesser and Red-backed Shrikes towards the end of that month.

Some sea watching from the coast around the Chrysochou Bay can start to turn up some interesting birds usually from mid-July onwards. As well as the expected migrating Glossy Ibis, which are usually the first to be seen, Mediterranean Gull, Scopoli's Shearwater and Eurasian Oystercatcher are among the species recorded there. If you are still around as dusk falls the area around Smygies is also a good place to hear and even see European Nightjar and to listen to the call of the Scop's Owl – our endemic sub-species - which can still be calling into the summer.



Above: European Nightjar. Photograph by Chris Stavrou. Below: European Roller. Photograph by Dave Walker.



A GOOD SPRING FOR HOODED WHEATEAR REPORTS

Jane Stylianou

The Hooded Wheatear *Oenanthe monacha* is a rare spring migrant to Cyprus with more than twenty records over the years. The Handbook of the Birds of the World Alive notes its range as 'E Egypt, S Israel, S Jordan, N, E & SE Arabian Peninsula, Iran and SW Pakistan' and describes it as mainly sedentary although states that some may wander in winter. It is also described as vagrant to Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. In 2012 four individuals were reported, 2013 saw just one records and last year two males and a female were observed. This spring however seven reports of up to 13 individuals were received.

(Please note that all the below reports still have to be ratified by the BirdLife Cyprus Rare Birds Committee and their inclusion here is for information and does not assume acceptance.)

A female was at Cape Greco 12th – 14th April with a male at Paphos Headland on 13th April. On 26th April a female was at Lady's Mile and two days later on 28th April a lucky visiting birder found **six** females on the beach between Latchi and Polis – almost certainly the largest number recorded in Cyprus at one time. On 1st May a male was seen at Pegeia with another at Paphos Lighthouse the next day. A female was then reported from Cape Drepanum on 3rd May.



Photographs: Top left: Paphos Lighthouse 13th April by Ian Bloomer; Top right: Paphos Lighthouse 2nd May by Carl Hughes; Below: Latchi Beach 28th April by Keith Dover

BIRDS ON CYPRUS LIST WITH JUST ONE OR TWO RECORDS

Jane Stylianou

The second article in an occasional series which will look at birds with just one or two records on the Cyprus list. This month Franklin's Gull

An adult Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan* was first discovered at Larnaca Sewage Works on 30th July 2006 by Andreas Kephalas and remained there a few days being last reported on 5th August. It was an adult in breeding plumage with somewhat worn secondaries as can be seen from Stavros Christodoulides' photograph of the bird (see below).

Franklin's Gull is a gull that breeds on inland lakes and marshes in North America also frequenting coasts and fields. It breeds in the northern USA and central-west Canada, migrates south through Central America and winters off the west coast southern Mexico, Central America and of South America, where it is particularly common from Ecuador to Chile. It is however a species that likes to wander so the fact that it turned up here although remarkable is certainly not out of character. The list of countries at which it has occurred as a vagrant is large and covers many parts of the world including Australia, Belgium, Faroe Islands, France, French Polynesia, Gambia, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Micronesia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom. It has also been recorded in Israel in our area of the Mediterranean with an adult recorded in Eilat at the start of July 2006.



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SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR MAY 2015

Jane Stylianou

5200 bird records received

192 species and forms recorded in May 2015, compared to 201 in May 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*

Νεροβούπιτης



Little Grebe adult and juvenile, Potamia, 17th May. Photograph: Filippos Georgiades

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 7 2 juvs 18-May CR
Koukklia Lake 20+ 12-May PBe/AG/MH
Paralimni Lake 10 10-May AKe
Partenitis Dam 13 5 adults, 4 broods of 3
+ 2 + 2 + 1 24-May SC

SCOPOLI'S (CORY'S) SHEARWATER

Calonectris diomedea Πελαγόμουχος

Cape Pyla 1 21-May BB

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax*

aristotelis Θαλασσοκόρακας

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 on shipwreck 16-May PBe
Kensington Cliffs 4 2 & 13-May JN/LAC
Kensington Cliffs 1 7-May RAT
Kensington Cliffs 8 16-May LAC
Kensington Cliffs 2 ad.juv 18-May CR
Kensington Cliffs 6 21-May JS
Lady's Mile 1 13-May LAC
Mandria 1 ad 20-May CR

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus*

onocrotalus Ροδοπελεκάνος

Limassol Sea Front 1 Appeared to be wild. Flying freely around area. Videoed. 4-May HCo

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus*

Ναυορωδιός



Little Bittern, Phassouri Reed Beds, 9th May. Photograph: Stavros Christodoulides.

Agia Varvara 2 m,f 31-May CR
Akhna Dam 1 4-May AKe
Akhna Dam 2 6-May RAT
Akrotiri 1 9-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 male. Road from Sylvana's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
Aspro Dam 1 11 & 19-May LAC
Ezousas River (Acheleia) 1 11-May DJW
Finikaria 1 15-May ADT
Lymbia Dam 1 18-May MH
Paralimni Lake 1 15-May FGe
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 female 2-May TRE
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 male 4 & 8-May TRE
Phassouri Reed-beds 2+ 1 male, 1 female + 6-May SC with A P Leventis
Phassouri Reed Beds 6 One carrying food 7-May JoB/PE
Phassouri Reed-beds 4+ 3 males, 1 female + 9-May SC
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 1 male, 2 females 16-May SC
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 pair chasing, breeding? 18-May CR
Phassouri Reed Beds 5 25-May PBe
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 2m, 1f. Different locations, one disturbed from reeds, other distant flying over reeds. Surely X pairs breeding? 29-May CR
Polis Reedbeds 2 5-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 1 21-May BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 9 & 13-May
ME/SC/APL/LAC

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON



Black-crowned Night Heron, Paphos Forest, 7th May. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Agia Anna riverbed 1 24-May SC
Agia Varvara 1 2cy 31-May CR
Akhna Dam 4 incl. 1 juvenile 29-May
AKE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 Flying over 8-May
PBe
Aspro Dam 1 19-May LAC
Ayia Napa Sewage Works 4 In off the sea
10-May ME
Bishop's Pool 8 5 adults and three
immature 5-May PBe/AG
Evretou Dam 3 5, 6, 9 & 16-May
JS/TRe/SMM/CR
Ezousas River (Acheleia) 2 11-May DJW
Genagra area, Mesaoria 1 12-May
PBe/AG
Kouklia Lake 1 Adult 16 & 29-May ME
Lymbia Dam 1 18-May MH
Oroklini Marsh 1 8-May JoB/PE
Pareklissia 18 flying near motorway at
dusk, seemed mostly ads. 12-May CR
Phassouri Reed Beds 25 flew over
heading N inc a flock of 17 7-May
AG
Polemida Dam 3 immatures 28-May PBe
Tamassos Dam 1 2-May MH

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*
Βορτακοφάγος



Squacco Heron, Asprokremmos Dam, 12th May. Photograph: Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 13 24-May ME
Cape Aspro/Pissouri 13 resting in beach
vegetation 9-May PBe/AG
Evretou Dam 12 5-May JS
Kato Paphos 13 8-May AWM
Larnaca Airport pools 17 5-May RAT
Phassouri Reed Beds 19+ 20-May AG
Phinikas 12 12-May DJW

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Largest counts and interesting records:

Frenaros 67 8-May AKE
Fresh Water Lake South c200 c200 Active
Nests 7-May ME
Fresh Water Lake South c200 Nests all
with well-developed Chicks 24-May ME
Oroklini Marsh 109 8-May JoB/PE
Oroklini Marsh c100 many on nests 29-
May SC

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη



Little Egret, Asprokremmos Dam, 12th May. Photograph: Dave Walker

Largest counts and interesting records:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 16-May JN
Fresh Water Lake South 1 1 Active Nest
with Eggs 7-May ME
Fresh Water Lake South 2 Pair with
Chicks 24-May ME
Kouklia Lake 12+ 12-May PBe/AG/MH
Lady's Mile 26 18-May JE
Oroklini Marsh 11 8-May MGr

Phasouri Reed-beds 12 9-May SC
Zakaki Marsh 26 18-May CR

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα
Akhna Dam 1 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29 & 30-
May ME/AKe/BB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 On shore with 5 Little
Egrets - size difference clear. 12-May
JS
Evretou reservoir 1 3-May RAT
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 6-May JoB/PE

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* Ψαροφάς
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 6 4 & 5-May AKe
Akrotiri 15 5-May JoB/PE
Evretou Dam 7 15-May CR
Ezousas River (Acheleia) 11 Circling with
1 Night Heron 11-May DJW
Kouklia Lake 6 inc 2 juvs 26-May ME

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*
Πορφυρός Ψαροφάς



*Purple Heron, Germasogeia Dam, 22nd May.
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts and ringing records:
Akhna Dam 18 11-May ME
Akrotiri 13 8-May JoB/PE
Ezousas River (Acheleia) 15 Flying NW
11-May DJW
Kato Paphos 26 flying N 12.20pm 8-May
AWM
Kissonerga 25 flying N 9.35am 6-May
AWM
Mandria 50 Lifted from corn field 3-May
ADT
Phassouri Reed Beds 45 5-May JoB/PE
Polis Reedbeds 1 14-May BCRS

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra*
Μαυροπελαργός
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 flew in from coast
07.45 and landed to rear of Reedbeds 11-
May PBe/AG

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Largest counts and interesting records:

Akhna Dam 110 19-May AKe
Fresh Water Lake South 4 2 Active Nests
7-May ME
Fresh Water Lake South 6 3 Pairs with
Chicks 24-May ME
Kouklia Lake c120 14-May ME
Phassouri Reed-beds c60 including a flock
of c25 flying over 2-May SC

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea
leucorodia* Κουταλάς



*Eurasian Spoonbill, Spiros Pool, 16th May.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1 & 18-May PBe/CR
Kouklia Lake 4 10-May ME
Kouklia Lake 1 12-May PBe/AG/MH
Paralimni Lake 2 15-May FGe
Spiros Pool 1 16-May JS

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus
roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Max count per location and interesting
records:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 820 all ads, in 3 groups.
One distant group of 50+ head-flagging,
breeding behaviour? 29-May CR
Cape Greco Sea Caves c110 Flying East
at 0900 23-May ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta c80 12-May
PBe/AG/MH
Lady's Mile c150 circling over 9-May SC
Larnaca Airport Pools North c50 1-May
SC
Larnaca Airport Pools South 80 including
1 melanistic 30-May FGe
Larnaca Salt Lake 307 including
melanistic bird 15-May JS
Spiros Pool c20 1-May SC

LESSER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus minor*

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 Adult 12, 14, 16, 25 & 29-May PBe/AG/MH/ME/GKo
First record for Cyprus. Bird thought to have been present from at least 8th May.

GADWALL *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 3 12-May
PBe/AG/MH

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσελί

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 10 & 12-May
ME/PBe/AG/MH

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοζέφαλη

Largest and interesting counts:

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 50+ Inc many

Ducklings 26-May ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 18 18 adults plus

16 older young and 12 ducklings with one female 15-May JS

Oroklini Marsh c25 29-May SC

Phassouri Reed Beds 7 inc f with four

young 11-May PBe/AG

Zakaki Marsh 11 one female with 4 chicks, and another female and 5 males 2-May JN

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 male 12-May

PBe/AG/MH

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

Μασουρατζής

Evretou Dam 1 2 & 6-May VP/TRe

Evretou Dam 2 9-May SMM

Kouklia Lake 1 Drake 10-May ME

Kouklia Lake 1+ one with 4 small duck

prob same spp 12-May PBe/AG/MH

Oroklini Marsh 1 Drake 6-May ME

Oroklini Marsh 2 pair 8-May MGR

Oroklini Marsh 3 one male 9-May JoB/PE

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Σαζάνα

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 Drake 29-

May ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15-May JS

Neapolis Pond 1 Drake 24-May ME

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κορσινοζέφαλη

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 Drake 10-

May ME

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 6 Fem with 5

Ducklings 26-May ME

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 Pair 29-May
ME

Oroklini Marsh 1 6-May RAT

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Κοντούρα

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 Drake 26-
May ME

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια

Max count per location:

Bishop's Pool 10 ads 18-May CR

Fresh Water Lake South 2 Pair 24-May

ME

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 4 12-May

PBe/AG/MH

Neapolis Pond 2 Pair 24-May ME

Phassouri Reed-beds 7 possibly more as

4 (including 2 females) together seen twice, then 3 together then 5 males together seen

3 times 2-May JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 2, 6, 13 & 18-May

JN/SC/APL/LAC

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis*

apivorus Μελισσοσιάχινο



Pernis sp, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 16th May.

Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 16-May SC

Cape Greco 1 9-May JS

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5-May JoB/PE

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 9-May JoB/PE

Phassouri 2 Two males over plantations

near Cat Home circling up being mobbed

by Hoodies at 9.20am 16-May JS

Souni 1 20-May JN

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps*

fulvus Γύπας

Episkopi Garrison 1 11-May JN

Kensington Cliffs 1 9, 18 & 27-May

JoB/PE/CR/TRe

Kensington Cliffs 4 12-May CP
Kensington Cliffs 3 16-May LAC
Kensington Cliffs 2 21-May JS
Paramali 1 tag on right wing, but number
not seen as driving 1-May MGR

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus*

aeruginosus Βαλτοσιάχινο
Akhna Dam 1 11, 12, 14 & 15-May
ME/AKe/BB
Akrotiri Gravel Pit 1 7-May RAT
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6 & 9-May
ME/SC/APL
Evretou reservoir 1 3-May RAT
Finikaria 1 15-May ADT
Karpas Peninsular 1 9-May ADT
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 3 Fems 10-May
ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 12, 16 & 26-
May PBe/AG/MH/ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 14 & 29-May
ME
Lemba, Paphos 1 9-May MSS
Mesaoria plain 1 12-May MH
Paralimni Lake 1 15-May FGe
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 2, 7 & 12-May
SC/AG/JoB/PE/JS
Phassouri Reed-beds 4 2 females and 2
distant birds 9-May JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 leaving roost 11-
May PBe/AG
Polis, Paphos 1 2-May RAT

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*

Ασπροσιάχινο
Anarita Park 5 all females, group of 3 and
group of 2 4-May LAC
Cape Greco 1 Female gaining height over
Environmental Centre 9-May JS
Mesaoria plain 1 12-May MH

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*

Καμποσιάχινο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 imm male 11, 12 &
28-May PBe/AG/JS/ADT
Mesaoria plain 1 12-May MH
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 ring tail 20-May
AG

Harrier spp: Akrotiri 1 Brief views of ringtail
probably pallid 10-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Agios Georgios
Church 10-May PBe
Anarita Park 1 3-May DJW
Anarita Park 1 4-May PBe/AG

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο
Theletra Gorge 1 prob male, called and
flew out of gorge, circled and mobbed by
Jackdaws for an hour 15-May CR
Troodos IBA survey area 2 pair 19-May
PBe

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter*

nisus Τζικλοσιάχινο
Akrotiri 1 10-May JoB/PE

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Σιαχινολάγουδο
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 2 24-May CP/PPa
Anarita Park 1 4-May LAC
Armou Hills 1 15, 18 & 23-May CR
Frenaros 1 7-May AKe
Frenaros 2 29-May AKe
Goudhi 1 3 & 24-May RAT
Kamares (Tala) 1 26-May DJW
Kathikas 2 9-May DJW
Kathikas 1 15-May DJW
Marathounta 1 30-May CR
Marathounta Valley CBC 1 ad, flew in and
perched on hillside 24-May CR
Minthos Hills 2 pair 26-May CR
Omodhos 1 maybe two 21-May JS
Omodos - Koilani 10km survey area 1 26-
May PBe
Oroklini 1 6-May RAT
Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 8-May JoB/PE
Panagia Stazousa SPA 2 14-May JS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
1 mobbed by 2 Magpies 25-May JN
Phinikas 1 12-May DJW
Souni 1 perched in a bare pine top on
ridge opposite and mobbed by Hooded
Crows 4-May JN
Theletra Gorge 2 pair 15-May CR
Theletra 5 inc 2 adults in area 15-May
DJW
Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 5-May JS
Vavatsinia 1 23-May FGe
Vretsia to Galataria 1 9-May LAC

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Aquila*

romarina Φλυαρογεράκα
Polis – Akamas 1 14-May Psa

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Περπικοσιάχινο
Agios Therapon 2 adults soaring together
over valley 29-May JN
Drouseia 1 10-May RAT

Evretou Dam 1 5, 6 & 9-May
 JS/TRe/SMM
 Ezousas Valley 2 15-May PBe/AG
 Moni, side of motorway 1 juvenile 6-May
 SC with A P Leventis
 Mosfiloti 1 24-May SC
 Stroumpi 1 adult circling over valley of
 Stroumpi to Tsada road 11-May JN
 Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 2 30-May
 CP/PPa

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός
 Kannaviou Dam 1 7-May DJW
 Tamassos Dam 1 16.30pm flew in from
 SW and spend rest of evening around dam
 attempting to catch fish 2-May PBe

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*
 Κικρινιέζι
 Anarita Park 14 3-May DJW
 Anarita Park 1 male note circa 30 female
 kestrel sp also present 4-May LAC
 Anarita Park 1 male 11-May LAC
 Cape Greco 2 Gaining height near new
 Environmental Centre 9-May JS
 Evretou Dam 1 Male. Unusual location 5-
 May JS
 Kivisili 3 10-May JS

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*
 Κίτρως



Common Kestrel, Anarita Park, 3rd May.
 Photograph: Dave Walker

Largest counts, ringing records and
 interesting reports:
 Ayioi Trimithias CBMS T123 7 4 adults
 and one nest with 3 young 9-May CP/PPa
 Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca
 M06 Atlas Square 6 15-May JS
 Frenaros 25 8-May AKe
 Ha Potami IBA survey area 6 inc 4 in a
 family group 18-May PBe/AG
 Polis Chrysochou 4 28-May BCBS

Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 6
 inc active nest with 2 young being fed by
 adults 27-May PBe

Kestrel spp: Anarita Park 23 many were
 Lesser but not sure of all 4-May PBe/AG

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*
 Μαυροφάλκονο



Red-footed Falcon, Anarita Park, 30th May.
 Photograph: Paul Curry

Akrotiri Salt lake 1 28-May ADT
 Akrotiri village 1 adult male on wires by
 salt lake 26, 27 & 28-May PBe
 Akrotiri village 2M 31-May JE
 Anarita Park 2 4-May RAT
 Anarita Park 3 10-May RAT
 Anarita Park 4 11-May DJW
 Anarita Park 10+ Could not verify exact
 number as perched further away and mixed
 in with some kestrels 30-May PCu
 Kivisili 1 Male 10-May JS
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 27 & 29-May
 TRe/CR

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Δενδροφάλκονο
 Anarita Park 1 4-May LAC
 Arodhes 1 4 & 24-May DJW
 Arodhes, Paphos 1 24-May DJW
 Drouseia 1 Outside village on road to
 Pittokopos 2-May JS
 Kamares (Tala) 1 7, 27, 30 & 31-May
 DJW
 Kamares (Tala) 2 19 & 29-May DJW
 Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
 1 hunting hirundines 25-May JN
 Paralimni Lake 1 15-May FGe
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 7-May AG
 Souni 1 14 & 30-May JN
 Trimithousa (Nr Evretou) 2 24-May DJW

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonorae*
 Μαυρομύτης
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 12-May PBe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Put up a large flock of White-winged Tern on southern edge of Lake 16-May JS/JN
Akrotiri village 1 in evening 19-May PBe
Bishop's Pool 4 5-May PBe/AG
Bishop's Pool 3 together 9-May JN
Cape Aspro/Pissouri 6 9-May PBe/AG
Finikaria (Germasogeia) to Kyparissa Trail 1 24-May PBe
Kantou Kouris Cliffs 1 15-May ADT
Kensington Cliffs 13 2-May JN
Kensington Cliffs 12 9-May JoB/PE
Kensington Cliffs 10 12 & 21-May CP/JS
Kensington Cliffs 6 13-May LAC
Kensington Cliffs 6+ 16-May LAC
Kensington Cliffs 5 18-May CR
Kensington Cliffs 2 27-May TRe
Omodos - Koilani 10km survey area 3 26-May PBe
Pachna Vineyard Valley 2 21-May JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 1, 2, 9 & 21 -May JN/PBe
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 one seen to pursue and catch wader possible Wood Sandpiper 11-May PBe/AG
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 16-May JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 7 circling and hovering over a meadow for 2 hours, 1 Red-foot with them 29-May CR
Secret Valley Golf Course area 1 1-May JN
Souni 1 hunting and chasing Barn Swallows 19-May JN
Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 5 singles and a pair headed N 27-May PBe

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Τζόνος
Arodhes 1 5-May JS
Cape Drepanum 1 heading inland from Geronisos 9-May PBe/AG
Episkopi Rock 2 6-May TRe
Episkopi Rock 2 juveniles 22-May SC with A P Leventis
Kidasi 1 stooping to nest site 27-May CR
Oroklini Hills 2 ?breeding pair 31-May BB

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περδίκι

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 30 adults & young 27-May AKe
Frenaros 30 adults & young 17-May AKe
Panayia, Agios Therapon 16 29-May JN
Polemídia Dam 10 inc pair with 7 fledged young 28-May PBe

Souni 13 28-May JN

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus*

francolinus Φραγκολίνα
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca M06 Atlas Square 5 Calling males 15-May JS
Frenaros 10 in song 17-May AKe
Phassouri Reed-beds 5 4 calling, 1 fem seen 18-May CR
Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 6 calling males 27-May PBe

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3-May PBe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 Heard 14-May DJW
Mesaoria plain 1 12-May MH
Peristerona (T102) 1 10-May CP/PPa

BAILLON'S CRAKE *Porzana pusilla*

Βαλοπούλλαδα
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 6-May JoB/PE

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετεινάρο
Bishop's Pool 20 incl juvs 18-May CR
Fresh Water Lake South c20 7-May ME
Paralimni Lake 10 10-May AKe
Phassouri Reed-beds c10 6 & 9-May SC with A P Leventis
Zakaki Marsh 11 9-May JN

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπαπάς

Largest counts:
Bishop's Pool 24 15 juvs 18-May CR
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1200+ 26-May ME
Oroklini Marsh c60 including young of various ages 29-May SC
Paralimni Lake 60 adults & young 10 & 17-May AKe

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός

Souni 2 at least heard calling as flying from S over our home heading N/NW 3-May JN

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus*

himantopus Καλαμοκανός
Largest counts and interesting records:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 40 Near Zakaki outflow 16-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 21+ numerous pairs, several seen mobbing what turned out to be

a Hooded Crow which flew off with egg in bill 27-May PBe
Kouklia Lake 80+ 26-May ME
Larnaca Salt lake 30 including 2 on nest and 2 chicks 30-May FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 20 8-May JS
Neapolis Pond 34 24-May ME
Oroklini Marsh 20 13 nests 8-May JoB/PE

EUROPEAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus oedicnemus* Τρουλλουριίδα
Achelia 1 4-May RAT
Alassa - Kouris 10km survey area 1
Nocturnal survey 14-May PBe/AG
Aspro Dam, Finikas end 2 1-May LAC
Athalassa Park 1 heard only 14-May SC
Ay Nik (ESBA) 2 Heard 1-May ME
Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Heard 20-May ME
Ay Nik (ESBA) 4 Heard 31-May ME
Cape Greco Pines 1 10-May ME
Frenaros 3 pairs 10-May AKE
Kivisili Fields 2 1-May SC
Kouklia, Paphos 1 6-May LAC
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 16-May ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 5 & 14-May RAT/ME/JS
Mandria 1 Heard in fields 10-May RAT
Spiros Pool 1 Flew over calling 10-May JS

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola pratincola* Νεροχελίδα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 1-May PBe
Akhna Dam 8 5-May AKE
Akhna Dam 3 7-May ME
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8-May JoB/PE
Akhna Dam 2 9-May ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 6 9-May ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 6 3 Adults and 3 juvs (flightless) - probably 2 pairs with 2 chicks each 26-May ME (Possible second record of this species breeding in Cyprus. First was in 1913 when five nests with eggs reported Fresh Water Lake, Famagusta – Ed).
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 5 Adults 29-May ME
Larnaca Airport Coast 41 Circling in over sea and moving inland where appeared to land in fields. 8-May JS
Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 Sitting in ploughed area of field 10-May JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 flew past 16-May CR
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 2-May JN

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμιδι
Akhna Dam 2 10-May BB
Akhna Dam 1 11-May ME
Akhna Dam 1 15-May BB
Lady Mile 1 9-May MGR
Paralimni Lake 5 15-May FGe

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμιδι
Max count per location:
Akhna Dam 11 13-May ME
Akrotiri Pits 2 16-May JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake c10 9 & 12-May SC/JS
Lady's Mile 16 12-May JS
Larnaca Airport Pool North 42 14-May ME
Larnaca Salt Lake 7 15-May JS
Spiros Beach 1 20-May JS
Spiros Pool 15 15-May JS

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* Πλουμιδι
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 30 numerous active pairs, distraction displays etc, 2 young seen 16-May PBe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 30 18-May CR
Lady's Mile Marshes c30 including 1 chick 6-May SC with A P Leventis
Larnaca Airport Pool North 3 14-May ME
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 15-May JS
Paralimni Lake 2 15-May FGe
Silver Beach 3 24-May ME
Spiros Beach 20 20-May JS
Spiros Pool 11 plus two juveniles in different areas 15-May JS

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμιδι



Greater Sand Plover, Agia Thekla, 15th May.
Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Agia Thekla 1 15-May FGe
Spiros Pool 1 16-May BB

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Larnaca salt lake 1 12-May FGe

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus**spinus* Πελλοκατερίνα

Max count per location and interesting reports:

Akhna Dam 9 7 & 19-May ME

Akhna Dam 5 1 Pair - 4 Chicks // 1 Pair - 1 - 1 Chick 28-May ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake, Zakaki runoff c25 9-May SC

Aradippou Surry Pits 2 24-May SC

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 23-May ME

Ezousias River (Acheleia) 2 11-May DJW

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 10, 12 & 26-May ME/PBe/AG/MH

Lady's Mile Marshes c5 9-May SC

Larnaca salt lake 12 30-May FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works pools 6 12-May ADT

Leivadia 6 At Jumbo Drainage Canal. Two seen mating, 15-May JS

Neapolis Pond 2 24-May ME

Oroklini Marsh 16 9-May JoB/PE

Paphos Sewage Plant 9 16 & 31-May CR

Paralimni Lake 30 incl. 10 chicks 10 & 17-May AKe

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 16-May LAC/JS/JN

Spiros Beach 4 1-May SC

Spiros Pool surroundings 3 1 on nest in field in front of Spyros Pool, with 2 eggs 1-May SC

Zakaki Marsh 6 2-May JN

RED KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Διπλονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 1 16-May JE

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Ασπρονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1 & 4-May PBe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Winter Plumage 6-May ME

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 37 18-May ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake 180+ 4-May PBe

Lady's Mile Marshes c40 6-May SC with A P Leventis

Spiro's Pool c500 14-May ME

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

Στρουθονεραλλίδι

*Temminck's Stint, Zakaki Marsh, 6th May.*

Photograph: Ray Atkinson

Akhna Dam 2 7, 11, 12 & 18-May ME

Akhna Dam 7 9-May ME

Akhna Dam 1 10 & 19-May BB/ME

Akhna Dam 4 13-May ME

Evretou Dam 1 small stint seen by Dave

Walker, I heard call! 15-May CR

Lady's Mile 6 7-May JE

Larnaca Airport Pool North 1 14-May ME

Nata Ford 1 4-May PBe/AG

Spiros Pool 2 15-May JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 16, 18 & 21-May ME/SC/APL/LAC/JS/RAT

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

Κορσινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 19 19-May ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake 38 18-May CR

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 12-May PBe/AG/MH

Lady's Mile Marshes 2 6-May SC with A P Leventis

Larnaca Airport Pool North 31 14-May ME

Larnaca Salt Lake 9 15-May JS

Spiro's Pool 29 14-May ME

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Near Zakaki outflow 16-May JS

Lady's Mile 1 Breeding Plumage 6-May ME

Lady's Mile 2 9-May JN

Oroklini Marsh 3 8-May MGR

Paralimni Lake 2 15-May FGe

Spiros Pool 5 All in breeding plumage 10-May JS

Spiro's Pool 2 14-May ME

Spiros Pool 1 15-May JS

Spiros Pool 4 16-May JS

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Limicola**falcinellus* Πικασονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1-May PBe

Lady's Mile 2 Assuming Breeding

Plumage 6-May ME

Larnaca Airport Pool North 2 14-May ME

Spiros Pool 1 7, 10 & 15-May JS

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής

Ruff, Spiros Pool, 15th May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 100 12-May JS

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta c200 10-May ME

Larnaca salt lake 120 12-May FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 46 15-May JS

Spiro's Pool c120 14-May ME

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόνι

Akhna Dam 1 29-May AKe

Evretou Dam 2 15-May DJW

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 2-May TRe

Phassouri Reed Beds 3 7-May JoB/PE

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 8, 11 & 29-May

TRe/PBe/AG/CR

Polis Reedbeds 1 14-May BCRS

GREAT SNIPE *Gallinago media*

Διπλοπικιάτσονο

Akhna Dam 1 27-May AKe

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Βαλτομπεκάτσα

Akhna Dam 1 Non-Breeding Plumage 19-May ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 br. Plum 18-May CR

Oroklini Marsh 1 8-May JoB/PE

Spiros Pool 4 7-May JS

Spiros Pool 3 9 & 10-May JS

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*

Λατινική Βαλτομπεκάτσα

Lady's Mile 2 1 adult breeding plumage, 1

adult non-breeding plumage 2 & 4-May

SC/FGe/JN/TRe

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδα



Spotted Redshank, Agia Varvara, 5th May. Photograph by Dave Walker

Agia Varvara 1 3 & 5-May DJW/JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 br. plum 18-May CR

Spiros Beach Floods 1 1-May SC

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Φλυαρονεραλλίδα

Akhna Dam 1 25-May ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 1 13-May LAC

Evretou Dam 6 9-May SMM

Larnaca Airport Pools North 2 16-May BB

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδα

Lady's Mile 2 4 & 6-May TRe/SC/APL

Lady's Mile 1 7 & 13-May TRe/RAT/LAC

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa**nebularia* Στακτονεραλλίδα

Akhna Dam 1 12, 13 & 15-May ME/BB

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8-May JoB/PE

Lady's Mile 2 2 & 6-May SC/APL

Lady's Mile 3 4, 166 & 18-May

TRe/JE/CR

Lady's Mile 1 7 & 9-May TRe/SC

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 5-May RAT

Nata Ford 2 4-May PBe/AG

Oroklini Marsh 1 8-May JoB/PE

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Πρασινεραλλίδα

Aspro Dam 1 11-May LAC

Chrysochou 2 3-May RAT

Evretou Dam 1 2 & 3-May VP/RAT

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 7-May JoB/PE

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Δασονεραλλίδα



Wood Sandpiper, Asprokremmos Dam, 12th May. Photograph: Dave Walker

After 140 records received for this species in April, 107 were received for May. Largest counts and ringing records below:

Akhna Dam 46 7-May ME

Evretou Dam 11 15-May CR

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 30+ 12-May PBe/AG/MH

Phassouri Reed Beds 16 12-May JS

Polis Reedbeds 2 11 & 16-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 1 18-May BCRS

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Μικρονεραλλίδα



Common Sandpiper, Lady's Mile, 1st May. Photograph: John East

Agia Varvara 1 3 & 5-May DJW/JS

Akhna Dam 1 6 & 11-May ME

Akhna Dam 2 10 & 12-May BB

Akhna Dam 3 14-May AKe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6-May ME

Evretou Dam 3 5-May JS

Evretou Dam 4 15-May CR

Evretou Dam 2 15-May DJW

Karpas Peninsular 1 9-May ADT

Lady's Mile 1 1, 6 & 7-May JE/TRe

Lady's Mile 3 4-May TRe

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 8-May JS

Nata, Paphos 1 11-May DJW

Oroklini Marsh 1 6 & 8-May

ME/RAt/JoB/PE

Phinikas 1 12-May DJW

Zakaki Marsh 1 6-May SC with A P Leventis

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Βραχονεραλλίδα



Ruddy Turnstone, Lady's Mile, 16th May. Photograph by John East

Lady's Mile 1 16-May JE

Paphos Lighthouse 2 25-May CR

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE *Phalaropus*

lobatus Λιμνονεραλλίδα

Spiros Pool 1 8 & 10-May JS

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Ληστόγλαρος

Lady's Mile 1 seen at 16.35. Details submitted 21-May PBe
(Possible 4th record for Cyprus)

LITTLE GULL *Larus minutus* Νανόγλαρος



Little Gull, Lady's Mile, 4th May. Photograph: Tony Reeves

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1w 6-May ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake, Zakaki runoff 1

immature 9-May SC

Lady's Mile 4 1, 2 & 4-May

JE/FGe/SC/TRe

Lady's Mile 2 5, 6 & 8-May JE/TRe

Lady's Mile 1 9, 12 & 16-May
SC/JS/JN/LAC
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 10 & 14-May
JS/ME
Spiros Pool 1 8-May JS

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus* Χωραφόγλαρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 28-May ADT
Lady's Mile 1 2, 4, 5, 6, 12 & 16-May
SC/JS/JE

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*
Ροδόγλαρος



Slender-billed Gull, Lady's Mile, 1st May.
Photograph: John East

Akrotiri Salt Lake, Zakaki runoff 3 9-May
SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 10-May PBe
Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 15 13-
May LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 12 16-
May LAC/JS/JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 18-May CR
Lady's Mile 4 1-May JE/FGe
Lady's Mile 1 adult non-breeding plumage
2-May SC
Larnaca Sewage Works pools 1 12-May
ADT
Spiros Pool 1 1 & 9-May SC/JS

AUDOIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*
Νησόγλαρος
Agia Thekla 1 15-May FGe
Lady's Mile 2 2CY birds 1-May FGe

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*
Μελανόγλαρος
Karpas Peninsular 5 flying N. past the
point 9-May ADT
Kensington Cliffs 1 Flying close to cliffs
21-May JS
Lady's Mile 1 1, 2, 4 & 6-May FGe/
SC/JN/JE/TRe/APL

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis* Χιντιανόγλαρος
Largest counts:
Agia Varvara 35 high over rubbish dump
31-May CR
Asprokremmos Dam 25 14-May CR
Cape Drepanum 50+ Colony on
Geronisos Island 9-May PBe/AG
Clapsides Beach 43 15-May ME

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans*
Κασπικός Γλάρος
Lady Mile 6 1 adult, 5 juvenile 9-May
MGr
Lady's Mile 1 juv 18-May CR

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*
Αρμενικός Γλάρος
Lady's Mile 5 1-May FGe
Lady's Mile 4 4-May TRe
Lady's Mile 1 7, 8 & 9-May
TRe/RAt/TRe/SC
Lady's Mile 2 1st summers 16, 18 & 21-
May SC/CR/JS
Lady's Mile 1+ 1st summer 22-May SC
with A P Leventis
Zakaki Marsh 1 16-May JN

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*
Γελογλάρονο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 4 & 16-May
PBe/AG/JS/LAC/JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake, Zakaki runoff c6+ 6-May
SC with A P Leventis
Akrotiri Salt Lake, Zakaki runoff 3 9-May
SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 22-May SC with A P
Leventis
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 ad 29-May CR
Koukklia Lake, Famagusta 1 14 & 26-May
ME
Koukklia Lake, Famagusta 2 16-May ME
Lady's Mile Marshes 1 16-May SC
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 15-May JS
Neapolis Pond 1 15-May ME
Silver Beach 1 15-May ME
Zakaki Marsh 2 18-May JN

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*
Χειμωνογλάρονο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-May FGe

LITTLE TERN *Sterna albifrons* Γλαρόνι



Little Tern, Larnaca Salt Lake, 12th May.
Photograph: Filippos Georgiades

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 14 16-May LAC/JS/JN
Lady's Mile 3 4-May TRe
Larnaca salt lake 24 1 pair seen mating 12-May FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 7-May JS
Meneou Beach 1 15-May JS
Oroklini Beach 1 6, 19 & 23-May BB/SC
Oroklini Marsh 3 17-May JS
Silver Beach 1 15 & 24-May ME
Spiros Beach 2 1-May SC
Spiros Pool 2 8-May JS
Zakaki Marsh 20 18-May JN

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida*

Λιμνογλάρονο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 4-May PBe
Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 2 13-May LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 1 16-May LAC/JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 14 18-May CR
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 14-May ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 3 26-May ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 6 29-May ME
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1 & 8-May SC/JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 10 & 15-May JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 12-May ADT
Neapolis Pond 1 24-May ME

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

Μαυρογλάρονο

Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 1 13-May LAC

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias*

leucopterus Ασπρογλάρονο



White-winged Tern, Asprokremmos Dam, 12th May.
Photograph: Dave Walker

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 3-May DJW
Akhna Dam 2 14-May AKE
Akrotiri Salt Lake c100 Three near Zakaki outflow. Others in distance and at one stage put up high by two Eleonora's Falcon and were seen clearly to be this species. 16-May JS/JN
Argaka Dam 1 Feeding by dam wall 15-May RAT
Asprokremnos Dam 10 10-May RAT
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta c30 14 & 16-May ME
Larnaca Salt lake 4 12-May FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 25+ 14-May ME
Mandria 4 14-May BDU
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 9, 12, 14 & 15-May DJW/BDU
Oroklini Marsh 3 17-May JS
Paralimni Lake 2 10-May AKE
Paralimni Lake 2 15-May FGe
Phinikas 9 12-May DJW
Zakaki Marsh 12 18-May JN

BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE

Pterocles orientalis Πουρτάλλα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 M&F 1-May FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 in flight together 2-May JN

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο

Bishop's Pool 2 9-May JN
Evretou Dam Present 3-May RAT
Finikaria (Germasogeia) to Kyparissa trail 12 flock 24-May PBe
Karpas Peninsular 2 9-May ADT
Kensington Cliffs 8 2-May JN
Kensington Cliffs 6 12-May CP
Petra tou Romiou 6 4-May AWM
Phasouri Reed-beds 7 flew over 18-May CR

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba**palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 20 5-May JS
 Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
 (H05) 20 24-May CP/PPa
 Aspro Dam Canal 50 14-May CR
 Evretou Dam 50 15-May DJW
 Peristerona, Paphos 20 24-May DJW

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνη

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 30 19-May AKe
 Frenaros 86 17-May AKe
 Vrysoulles 30 23-May AKe

EURASIAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia**turtur* Τρυγόνι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 26 Road from Sylvana's
 to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
 Ayia Napa Sewage Works 10+ 5-May ME
 Cape Greco Pines 11 8-May ME
 Genagra area, Mesaoria c30 flushed from
 roost in a copse 12-May PBe/AG
 Phassouri Reed Beds 45 7-May JoB/PE

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia**senegalensis* Φοινικοτρύγωνα

Laughing Dove, Ayia Napa Sewage Works, 9th May. Photograph: Jane Stylianou

Ayia Napa Football Pitches Housing Estate
 2 8-May ME
 Ayia Napa Sewage Works 2 Pair on wires
 near house close to main road 9-May JS
 New Limassol Harbour 1 6-May SC with
 A P Leventis

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO*Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά

Great Spotted Cuckoo, Anarita Park, 30th May. Photograph: Paul Curry

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c4 16-May SC
 Anarita Park 7 Juveniles. Three were
 being harassed by flock of Jackdaws, 6
 ended up in one tree with their parent
 magpies fighting, possibly to sort out their
 own which were still being fed 30-May
 PCu
 Old Kivides village fire trail area 5 15-May
 JN
 Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
 6 1 juvenile with 1 Magpie and 1 with 2
 Magpies, others heard calling 25-May
 JN

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
 (H05) 1 24-May CP/PPa
 Akrotiri 2 9-May JoB/PE
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3-May PBe
 Artemis Trail, Troodos 1 calling 2-May
 PBe
 Kivisili Fields 1 female 1-May SC
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 7-May JoB/PE
 Souni 1 27-May JN
 Troodos Village 1 on Atalante Trail with
 distinct call, possibly same as bird in same
 are on 2nd May 20-May PBe

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Ανθρωποπούλλι

Akaki 5 chicks in nest 14-May SC
 Mandria Fields 2 1-May LAC
 Nikoklia 1 7-May LAC
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 after 2200 21-
 May PBe/AG
 Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 2
 Nocturnal survey 21-May PBe/AG

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουρί

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 3 23-May CP/PPa

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 1 24-May CP/PPa

Anavargos 1 12-May MSS

Artemis Trail, Troodos 1 calling at midday 2-May PBe

Ineia 1 28-May BCRS

Kamares (Tala) 1 Heard 30-May DJW

Kionia 2 3-May MH

Kouris - Alassa 10km survey area 1

Nocturnal survey 14-May PBe/AG

Lythrodontas 1 17-May FGe

Nicosia, Paedagogical Academy Park 1 heard only 14-May SC

Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 calling 8 & 17-May JoB/PE/JS

Pano Kividhes 8 27-May JN

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Unusual location for this species but heard calling on two separate occasions while there for over an hour 12-May JS

Prastio: Diatigos valley 1 heard calling around our home and the carob grove opposite 20-May JN

Souni 1 2 & 18-May JN

Souni 2 3-May JN

Troodos IBA survey area 1 calling at 1100 19-May PBe

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 13 25-May CP/PPa

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Κουκουφιός



Little Owl, Agia Varvara, 5th May. Photograph: Dave Walker

Largest counts:

Nata, Paphos 3 12-May DJW

Pano Kividhes 4 one seen on wires, others heard calling 27-May JN

Vrysoulles 8 (6 juveniles) 11-May AKe

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

Αρκόθουπος

Athalassa Park 1 adult with prey 14-May SC

Mandria Fields 2 Probably this species 4-May LAC

Mandria Fields 1 10-May LAC/RAT

Pano Kividhes 2 27-May JN

Strakka, Nicosia 1 Heard only - young bird calling 20-May MH

Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 6 2 adults/4 young. Breeding confirmed two locations (juveniles calling). Nocturnal survey 21-May PBe/AG

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus**europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 8 23-May CP/PPa

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 1 24-May CP/PPa

Anavargos 2 12-May MSS

Kouris - Alassa 10km survey area 2

Nocturnal survey 14-May PBe/AG

Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 calling 8-May JoB/PE

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 2 heard 25-May JN

Pano Kividhes 8 27-May JN

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 4 25-May CP/PPa

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*

Πετροχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 131 24-May CP/PPa

Akhna Dam 100 4-May AKe

Avgorou 150 19-May AKe

Ay Nik (ESBA) c200 24-May ME

Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca M06 Atlas Square 210 15-May JS

Frenaros 160 17-May AKe

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 117 25-May JN

Phassouri Reed Beds 200+ feeding over marsh 11-May PBe/AG

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχελίδονο

Akhna Dam 2 19-May AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-May SC

Artemis Trail, Troodos 2+ 2-May PBe

Kato Paphos 10 8-May AWM

Lady's Mile Marshes c5 6-May SC with A P Leventis

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 18-May CR
Troodos 1 25-May BCRS
Troodos IBA survey area 16+ including a flock of 12 at nesting colony in a building.
Another pair seen leaving a cavity in a pine tree 19-May PBe

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*
Ασπροπετροχειλίδονο
Anarita Park 3 4-May RAT
Aspro Dam 3 15-May LAC
Cape Aspro/Pissouri 10+ 9-May PBe/AG
Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 Heading West
25-May ME
Ezousas River (Acheleia) 12 11-May
DJW
Kensington Cliffs 3 9-May JoB/PE
Kensington Cliffs 4 13-May LAC
Kensington Cliffs 14 16-May LAC
Kensington Cliffs 7 chasing, calling 18-
May CR
Kensington Cliffs 5 21-May JS
Nata Ford 10+ 4-May PBe/AG
Nikoklia 5 5-May LAC
Omodos 1 9-May JoB/PE
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 7 & 18-May
AG/CR
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 22 & 29-May
SC/APL/CR
Secret Valley Golf Course area 1 1-May
JN
Xtreme View, Diarizos 18 circling over,
hot, thunder in air 27-May CR

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*
Αλκούνη
Polis Reedbeds 1 11-May BCRS
Spiros Coast 1 1-May SC

BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER *Merops persicus* Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Agios Georgios
Church 2-May TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 flew over heading
north 8-May JoB/PE
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 flew over 20-May
AG

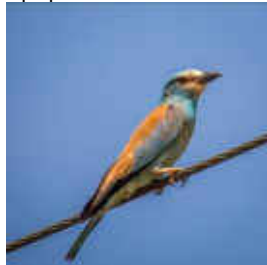
EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*
Μελισσοφάγος



European Bee-eater, Mavrokolympos Dam, 14th May. Photograph: Dave Walker

129 records received of this species for May. Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 40 25-May AKe
Akrotiri 80 10-May JoB/PE
Armou Hills 50 15-May CR
Arodhes 40 Circling and flying over road from Droushia to Arodhes 5-May JS
Goudhi 50 Sudden appearance of c50 over river 15-May RAT
Konia 103 pre-roost on wires across hillside 13-May CR
Old Kivides village fire trail area 52 15-May JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 50+ 20-May AG
Theletra Gorge 40 15-May CR
Vretsia to Galataria 43+ 9-May LAC

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*
Κράγκα



European Roller, Anarita Park, 4th May. Photograph: Ray Atkinson

Largest counts:
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
8 6 males, 1 female and 1 in flight 25-May
JN
Akhna Dam 6 27-May ME
Akoursos to Kathikas road 6 7-May LAC
Anarita Park 6 30-May PCu
Androlikou 7 14-May DJW

Ezousas Valley 9 15-May PBe/AG
Frenaros 12 11-May AKe
Karpas Peninsular 7 9-May ADT
Koutrafa 6 5-May MPa
Marathounta 7 2+ pairs 17-May CR
Panagia Stazousa SPA 6 17-May JS

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουΐγιος
Largest counts and interesting records:
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 3 24-May CP/PPa
Monashilakas Picnic Site 2 2 adults
feeding unknown number of chicks 7-May
DJW
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
10 25-May JN
Pyrga 4 17-May JS
Souni 17 14-May JN
Tsada north valley 2 1 carrying food,
other came out of nest site in hole at side of
track 26-May CR
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 4 30-May
CP/PPa

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι
Cape Greco Pines 1 5-May ME

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

calandra Μαυροτράσηλος
Genagra area, Mesaoria 32 12-May
PBe/AG/MH
Geri 6 9-May FGe
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 2 10-May ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 3 15-May ME
Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 Heard
singing 16-May JS
Perivolia 3 10-May JS

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK

Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασηλούδα
Cape Greco Sea Caves 1 23-May ME
Kato Paphos 2 8-May AWM
Kensington Cliffs 1 27-May TRE

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Σκορτσάλλος
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 100 adults & young 27-May
AKe
Cape Greco 14 Including two juveniles 9-
May JS
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca
M06 Atlas Square 24 15-May JS

Frenaros 334 adults & young 13-May
AKe
Genagra area, Mesaoria 24 12-May
PBe/AG
Larnaca salt lake 15 30-May FGe

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα
Agios Theodoros 7 all singing males 13-
May PBe/AG
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 8 24-May CP/PPa
Artemis Trail, Troodos 2 singing 2-May
PBe
Troodos IBA survey area 10 19-May PBe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 3 30-May
CP/PPa

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Βαλτοχελιδώνο
Agia Varvara 1 31-May CR
Akhna Dam 2 19-May AKe
Ayia Napa Sewage Works 3 12-May ME
Finikaria 4 15-May ADT
Kouklia, Paphos 1 12-May LAC
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 4 14-May ME
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 29-May ME
Neapolis Pond 2 15-May ME
Phassouri Reed Beds 2+ 7-May AG
Phassouri Reed Beds c90 passing 05.30-
0800 at least 11-May PBe/AG
Phasouri Reed-beds 10 18-May CR
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 22-May SC with A
P Leventis
Polis Reedbeds 1 21-May BCRS
Vavatsinia 80 23-May FGe
Zakaki Marsh 2 9-May JN
Zakaki Marsh 3 12 & 16-May JS
Zakaki Marsh 6 13-May LAC

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne*

rupestris Βραχοχελιδώνο
Troodos IBA survey area 1 over Troodos
Village 19-May PBe

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

161 records received. Largest counts and
ringing records:
Akhna Dam 500 adults & young 27-May
AKe
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca
M06 Atlas Square 260 Including five
juveniles on reeds at Livadia 15-May JS
Frenaros 872 adults & young 13-May
AKe

Goudhi, Paphos 100 Sudden appearance
on wires in village and river 19-May
RAT

Neapolis Pond c500 15-May ME
Paralimni Lake 300 17-May AKe
Polis Reedbeds 1 5-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 13 11-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 3 14-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 29 16-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 107 18-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 49 21-May BCRS
Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area
110 inc many juveniles 27-May PBe

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo daurica* Μιλτοχειλίδοιο



Red-rumped Swallow, Nata, 11th May.
Photograph: Dave Walker

Largest counts:

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 13 24-May CP/PPa
Kaminaria 11 collecting "mud" 5-May
LAC
Nata 10 11-May DJW
Pano Amiantos 20 9-May FGe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 21 30-May
CP/PPa

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum* Ασπροχειλίδοιο

Largest counts:

Agios Nikolaos - Kefalos Br. 80 collection
swirling and landing in bushes 27-May CR
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 145 24-May CP/PPa
Kannaviou Dam 50 9-May DJW
Omodos - Koilani 10km survey area 60
Many active nests inc 10+ at Vasa church
26-May PBe
Pano Panagia 200 7-May DJW
Polis Reedbeds 1 11 & 14-May BCRS
Troodos 31 25-May BCRS
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 115 30-May
CP/PPa

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*
Καμπογαλούδι



Tawny Pipit, Akhna Dam, 15th May.
Photograph: Filippos Georgiades

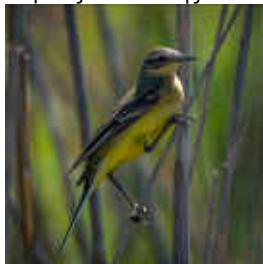
Akhna Dam 1 15-May FGe
Akrotiri 1 5-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-May FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 2-May SC
Lower Xeros Potamos 1 14-May CR
Mandria 4 3-May ADT

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι
Akrotiri 1 5-May JoB/PE

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*
Κοτσινογιαλλούδι

Akamas 1 heard only 9-May PBe/AG
Akrotiri 3 10-May JoB/PE
Ayia Napa Sewage Works 1 10-May ME
Cape Greco Pines 1 Flyover 17-May ME
Spiros Pool surroundings 1 heard only 1-
May SC

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*
Κίτρινος Ζευκαλάτης



Yellow Wagtail, Akhna Dam, 6th May.
Photograph: Ray Atkinson

Akamas 1 in off 9-May PBe/AG
Akhna Dam 2 6-May RAT
Akhna Dam 1 Fem 7 & 18-May ME
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Flew N 16-May
PBe
Aspro Dam 1 19-May LAC

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 26-May ME
Phassouri Reed Beds 7 7-May AG
Zakaki Marsh 1 2-May JN
Zakaki Marsh 3 16-May LAC

BLUE-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla f.flava*

Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 female 15-May JS
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 m, acted on
territory?! 18-May CR
Spiros Pool surroundings 2 female 1-May
SC

BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla*

f.feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Akrotiri 1 male singing and song flighting
near aerials 10-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri Salt Lake (Zakaki overflow) 1 16-
May LAC/JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1 male and 1 possible
juvenile 16-May JN
Evretou Dam present 2-May VP
Kato Paphos 3 feldegg 8-May AWM
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 female 15-May JS
Latchi 6 19-May RAT
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 Female 12-May
JS
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 27-May TRE
Spiros Pool 1 Male seen at known
breeding location 8 & 15-May JS
Spiros Pool 2 16-May JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 2 & 9-May JN/MGr
Zakaki Marsh 2 Females 12-May JS

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κτεροζευκαλάτης
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 A male in the reeds
on the north eastern edge 2-Apr JS
Latsi Beach 3 with other Wagtails at an
area made wet by workmen ! 28-Apr KDo
Observer confirmed three males
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 17-Apr MSS
Pools to W of PRB 1 female 10-Apr TRE
Zakaki Marsh 1 1, 2, 3, 4, 17 & 19-Apr
KH/TRE/MSS

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Ποταμοζευκαλάτης
Kefalos Bridge area 2 male peeping on
tree over bridge, fem nearby clearly on
territory 27-May CR

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba* Άσπρος

Ζευκαλάτης
Cape Greco 1 2-May BB

WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάρυδο
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 12 24-May CP/PPa
Kefalos Bridge area 6 incl one carrying
food to nest hole in alder, about 1,500m
above ground - singing too 27-May CR
Kelafof - Mylikouri track 3 river 27-May
CR
Kionia 2 3-May MH
Makounta Arkaka Dam 1 heard singing at
100m. Obs never had one breeding there
as low as that before 6-May DW
Omodos - Koilani 10km survey area 3 26-
May PBe
Troodos IBA survey area 5 all singing 19-
May PBe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 5 30-May
CP/PPa

COMMON NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia*

megarhynchos Αηδόνη
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 3 23-May CP/PPa
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 15 24-May CP/PPa
Omodos - Koilani 10km survey area 1
singing at Mandria, Limassol 26-May PBe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 1 30-May
CP/PPa

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus*

phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Female 9-
May JS
Akrotiri 1 10-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 females. Agios
Georgios Church 10-May PBe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Agios Georgios
Church 11-May PBe/AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Road from Sylvania's
to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
Cape Greco Pines 2 Male & Fem 5, 8 &
10-May ME
Cape Greco 1 Female 9-May JS
Cape Greco Pines 2 Fems 12-May ME
Evretou Dam 1 Female in olive groves 5-
May JS
Kato Paphos 1 male 5-May AWM
Phassouri 1 9-May JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 female 9-May SC

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι

Akhna Dam 2 Male & Fem 9-May ME
Akrotiri 2 10-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 12-May JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 13-May LAC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 + 1 16-May SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Road past Bishop's
Pool 8-May TRe
Anarita Park 5 9-May LAC
Ayia Napa Football Pitches 1 Fem 10-
May ME
Cape Greco Pines 2 Male & Fem 10 &
12-May ME
Frenaros 1 12-May AKe
Kouklia, Paphos 1 12-May LAC
Larnaca Desalination Plant 1 10-May JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 8-May JS
Lower Xeros Potamos 1 m 14-May CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 fem/ runt 16-May
CR
Paralimni Lake 2 15-May FGe
Phassouri Reed Bed 2 13-May LAC
Spiros Pool 1 8-May JS

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

oenanthe Στακτοσκαλιφούρτα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3, 8 & 9-May
PBe/SC
Ayia Napa Football Pitches 1 Fem 5-May
ME
Ayia Napa Sewage Works 1 Fem 10-May
ME
Cape Greco 1 2-May BB
Evretou Dam 1 9-May SMM
Frenaros 1 6-May AKe
Kato Paphos 2 1pr 6-May AWM
Kato Paphos 1 male 6-May AWM
Mandria Beach 1 6-May LAC
Spiros Pool 1 8-May JS
Tombs of the Kings 1 male 9-May AWM

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*

Σκαλιφούρτα
111 records for this species in May. Largest
counts and ringing record:
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 43 24-May CP/PPa
Cape Greco 7 6m and 1f. One male with
food in bill. Three others heard and seen
singing 9-May JS
Kionia 15 3-May MH
Omodhos 15 11-May JN
Pachna Vineyard Valley 9 21-May JN
Panagia Stazousa SPA 7 Six males and
one female 17-May JS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
57 25-May JN
Souni 19 28-May JN
Troodos 2 25-May BCBS
Troodos IBA survey area 10 19-May PBe

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 56 30-May
CP/PPa

EASTERN BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR

Oenanthe melanoleuca Ισπανική
Σκαλιφούρτα
Cape Greco 1 2-May BB
Kato Paphos 1 male 8-May AWM
Kissonerga 1 female 5-May AWM
Spiros Pool 1 female 10-May JS

HOODED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

monacha Σκουφοσκαλιφούρτα
Cape Drepano 1 female 3-May AWM
Paphos Lighthouse 1 male 2-May CH
Photographed
Pegeia 1 male 1-May CCon
Photographed
(Further details needed for all these
reports)

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσουφας
Omodos 1 heard only - prob this species
9-May JoB/PE

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρόζικλα)
Artemis Trail, Troodos 2 singing 2-May
PBe
Kefalos Bridge area 3 singing, m,f 27-
May CR
Kionia 5 3-May MH
Phassouri Plantations 1 16-May PBe
(Interesting location.)
Troodos IBA survey area 6 inc 2 pairs 19-
May PBe
Vavatsinia 4 23-May FGe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 7 30-May
CP/PPa

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνη
Largest counts and ringing records:
Akhna Dam 15 in song 25-May AKe
Bishop's Pool 12 2-May JN
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
10 25-May JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 15 1 seen, others
heard 2-May JN
Polis Reedbeds 5 5 & 18-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 9 11-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 8 14-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 2 16-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 3 21 & 23-May BCBS

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 15 30-May
CP/PPa

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 15 in song 27-May AKE
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca
M06 Atlas Square 12 15-May JS
Frenaros 220 in song 17-May AKE
Genagra area, Mesaoria 11 12-May
PBe/AG
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
12 25-May JN
Peristerona (T102) 12 10-May CP/PPa

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

schoenobaenus Σκλοινοκομουγιούδι

Polis Reedbeds 1 5, 18 & 23-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 2 11 & 14-May BCRS

MARSH WARBLER *Acrocephalus palustris*

Βαλτομουγιούδι

Polis Reedbeds 1 21-May BCRS

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus Καλαμομουγιούδι

Max count per location and ringing records:

Agia Varvara 1 Heard 5-May JS
Akhna Dam 6 in song 27-May AKE
Episkopi, Paphos 1 singing 20-May CR
Germasogeia Dam 1 22-May DJW
Goudhi, Paphos 6 Seen and heard in
reeds in river 21-May RAT
Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 1 10, 26 & 29-
May ME
Larnaca Salt Lake 7 Three seen others
heard singing 15-May JS
Partenitis Dam 2 1 seen, 1 heard only 24-
May SC
Phassouri Reed-beds c30 seen & heard
only 6-May SC with A P Leventis
Polis Reedbeds 19 5-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 9 11-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 25 14-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 4 16 & 21-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 3 18-May BCRS
Polis-reedbeds 7 23-May BCRS
Zakaki Marsh 8 9-May JN

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

arundinaceus Τζικλομουγιούδι

Evretou Dam 3 23-May BCRS

Kato Paphos 1 singing 6-May AWM

Kouklia Soakaway 1 heard singing 14-
May CR

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-May JS

Oroklini Canal 1 heard only 29-May SC

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 9-May SC

Polis Reedbeds 1 5-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 2 11, 14 & 16-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 5 18-May BCRS

EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER

Iduna pallida Τριβιτούρα



Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, 1st May.

Photograph: Albert Stöcker

Largest counts and ringing records:

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 26 24-May CP/PPa

Akhna Dam 20 in song 27-May AKE

Frenaros 80 in song 13 & 17-May AKE

Neo Horio 4 2-May BCRS

Neo Horio 2 7-May BCRS

Omodos - Koilani 10km survey area 16

almost all singing birds 26-May PBe

Pano Kivides – Pachna 10 x 10 km square

22 25-May JN

Phassouri Plantations 10 16-May PBe

Polis Reedbeds 3 5-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 4 11 & 21-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 5 16 & 23-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 1 18-May BCRS

Souni 12 8-May JN

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 13 30-May

CP/PPa

Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 20

all singing males bar one pair together 27-

May PBe

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

Κιτρινοτριβιτούρα

Akrotiri 1 10-May JoB/PE

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Agios Georgios

Church 12-May JS/PBe

Anavargos 1 in song 12-May MSS

Cape Greco 1 Well seen in pine below

Cava View point 9-May JS

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia**conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 8 25-May AKE

Astromeritis, Nicosia CBMS T098 23 10-May CP/PPa

Ayioi Trimithias CBMS T123 9 9-May CP/PPa

Cape Greco Picnic Site 7 Family Group 5-May ME

Frenaros 142 adults & young 17-May AKE

Mesaoria plain 8 12-May MH

Orounda (T106) 10 9-May CP/PPa

Peristerona (T102) 10 10-May CP/PPa

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia**melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts and ringing records:

Old Kivides village fire trail area 10 15-May JN

Omodos - Koilani 10km survey area 19 26-May PBe

Panayia, Agios Therapon 10 mainly males 29-May JN

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 27 25-May JN

Polis Reedbeds 4 11, 21 & 23-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 2 16-May BCRS

Souni 17 22-May JN

Tala, Paphos 28 22-May DJW

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 9 13-May PBe/AG

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 21 24-May CP/PPa

Finikaria (Germasogeia) to Kyparissa trail 16 inc pair and a juvenile 24-May PBe

Panagia Stazousa SPA 8 two males seen and others head singing 14-May JS

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 37 25-May JN

Pano Kividhes 8 27-May JN

Polemida Dam 7 inc m in display flight 28-May PBe

Souni 39 14-May JN

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 19 30-May CP/PPa

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia**crassirostris* Θαμνογαλλούρα

Neo Horio 1 2-May BCRS

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

Γιαλλούρα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 female. Road from

Sylvana's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe

Lemba, Paphos 1 9-May MSS

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Συκαλλίδι

Akhna Dam 1 6-May ME

Cape Greco Pines 2 5-May ME

Cape Greco 3 9-May JS

Cape Greco Picnic Site 1 17-May ME

COMMON WHITETHROAT *Sylvia**communis* Διπλοσυκαλλίδα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 8-May PBe

Cape Greco Picnic Site 1 10-May ME

Cape Greco Pines 1 5-May ME

Larnaca Sewage Works noted as present no count given 5-May RAT

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Κηπουσυκαλλίδα

Akrotiri 1 8-May JoB/PE

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Road from Sylvana's

to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe

Archangelos, Nicosia 1 Singing in garden

at 6am 14-May JS

Lemba, Paphos 1 9-May MSS

Neo Horio 1 2-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 1 16-May BCRS

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Αμπελοπούλλι

Akrotiri 1 10-May JoB/PE

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 6 & 8-May

SC with A P Leventis/PBe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 female. Road from

Sylvana's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe

Armou Village 1 fem, unusual - breeding

nearby? 18-May CR

Cape Greco Picnic Site 1 Fem 17-May

ME

Cape Greco Pines 2 Male & Fem 8-May

ME

Cape Greco Pines 1 Fem 10-May ME

Cape Greco Pines 1 Male 17-May ME

Frenaros 2 8-May AKE

Frenaros 1 16-May AKE

Kouklia, Paphos 4 6-May LAC

Neo Chorio area 5 all females 2-May

LAC

Neo Horio 14 2-May BCRS

Neo Horio 4 7-May BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 1 5 & 16-May BCRS

EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER

Phylloscopus orientalis Πευκογιαννούδι
Cape Greco Pines 1 5-May ME

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus*

trochilus Θαμνογιαννούδι
Bishop's Pool 4 seen feeding together 2-May JN
Cape Greco Pines 1 5, 10 & 25-May ME
Cape Greco Pines 2 8-May ME
Smyies 1 14-May DJW

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa*

striata Μουγιοχάφτης



Spotted Flycatcher, Smygies, 14th May.
Photograph by Dave Walker

Largest counts and ringing records:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 7 12-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 Road from Sylvana's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
Cape Greco Pines 5 12-May ME
Frenaros 5 13-May AKe
Polis Reedbeds 3 11-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 1 21-May BCBS

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula*

albicollis Κολλαρομαντού
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Both females 9-May JS
Akrotiri 2 8-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri 3 females 10-May JoB/PE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2 & 13-May TRe/LAC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 males 8-May PBe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 10 & 12-May PBe/AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5+ 8-May PBe
Anavargos 2 12-May MSS
Cape Greco 1 2-May BB
Cape Greco Pines 5 3 Males / 2 Fems 8-May ME
Cape Greco Pines 2 Male & Fem 10-May ME
Cape Greco Pines 3 2 Males / 1 Fem 12-May ME

Kouklia, Paphos 1 female 8-May LAC
Lemba, Paphos 5 9-May MSS
Neo Chorio area 5 4 males 1 female 2-May LAC
Neo Horio 3 2-May BCBS
Panagia Stazousa SPA 2 males 8-May JoB/PE

EURASIAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula*

hypoleuca Μαντού
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 female. Road from Sylvana's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
Aspro Dam 1 female 3-May LAC
Ayia Napa Sewage Works 1 Fem 10-May ME
Cape Greco Pines 3 Fems 8-May ME
Larnaca Sewage Works Building area 1 female 1-May SC
Neo Chorio area 1 female 2-May LAC
Neo Horio 1 2-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 1 11-May BCBS

Ficedula spp Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 females. Road from Sylvana's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
Bishop's Pool 1 16-May PBe

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπτεπος

Agios Theodoros 11+ 13-May PBe/AG
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 10 24-May CP/PPa
Finikaria (Germasogeia) to Kyparissa trail 5 24-May PBe
Kannaviou 2 Heard 5-May JS
Kefalos Bridge area 1 27-May CR
Kionia 4 3-May MH
Monashilakas Picnic Site 1 7 & 9-May DJW
nr Kelefos Bridge 4 5-May LAC
Troodos IBA survey area 15 19-May PBe
Troodos Visitor Centre 6 9-May FGe
Vavatsinia 4 23-May FGe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 31 30-May CP/PPa

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts and ringing records:
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 19 24-May CP/PPa
Akhna Dam 10 adults & young 5-May AKe
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca M06 Atlas Square 13 Including two juveniles 15-May JS
Frenaros 10 11-May AKe
Neo Horio 12 2-May BCBS

Neo Horio 1 5 & 7-May BCRS
 Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard
 area 11 11-May JN
 Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
 12 25-May JN
 Polis Reedbeds 1 18, 21 & 23-May BCRS
 Polis Reedbeds 6 11-May BCRS
 Souni 26 6-May JN
 Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 13 30-May
 CP/PPA

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia
brachydactyla* Δενόροβιάτης



*Short-toed Treecreeper, Troodos Square, 9th
 May. Photograph: Filippos Georgiades*

Agios Theodoros 2 13-May PBe/AG
 Kelafos - Mylikouri track 1 h 27-May CR
 Troodos IBA survey area 14 19-May PBe
 Troodos Visitor Centre 2 9-May FGe

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus
oriolus* Κλορκός

Akrotiri 2 1m and 1f 5-May JoB/PE
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 8-May PBe
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 4 & 8-May PBe
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Male. Near entrance to
 Bishop's Pool 12-May JS
 Arodhes 3 4-May DJW
 Aspro Dam 2 males 3-May LAC
 Bishop's Pool 2 singing males heard
 repeatedly but unseen in eucalyptus trees
 around the edge of the pool 2-May JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 16-May PBe
 Drouseia 1 1-May JS
 Ezousas River (Acheleia) 2 11-May DJW
 Frenaros 1 in song 16-May AKe
 Goudhi 1 3, 15 & 19-May RAT
 Kathikas 2 9-May DJW
 Kouklia, Paphos 9 6 males, 3 females 5-
 May LAC
 Kouklia, Paphos 10 5 males, 5 females 6-
 May LAC
 Kouklia, Paphos 1 female 8-May LAC

Lady's Mile 1 2 & 7-May JN/RAT
 Marathounta 1 singing in nearby garden at
 dawn 25-May CR
 Mathiatis 5 17-May FGe
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 7-May JoB/PE
 Polis Reedbeds 1 11 & 18-May BCRS
 Souni 1 3, 4, 8 & 14-May JN
 Souni 2 14-May JN
 Vrysoulles 3 2 Males / 1 Fem 7-May ME
 Vrysoulles 1 in song 11-May AKe
 Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 3
 inc 2 singing males - 1 female observed
 calling to male 27-May PBe

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Στακτοτζεφαλάς
 Agia Varvara 1 Male 5-May JS
 Akamas 2 9-May PBe/AG
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 5, 10 & 18-
 May PBe/AG/CR/JE
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 8 & 16-May PBe /JE
 Arodhes 1 Male 5-May JS
 Ayia Napa Football Pitches 1 Male 10-
 May ME
 Cape Greco Picnic Site 1 Fem 5-May ME
 Cape Greco Pines 2 Male & Fem 5-May
 ME
 Cape Greco 1 Male 9-May JS
 Cape Greco Antennas 1 Fem 17-May
 ME
 Cape Greco Picnic Site 1 Fem 17-May
 ME
 Cape Greco 1 Male 23-May ME
 Frenaros 1 6-May AKe
 Frenaros 2 7-May AKe
 Frenaros 3 10-May AKe
 Frenaros 5 16-May AKe
 Goudhi 1 3-May RAT
 Kathikas 1 4-May DJW
 Kato Paphos 1 male 6 & 8-May AWM
 Kouklia, Paphos 1 6-May LAC
 Lady's Mile 1 6, 7 & 8-May ME/Tre/RAT
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5, 6 & 7-May
 JoB/PE/SC/APL
 Polis Reedbeds 1 18-May BCRS
 Souni 1 6-May JN
 Spiros Pool 1 female 7-May JS

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

Διπλοθακκαννούρα
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 adult 6-May SC with
 A P Leventis
 Cape Greco Antennas 1 Male 17-May
 ME
 Frenaros 1 10-May AKe

Klavdia 1 on wires near motorway 17-May JS
 Lady's Mile 1 8 & 9-May AG/MGr
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5-May JoB/PE

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοτσινοτζεφαλάς



Woodchat Shrike, *Neochorio ringing demo*, 2nd May. Photograph: Ray Atkinson

Agia Varvara 1 3-May DJW
 Akamas 2 9-May PBe/AG
 Akrotiri 3 10-May JoB/PE
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2, 5, 11, 12 & 21-May TRe/PBe/AG/JS
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 3 & 10-May PBe
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Road from Sylvania's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
 Anarita Park 1 11-May LAC
 Arodhes 1 5-May JS
 Aspro Dam, Finikas end 1 1-May LAC
 Cape Greco Pines 2 8-May ME
 Cape Greco 3 One singing 9-May JS
 Karpas Peninsular 1 9-May ADT
 Kato Paphos 1 5 & 6-May AWM
 Lady's Mile 1 8-May TRe
 Mandria 1 fem - runt looking 20-May CR
 Neo Chorio area 1 2-May LAC
 Neo Chorio to Ineia track 2 2-May LAC
 Neo Horio 1 2-May BCBS
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 12-May JS
 Spiros Pool 1 10-May JS
 Tala, Paphos 1 22-May DJW

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκαννούρα



Masked Shrike, Anarita Park, 5th May. Photograph: Albert Stöcker

Agios Theodoros 2 13-May PBe/AG
 Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 10 24-May CP/PPa
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Road from Sylvania's to Bishop's Pool 8-May PBe
 Filani 2 10-May FGe
 Finikaria (Germasogeia) to Kyparissa trail 1 singing 24-May PBe
 Frenaros 2 8-May AKE
 Kaminaria 2 5-May LAC
 Kannaviou, Paphos 3 5 & 7-May JS/DJW
 Kannaviou Dam area 1 9 & 15-May LAC/DJW
 Kathikas 2 6-May TRe
 Kionia 2 3-May MH
 Lythrodontas 12 17-May FGe
 Monashilakas Picnic Site 1 7-May DJW
 Monashilakas Picnic Site 2 9-May DJW
 Neo Chorio 1 2-May JS
 Omodos 1 maybe two 9-May JoB/PE
 Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 2 11-May JN
 Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 2 25-May JN
 Prastio Kellakidou 1 12-May JS
 Souni 2 4, 5m 13 & 22-May JN
 Souni 6 6-May JN
 Souni 5 8-May JN
 Souni 12 14-May JN
 Troodos IBA survey area 2 19-May PBe
 Vretsia to Galataria 1 9-May LAC
 Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 23 30-May CP/PPa

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίοσα

Agios Theodoros 1 13-May PBe/AG
 Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 7 24-May CP/PPa
 Arminou Dam shallow end 1 27-May CR
 Kionia 1 3-May MH

Monashilakas Picnic Site 1 7 & 9-May
DJW/LAC
Troodos IBA survey area 8 19-May PBe
Troodos Visitor Centre 1 9-May FGe
Vavatsinia 1 23-May FGe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 3 30-May
CP/PPa

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατσικορώνα
Largest counts and interesting records:
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 15 24-May CP/PPa
Androlikou 10 5-May JS
Arodhes 13 4-May DJW
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca
M06 Atlas Square 10 15-May JS
Drouseia 20 1-May JS
Evretou Dam 10 15-May CR
Kallepeia 11 24-May DJW
Panagia Stazousa SPA 15 Two seen at
their nest which had a Great Spotted
Cuckoo in it. All then flew off. 17-May JS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
17 25-May JN
Souni 2 1 mobbed by female Cyprus
Wheatear 28-May JN
Tala, Paphos 10 22-May DJW

WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοϊός
Largest counts:
Episkopi Rock c200 22-May SC with A P
Leventis
Ezousas Valley 55+ 15-May PBe/AG
Ha Potami IBA survey area 52+ 18-May
PBe/AG
Parthenitis Dam c100+ in holes 24-May
SC
Smyies 50 14-May DJW
Xeros Potamos Valley 80+ 4-May
PBe/AG

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινας

Largest counts:
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca
M06 Atlas Square 46 15-May JS
Frenaros 56 13-May AKe
Mesaoria plain 20 12-May MH
Paphos Sewage Plant 32 31-May CR
Phassouri Reed Beds 20 12-May JS
Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area
52+ 27-May PBe

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι
Akrotiri 1 10-May JoB/PE

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Sturnus*

roseus Ακριδοπούλλι
Prodromi, Polis 1 11-May PSA

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος
Largest counts and ringing records:
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square
(H05) 195 24-May CP/PPa
Akhna Dam 200 5-May AKe
Astromeritis, Nicosia CBMS T098 200 10-
May CP/PPa
Dromolaxia, Aradippou, Livadia, Larnaca
M06 Atlas Square 500 15-May JS
Frenaros 9600 adults & young 13-May
AKe
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
456 25-May JN
Polis Reedbeds 4 5-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 5 11-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 3 14-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 6 16 & 23-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 1 18 & 23-May BCBS
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 122 30-May
CP/PPa

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer*

hispaniolensis Αρκόστρουθος
Largest counts and ringing records:
Armou Hills 12 23-May CR
Evretou Dam 20 colony in pine tree in
valley 15-May CR
Mandria 10 20-May CR
Paralimni Lake 25 nests on Eucalyptus
tree 15-May FGe
Polis Reedbeds 23 5-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 5 11-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 16 14 & 21-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 8 16-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 12 18-May BCBS
Polis Reedbeds 10 23-May BCBS
Prastio Kellakidou 20 12-May JS
Theletra Gorge 30 noisy colony in gorge
15-May CR
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 27 30-May
CP/PPa

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίννος
Largest counts:
Agios Theodoros 13 13-May PBe/AG

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 20 24-May CP/PPa
Kefalos Bridge area 10 singing, calling 27-May CR
Troodos IBA survey area 24+ 19-May PBe
Vavatsinia 10 23-May FGe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 27 30-May CP/PPa
Ypsonas - Asomatos 10km survey area 15 all in Phassouri Plantations 27-May PBe

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Μπισσαρτοκανάρινο
Agios Theodoros 8+ including a female on a nest 13-May PBe/AG
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 24 24-May CP/PPa
Arminou Dam shallow end 6 27-May CR
Kannaviou Dam, Paphos 1 7-May DJW
Kannaviou, Paphos 4 5-May JS
Neo Chorio area 6 2-May LAC
Neo Horio 5 2-May BCRS
nr Omodhos 1 5-May LAC
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 1 male in flight 11-May JN
Omodhos 8 21-May JS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 1 25-May JN
Phassouri 1 singing in forest 18-May CR
Phassouri Plantations 6+ 16-May PBe
Phassouri Plantations 1 Heard in plantation near Cat Sanctuary 21-May JS
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 11-May PBe/AG
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 pair chasing 18-May CR
Polis-reedbeds 1 11 & 21-May BCRS
Polis-reedbeds 2 18-May BCRS
Prastio Kellakidou 10 12-May JS
Smyies, Paphos 4 14-May DJW
Souni 6 4-May JN
Souni 3 5 & 14-May JN
Souni 1 9-May JN
Souni 2 20-May JN
Troodos IBA survey area 5 19-May PBe
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 5 30-May CP/PPa

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris* Λουλουδάς

Largest counts and ringing records:
Frenaros 144 adults & young 13 & 30-May AKe
Pachna Vineyard Valley, Limassol 26 males 15 21-May JN

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 91 25-May JN
Polis Reedbeds 5 5, 11, 15 & 21-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 4 14-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 2 18-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 3 23-May BCRS
Souni 42 14-May JN
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 32 30-May CP/PPa

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis*

carduelis Σγαρτίλι

Akhna Dam 40 adults & young 27-May AKe
Frenaros 230 adults & young 30-May AKe
Neo Horio 4 2-May BCRS
Neo Horio 10 7-May BCRS
Pachna Vineyard Valley 33 21-May JN
Polis Reedbeds 2 5-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 33 11-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 5 14-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 20 16-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 14 18-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 7 21-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 24 23-May BCRS
Souni 40 14-May JN
Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 31 30-May CP/PPa

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο

Largest counts and ringing records:
Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square (H05) 7 24-May CP/PPa
Old Kivides village fire trail area 6 male 1, female 1 15-May JN
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 14 11-May JN
Pachna Vineyard Valley 13 21-May JN
Polis Reedbeds 7 11-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 13 16-May BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 2 18-May BCRS

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούπτη

Artemis Trail, Troodos 5 inc at least 2 juveniles 2-May PBe
Troodos IBA survey area 21 inc flock of 10, small flocks roving between Troodos Village and Kambos tou Livadiou area 19-May PBe
Troodos Village 6 on Atalante trail 20-May PBe

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

Τσακροπιπίλλα

Cape Greco Pines 1 8-May ME

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza**caesia* Σιταροπούλλι

Agios Theodoros 12 13-May PBe/AG

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square

(H05) 18 24-May CP/PPa

Filani 6 10-May FGe

Finikaria (Geramsogeia) to Kyparissa trail

8 inc a pair with at least one fledged

juvenile 24-May PBe

Ha Potami IBA survey area 1 male 18-

May PBe/AG

Kannaviou Dam, Paphos 1 7-May DJW

Kannaviou 1 Heard singing 5-May JS

Kionia 3 3-May MH

Lythrodontas 16 Including 2 juveniles 17-

May FGe

Minthis Hills 2 singing 17-May CR

Minthis Hills 3 pair and one juv begging

26-May CR

Mosfiloti c15 24-May SC

Neo Chorio area 2 2-May LAC

Neo Horio 2 2-May BCRS

Old Kivides village fire trail area 2 15-May

JN

Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard

area 3 males 11-May JN

Omodhos 2 Two singing males seen 21-

May JS

Omodos 7 Singing males 9-May JoB/PE

Pachna Vineyard Valley 6 21-May JN

Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 Heard 14-May

JS

Panayia, Agios Therapon 1 29-May JN

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square

12 25-May JN

Prastio Kellakidou 7 12-May JS

Pyrga, Larnaca 1 17-May JS

Souni 9 4, 5 & 14-May JN

Souni 2 6 & 19-May JN

Souni 8 8-May JN

Souni 4 13 & 14-May JN

Souni 5 22-May JN

Souni 1 28-May JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 Singing male 2-

May JS

Tsadha Golf Club Track 3 Two singing

males and one female 5-May JS

Vavatsinia 10 23-May FGe

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 32 30-May

CP/PPa

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza**melanocephala* Τριπίλιγγος*Black-headed Bunting, Vavatsinia, 23rd May.**Photograph: Filippos Georgiades*

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 4 Singing

Males – Heard 17-May ME

Agios Nikolaos - Kefalos Br. 1 m in song

27-May CR

Agros, Ladoudera, Kato Mylos Atlas Square

(H05) 25 24-May CP/PPa

Akoursos to Kathikas road 3 7-May LAC

Arodhes 3 Two singing males and a

female seen 5-May JS

Cape Greco Pines 3 Males Singing 5-May

ME

Drouseia 5 10-May RAT

Kathikas 5 4-May DJW

Kedares 1 singing 27-May CR

Neo Chorio to Ineia track 3 2-May LAC

Neo Horio 1 7-May BCRS

Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard

area 8 11-May JN

Omodos - Kollani 10km survey area 7 all

singing males 26-May PBe

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square

2 25-May JN

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 m, rather tatty

16-May CR

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 female 7-May

JoB/PE

Pittokopos 3 14-May DJW

Prastio Kellakidou 3 Singing males 12-

May JS

Smyies 1 14-May DJW

Vasa 1 11-May JN

Vavatsinia 8 23-May FGe

Xyliatos Atlas Square H06 4 30-May

CP/PPa

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος

Largest counts and ringing record:

Drouseia 10 Singing 1-May JS

Kannaviou Dam 12 15-May DJW

Kouklia Lake, Famagusta 30+ Roosting in
the Reeds 29-May ME
Minthis Hills 8 incl 2 fam parties, fledged
young begging and wing-fluttering 26-May
CR
Polis Reedbeds 2 18-May BCRS

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT – MAY 2015

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

A total of 39 sites were covered in May 2015 and 57 species were recorded with a total number of 4,752 water birds, almost double in numbers in comparison with last month. The most common bird sighted during this month's counts was the Greater Flamingo (1205 counted – 70% of which were sighted at Akrotiri Salt Lake). The Eurasian Coot and Cattle Egret follow in numbers (883 and 418 respectively) and Ruff's numbers reached 335 and the species was sighted at 7 different sites (100 were recorded at Kouklia Dam). Other species in their hundreds were Little Stint (293), Black-winged Stilt (215), Common Moorhen (194), Mallard (153), Wood Sandpiper (134) and Glossy Ibis (132).

The site holding the highest waterbird counts was the complex of Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile with 1126 in total and 19 species, followed by Kouklia Dam with 984 in total and 23 species (highest species count for this month along with Oroklini Marsh) and third, Larnaka Salt Lake with 806 birds in total and 21 species.

Water level at the sites varied this year from low to full, but an average level of water ranged from 50 to 75%. Additionally, 5 of the visited sites held no water birds counts.

Site coverage for the May 2015 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Phassouri Pool	Peter Beckenham	16 May 2015	
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Peter Beckenham & Anders Gray	16 May 2015	Low
Bishop's Pool	Peter Beckenham	16 May 2015	90%
Zakaki Pond	Anders Gray	16 May 2015	50%
Lamaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15 May 2015	85%
Lamaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15 May 2015	100%
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	15 May 2015	80%
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	15 May 2015	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	Filippos Georgiades	15 May 2015	
Paralimni Lake	Filippos Georgiades	15 May 2015	Confined to several pools
Mia Milia Sewage Works	Nick Pegler	03 May 2015	75%
Agios Loukas Lake South	Nick Pegler	10 May 2015	90%
Klapsides Pool	Nick Pegler	10 May 2015	Almost dry
Evetou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 May 2015	
Paphos Sewage Farm	Pete Evans	14 May 2015	
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools	Pete Evans	14 May 2015	
Athalassa Dam	Martin Hellicar	18 May 2015	100%
Agia Eirini Dam	Nick Pegler	06 May 2015	100%
Kanli Dam	Nick Pegler	11 May 2015	100%
Koukليا Dam	Nick Pegler	10 May 2015	75%
<i>Polemida Dam</i>	<i>Alan Turtle</i>	<i>15 May 2015</i>	<i>67%</i>
Argaka Dam	Ray Atkinson	15 May 2015	98%
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 May 2015	77%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 May 2015	78%
Lower Ezousas soakaways	Pete Evans	14 May 2015	
<i>Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal</i>	<i>Pete Evans</i>	<i>15 May 2015</i>	
Ezousas motorway soakaways	Pete Evans	14 May 2015	
Agia Varvara soakaways	Pete Evans	14 May 2015	
Koukليا soakaways	Pete Evans	14 May 2015	
<i>Kouris Dam</i>	<i>Alan Turtle</i>	<i>15 May 2015</i>	<i>40%</i>
Germasogeia Dam	Alan Turtle	15 May 2015	75%
Farmakas Dams	Alan Tye & Damalis Azuero	13 May 2015	100%
Melini Dams	Alan Tye & Damalis Azuero	13 May 2015	Overflowing
Klirou Dam	Alan Tye	20 May 2015	100%
Kalo Chorio Dam	Alan Tye & Damalis Azuero	13 May 2015	100%
<i>Manglis Dam</i>	<i>Jane Stylianou</i>	<i>06 May 2015</i>	<i>100%</i>
Agioi Vavatsinias	Alan Tye & Damalis Azuero	13 May 2015	Overflowing
<i>Klepini E Dam</i>	<i>Nick Pegler</i>	<i>11 May 2015</i>	<i>90%</i>
Sygkrasis Dam	Nick Pegler	10 May 2015	75%

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

May 2015 Site and Species Totals

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2015	Little Grebe	Shag	Little Bittern	Black-crowned Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Squacco Heron	Little Egret	Grey Heron	Purple Heron	Glossy Ibis
Phassouri Pool			1		1	10	2		1	14
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile		1			44	1				
Bishop's Pool	3									
Zakaki Pond	2				1		10			
Larnaka Salt Lake									2	6
Larnaka Sewage Works										
Oroklini Marsh	2		1		101	1	7			3
Achna Dam					3	1	2	3	2	55
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast										
Paralimni Lake	5		1				2			
Mia Milia Sewage Works										
Agios Loukas Lake South	10		2	1	360	4	2		2	4
Klapsides Pool										
Evretou Dam				1	5	5		4	1	
Paphos Sewage Farm						4	1			
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools						11		5	2	3
Athassa Dam	11		1				1		1	
Agia Eirini Dam	10									12
Kanli Dam								3		
Kouklia Dam	25				1	4	8	2	2	12
Polemida Dam										
Argaka Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam					1			3		
Kannaviou Dam								2		
Lower Ezousas soakaways										
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal										
Ezousas motorway soakaways						1	1			
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways										
Kourris Dam										
Germasogeia Dam	1		1	7		7	5	2	5	
Farmakas Dams										
Melini Dams	3					1				
Klirou Dam								1		
Kalo Chorio Dam										
Manglis Dam										
Agioi Vavatsinias	4									
Klepini E Dam										
Sykrasis Dam					2	4				23
TOTAL	76	1	7	9	519	54	41	25	18	132

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2015	Spoonbill	Greater Flamingo	Feral Goose	Eurasian Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Northern Shoveler	Red-crested Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	Western Marsh Harrier
Phassouri Pool										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile		845								
Bishop's Pool					1				4	
Zakaki Pond					15				2	
Larnaka Salt Lake		308			6					
Larnaka Sewage Works					46		1			
Oroklini Marsh					27		1	2		1
Achna Dam										
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast										
Paralimni Lake	2				9					1
Mia Milia Sewage Works					6		2		2	
Agios Loukas Lake South										
Klapsides Pool										
Evretou Dam					1					
Paphos Sewage Farm										
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools										
Athalassa Dam										
Agia Eirini Dam					8					1
Kanli Dam					8					
Kouklia Dam	4	52		2	20	1		1	2	3
Polemida Dam										
Argaka Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam										
Lower Ezousas soakaways										
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal										
Ezousas motorway soakaways										
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways										
Kourris Dam										
Germasogeia Dam					6					1
Farmakas Dams										
Melini Dams										
Klirou Dam			2							
Kalo Chorio Dam										
Manglis Dam										
Agioi Vavatsinias										
Klepini E Dam										
Sygkrisis Dam										
TOTAL	6	1205	2	2	153	1	4	3	10	7

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2015	Water Rail	Common Moorhen	Common Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Eurasian Stone-curlew	Spur-winged Lapwing	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Common Ringed Plover
Phassouri Pool		2				1				
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile				28		1	75			1
Bishop's Pool		1	13							
Zakaki Pond		8	5			4				
Larnaka Salt Lake				47		5	16			22
Larnaka Sewage Works				16			4			
Oroklini Marsh		4	40	27	1	23			2	1
Achna Dam				2		5			1	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast								3		
Paralimni Lake		7	21			10	2		5	
Mia Milia Sewage Works		40	60			20				
Agios Loukas Lake South		18	50	2		2				
Klapsides Pool		20	31	8		2				
Evretou Dam										
Paphos Sewage Farm										
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools										
Athalassa Dam		13	26							
Agia Eirini Dam		6	50							
Kanli Dam			4							
Kouklia Dam		58	560	60		4				
Polemida Dam										
Argaka Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam										
Lower Ezousas soakaways	2									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal										
Ezousas motorway soakaways										
Agia Varvara soakaways	1									
Kouklia soakaways										
Kourris Dam										
Germasogeia Dam			4							
Farmakas Dams		1								
Melini Dams		4								
Klirou Dam										
Kalo Chorio Dam		9								
Manglis Dam										
Agioi Vavatsinias		1								
Klepini E Dam										
Sygrkrisis Dam		2	19	25		3				
TOTAL	3	194	883	215	1	80	97	3	8	24

WETLAND BIRD COUNT APRIL 2015	Little Stint	Temminck's Stint	Curlew Sandpiper	Dunlin	Broad-billed Sandpiper	Ruff	Common Snipe	Great Snipe	Common Greenshank	Green Sandpiper
Phassouri Pool										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	1					13				
Bishop's Pool										
Zakaki Pond										
Larnaka Salt Lake	242	2	37	1	1	90				
Larnaka Sewage Works						46				
Oroklini Marsh	15					19				
Achna Dam	4		4			7			1	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast										
Paralimni Lake	6			2						
Mia Miliia Sewage Works										
Agios Loukas Lake South										
Klapsesides Pool										
Evretou Dam	5						2			
Paphos Sewage Farm										
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools										11
Athalassa Dam										
Agia Eirini Dam										
Kanli Dam										
Kouklia Dam						100				
Polemida Dam										
Argaka Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam										
Lower Ezousas soakaways										3
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal										
Ezousas motorway soakaways										1
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways										3
Kourris Dam										
Germasogeia Dam										
Farmakas Dams										
Melini Dams										
Klirou Dam										
Kalo Chorio Dam										
Manglis Dam										
Agioi Vavatsinias										
Klepini E Dam										
Sygkrasis Dam	20					60	1	1		
TOTAL	293	2	41	3	1	335	3	1	1	18

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2015	Wood Sandpiper	Terek Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Common Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Baltic Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Whiskered Tern	White-winged Black Tern
Phassouri Pool	2								
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	15			1	12		3		
Bishop's Pool									
Zakaki Pond	3								
Larnaka Salt Lake	2						2	2	3
Larnaka Sewage Works	8							6	7
Oroklini Marsh	8					2	10		1
Achna Dam	11								
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast									
Paralimni Lake	10								2
Mia Milia Sewage Works			1						
Agios Loukas Lake South									
Klafsides Pool									1
Evretou Dam	7		2						1
Paphos Sewage Farm									
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools	1	1							13
Athalassa Dam									
Agia Eirini Dam	2								
Kanli Dam			1						
Kouklia Dam	30								23
Polemida Dam									
Argaka Dam									1
Mavrokolymbos Dam							1		1
Kannaviou Dam									
Lower Ezousas soakaways									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal									
Ezousas motorway soakaways		5							
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways									
Kourris Dam									
Germasogeia Dam									
Farmakas Dams									
Melini Dams									
Klirou Dam									
Kalo Chorio Dam									
Manglis Dam									
Agioi Vavatsinias									
Klepini E Dam									
Sygkrasis Dam	35								
TOTAL	134	6	4	1	12	2	16	8	53

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2015	Little Tern	Gull-billed Tern	White-throated Kingfisher	Common Kingfisher	Pied Kingfisher	Yellow Wagtail	Reed Warbler	Red-necked Phalarope	TOTAL	Species count
Phassouri Pool						1			35	10
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	28	2	48			1		6	1126	19
Bishop's Pool									22	5
Zakaki Pond						2	3		55	11
Larnaka Salt Lake	2					3	7		806	21
Larnaka Sewage Works	1								135	9
Oroklini Marsh	5								203	23
Achna Dam									101	14
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast									3	1
Paralimni Lake									85	15
Mia Milia Sewage Works									131	7
Agios Loukas Lake South							4		461	13
Klapsedes Pool							4		66	6
Evretou Dam									34	11
Paphos Sewage Farm									5	2
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools				1	1				49	10
Athalassa Dam							3		56	7
Agia Eirini Dam									89	7
Kanli Dam		3							19	5
Kouklia Dam							10		984	23
Polemida Dam									0	0
Argaka Dam									1	1
Mavrokolymbos Dam									6	4
Kannaviou Dam									2	1
Lower Ezousas soakaways									5	2
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal									0	0
Ezousas motorway soakaways									8	4
Agia Varvara soakaways									1	1
Kouklia soakaways									3	1
Kourris Dam									0	0
Germasogeia Dam									39	10
Farmakas Dams									1	1
Melini Dams									8	3
Klirou Dam									3	2
Kalo Chorio Dam									9	1
Manglis Dam									0	0
Agioi Vavatsinias									5	2
Klepini E Dam									0	0
Sygkrasis Dam						1			196	13
TOTAL	36	48	1	1	1	8	31	6	4752	57



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