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

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

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

***Any suggestions concerning subjects for future inclusion gratefully received, as are photographs of any recent sightings. If you are sending photographs for inclusion in the Systematic List please send them by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month – ie those of birds seen and photographed in August should to be sent by 20<sup>th</sup> September. 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](mailto:janestycy@yahoo.co.uk). Telephone: 99558953***

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Cover photograph: A common resident the Little Owl *Athene noctua* are often seen in the daytime dozing outside their nest sites. This means that photographers are often able to capture them in various, almost anthropomorphic poses, as Albert Stöcker did at Anarita Park in early June 2015. Birds of the light coloured liith race are among the island's resident population.

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

**Autumn 2015 – Spring 2016**

*For field trips, please don't forget your flask of coffee and sandwiches*

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

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

### **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 turnoff.

#### **Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11th, 12th & 13th September: Akamas Weekend, including Latchi Boat Trip**

Joint Leaders: Melis Charalambides and Loria Phylakti. See also page 8.

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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4th October: EuroBirdwatch 2015** – See page 9 for details

#### **Friday 9th to Sunday 11th October: Karpasia Peninsula**

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.

**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: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

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: Agios Sozomenos and Athalassa Park**

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

This is a new field trip aimed at attracting more of our Nicosia-area members, looking for winter residents and visitors such as the regular, but fairly scarce, Finsch's Wheatear.

Take the 'Tseri/Dali Industrial Estate' exit (junction 6) from the Nicosia-Limassol highway and meet in parking area in front of the EKO petrol station on the old Nicosia-Limassol road (see map [here](#)) 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: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665

Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremmos 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.

## **January 2016**

### **Saturday 9th January: Akrotiri Peninsula**

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

Wintering gulls, waterfowl and passerines.

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

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

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

Details to be announced

### **Saturday 23rd January: Larnaca Sewage Works**

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

### **Saturday 30th January: Akrotiri Peninsula**

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

Waterbirds and other winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed beds

## **February 2016**

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Mandria, Anarita Park and nearby**

Leader: Alan Crane Mobile 99276310

Winter rarities of the area

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

### **Saturday 13th February: Paphos Foothills**

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

Winter thrushes and finches.

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

### **Saturday 20th February: Larnaca Sewage Works, Seafront and (possibly) Oroklini Marsh**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria**

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker, Mobile: 99915907

Winter visitors and early spring migrants.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremmos Dam car park.

## **March 2016**

### **Saturday 5th March: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Late winter visitors, early spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall

### **Wednesday 16th March: Akrotiri Peninsula**

Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008

Late winter visitors, water birds and spring migrants

Meet 9.30 am, New viewing hide at Zakaki Marsh

**Saturday 19th March: Paphos Lighthouse**

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

Spring migrants

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

**Saturday 26th March: Larnaca Sewage Works & Oroklini Marsh**

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893.

Late spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am, Larnaca Sewage Works 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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**KEEP UP TO DATE AND SHARE RECENT SIGHTINGS: NEW GOOGLE GROUP SET UP**

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

If you would like to join please go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds>

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

Any news will also be shared with the BirdLife Cyprus BirdLine 25 934076 and the BirdLife Cyprus Recent sightings page of the website [http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/en/html-51-Recent\\_Sightings.html](http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/en/html-51-Recent_Sightings.html). You can also use these two resources to find out what is around if you don't want to join the Google group.

In addition don't forget to make your records count by submitting your bird records to the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder and adding them to the country database. Use the Cyprus portal of BirdTrack <http://blx1.bto.org/birdtrack2/main/data-home.jsp>, download our reporting excel from [http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/en/html-50-Recording\\_your\\_sightings.html](http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/en/html-50-Recording_your_sightings.html) or email the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder, Jane Stylianou [janestycy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janestycy@yahoo.co.uk)

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## **AKAMAS WEEKEND 11<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

For the 3rd consecutive year BirdLife Cyprus is organizing a three day trip to Akamas from 11th to 13th September 2015.

Friday 11th September there will be a presentation at 18.30hrs at the Droushia Heights Hotel as follows:

“Bird migration – the amazing facts behind the miracle”

A look at some of the wealth of fascinating information unearthed by scientists on a subject that has fascinated us for centuries, with reference to avian visitors to Cyprus and beyond.

This will be given by Martin Hellicar, Research Coordinator at BirdLife Cyprus.

Saturday 12th September, the annual Boat Trip from Latchi to Hamili. Meet at the J&P Restaurant at 09.30 hrs. Cost per person is Euro 25 including BBQ lunch.

On Sunday 13th September there will be a Bird Ringing Demonstration with Alan Crabtree. Meet at Agios Minas Chapel near Smygies Picnic Site at Neo Khorio at 09.00hrs.

Droushia Heights Hotel rates are Euro 85/day for 2 persons sharing, half board and Euro 65/day for 1 person half board.

Please contact Melis Charalambides 99653205 for the Hotel Bookings and Loria Phylaktis 99413383 for the Boat Trip.

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## EUROBIRDWATCH 2015



This year's EuroBirdwatch will take place on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

On **Saturday 3 October** you will have the opportunity to attend a bird ringing demonstration at Cape Pyla led by Claire Papazoglou (Mob: 99545094). The demonstration will take place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

(Directions for Meeting Point: Take the Xylophagou exit from the A3 (Larnaca to Ayia Napa Highway) and then turn right to go over the Motorway. Meet at the side of the dirt track to the left and await escort vehicle) Map can be found [here](#).

On **Sunday 4 October** we will be watching the autumn migration from different sites giving you a unique opportunity to see raptors, soaring birds, cranes, bee-eaters and other species as they travel over Cyprus during migration. Note: Binoculars and bird guides will be provided by BirdLife Cyprus.

You can choose one of the following meeting points and join us counting birds:

**Athalassa Park, Nicosia. 09:30 - 12:00:** Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893. Meet at the south parking lot (coming from General Hospital's roundabout towards Yeri, to the left).

**Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol. 09:00 - 12:00:** Leader: Stavros Christodoulides, Mobile: 99425050. Meet at Phassouri Reed-beds.

**Paphos Plain, Paphos. 09:00 - 12:00:** Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665. Meet at Larks' Corner Mandria by taking the road from the village to the beach. Drive east along the coast track past the picnic area and toilets. As you turn the bend heading back inland, towards the poly tunnel greenhouses, take the right-hand track and park near the big bushes on the coast.

For more information please contact Elena Markitani on 22 455072 or email [elena.markitani@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:elena.markitani@birdlifecyprus.org.cy).

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**BIRD PHOTO QUIZ**  
*Stavros Christodoulides*

**PHOTO # 30**



**Last Month's Quiz answer**

June/July's mystery bird is a species of wader with a very long, straight bill. Although partially hidden, its legs appear long, while its small head size (in relation to the rest of its body and long neck) suggests that it is a large species of wader. Its upperparts are greyish with paler underparts and a white supercilium.

The long straight bill and apparent large size rule out most species of wader. We are left with just a handful of large to very large waders including the two Godwits, Black-tailed and Bar-tailed, Common and Spotted Redshank and Common Greenshank. In waders, bare part colouration is often a good pointer. In our case, unfortunately the bill and most of the legs are muddy and we cannot discern their true colours. Nevertheless, enough of the bird can be seen for straightforward identification. The bill is too long for either Common Redshank or Greenshank, two species that also always show barred tertials. In fact, our bird's plain grey tertials are diagnostic and exclude all species of large wader except for **Black-tailed Godwit**. Only this species shows plain grey tertials, while the grey upperparts suggest that the bird photographed is in adult winter plumage. The long, straight bill is also diagnostic with Bar-tailed Godwit having a similar but rather shorter and slightly up-turned bill. Furthermore, in all plumages Bar-tailed Godwit shows pale notches to its tertials.

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**MANAGEMENT WORKS TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT AKROTIRI MARSH AS PART  
OF THE DARWIN PLUS PROJECT**

*Melpo Apostolidou, Project Coordinator*

As part of the Darwin Plus project for the restoration of Akrotiri Marsh (also known as Phassouri Marsh/Reedbeds) management works are planned to take place during September and October 2015. BirdLife Cyprus, as a lead partner of the project is responsible for the implementation and supervision of works. This is the first phase of works which includes mainly actions that will help the water management of the site. The completion of the first phase of works will open the way for designing a second phase of works for habitat modification and water management that will probably take place in autumn 2016.

The works that will be starting soon will require the presence of some heavy machinery on site and BirdLife Cyprus with the support of project partners and other stakeholders involved in the project will be closely following the progress and implementation of works.

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



## CYPRUS 2015: REFLECTIONS ON A SURVEY SEASON

*Peter Beckenham*

It seems hard to believe now, but when I arrived in Cyprus in mid-March to begin a four month voluntary role as breeding bird surveyor with BirdLife Cyprus, there was still snow heaped in the shaded corners of Troodos Square. I hadn't perhaps counted on this before I left but then I was soon to discover that the landscape of Cyprus is a consistently surprising one with an equally memorable cast of species.

Despite feeling a tad chilly in the square with just a fleece that morning and contemplating a thick mist hanging beneath the trees that obscured the flight of a crossbill passing overhead, Troodos was a place I quickly began to love; a realm of raptors, forest birds and stunning vistas that I returned to again and again during my stay. The subject of many of these visits was a small, streaky-brown bird whose distribution in Cyprus is turned rather upside down from those I know in the UK. A specialist of lowland heathland habitats there, on Cyprus it is transported to remote forested mountainsides and ridges in the breeding season, a habitat to suit its generally low-key nature. Efforts to survey this bird often took me off the beaten track, down valleys, up hills and though often tiring, every step was worth it to hear the sweet, descending song of a Woodlark somewhere off in the distance. It is a song of a remarkable, understated qualities.



*Left: Chandria Trail, Madari*

Where winter hung on in the Troodos, spring was already racing across the coast. More used to a slow trickle of migrant birds in March in the UK, on Cyprus I was knee-deep from the start - what an exciting time, I was birding all day long! Spending a lot of time on the Akrotiri Peninsula enabled me to observe the large number of early passerine migrants passing through with Ruppell's Warblers, Collared Flycatchers and Eastern Bonelli's Warblers some of the highlights. My favourite site on Akrotiri was Phassouri Reedbeds, a dense sea of reeds

fringed with a grazing marsh full of small pools and ditches. This habitat proved to be a popular choice for many resident birds as well as the constant stream of migrants passing through. The site's importance was underlined with over 100 species recorded during the season, including those frequenting the shallow, seasonal pool to the west of the site. This included a memorable encounter (after many attempts!) with the elusive wintering Black-bellied Sandgrouse. Two distinct Akrotiri highlights however included watching a flock of 200 or more Collared Pratincoles over Lady's Mile beach in April and the discovery of a juvenile Ferruginous Duck at Phassouri in July. After countless early mornings the latter was a rewarding moment and demonstrated the benefit of repeated monitoring efforts.

After spring's endless avian bounty the arrival of summer came as something of a shock - it was so quiet! There were still things to see such as the stunning, local Eleonora's Falcons which became more conspicuous as summer wore on and breeding bird activity increased. The hills again were the place to be where the beautiful, fluted notes of Black-headed Bunting song rang out from the vineyards. Among my favourite locations to visit were the Kidasi valley which looked like something out of the 'wild west' as well as the pretty villages and vineyards of Arsos, Vasa and Louvaras. Despite the heat and the occasional vehicle breakdown (!) the surveys in these areas were always enjoyable as was experiencing a pace of life that was different from elsewhere.

My last weeks in Cyprus saw the first returning migrant birds of autumn appear. It felt good to witness the endless cycle turning once over, the Wood Sandpipers and Spoonbills among others who had already racked up many miles under their wings to arrive back on Akrotiri Salt Lake. It was a nice way to end a rewarding and unforgettable 4 months.



*Above: Kidasi in the spring. Below: Eleonora's Falcon, Akrotiri coast. All photographs by Peter Beckenham.*

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## THE NIGHTINGALES HAVE GONE FROM PLATRES

*Michael Gore*

*Michael Gore has lived in Troodos for many years and sent us this article noting that numbers of Common Nightingale there appear to have decreased at an alarming rate.*

The Greek poet George Sopheris wrote in 1967, when he stayed in Platres, that he was unable to sleep because the singing of the Nightingales kept him awake. When we first moved to Platres in 1991 we could hear several Common Nightingales singing in the forest below our house which is on *Odos Aeodonion* (Nightingale Road). Last year there was a single male singing; this year there were none!



*Singing Common Nightingale photographed by Michael Gore*

The Common Nightingales which breed in Cyprus migrate south across the Sahara to winter in the savannah lands in central and eastern Africa; those which breed further west in Europe move south to West Africa passing over the western Sahara. They too are decreasing in numbers; in fact all the small songbirds which breed in Europe and migrate south to Africa in the autumn are decreasing at an alarming rate. Hence the Platres population of Nightingales has disappeared – almost certainly never to return

Some of this decrease is undoubtedly the result of modern farming techniques in Europe, with increasing use of pesticides, so there are not sufficient insects for the birds to feed their young. But this cannot be the only reason. Trapping of small birds in Cyprus and elsewhere in the Mediterranean (30 species are caught and sold as *ambellopoulia*) must also be having an effect. But there must be another reason for this decrease.

Birds which migrate from eastern Europe and Cyprus, and travel south-east to Somalia and Ethiopia do not appear to be affected: the Cyprus Wheatear, which winters mostly in Ethiopia, is here in

good numbers as is the Black-headed Bunting which, extraordinarily, migrates west to east to spend the winter in southern Asia.

I believe that much of the problem which the birds face is desertification with the Sahara desert moving inexorably southward so that the birds have to cross a much wider area of desert, where there is no food for them, before they reach their wintering grounds south of the Sahara in the Sahel region of Africa. And we do not know what pressures are put upon them there by the increasing human population.

Having studied bird migration in West Africa through the Sahel I have no doubt that the extension of the desert southwards is having a major effect on our migrant bird populations, including, of course, the Nightingales of Platres, which were so well-known and well-loved by the villagers and our visitors

I fear that the Common Nightingales will not return to Platres because this year they have produced no young and thus there is no new stock with which to re-establish the population. The people of Platres can only hope that a pair returning next year from Africa may decide to settle by the stream which runs through the village so that once again we may be kept awake by the gorgeous song on the Nightingale.

Whatever the reason for the disappearance of the Nightingales from Platres, it is clear that pressure on small songbirds throughout Europe is increasing. In Cyprus we must do everything possible to help save these gorgeous birds which bring so much pleasure to people throughout Europe as they sing their hearts out each summer day. There can be no justification for the continued slaughter or marketing of ambellopoulia.

*Post-script (by BirdLife Cyprus Research Coordinator Martin Hellicar): the Nightingale is restricted to the Troodos Mountains as a breeding species in Cyprus and Platres lies in the 'heart' of this range. The size of our breeding population is small, estimated at 1,000-3,000 pairs (Birds in Europe II, BirdLife International). Though data on trends in the breeding population in Cyprus could be better, the latest assessment, carried out in 2013 for reporting under 'article 12' of the EU Birds Directive, suggested there was a 10-25% decline in numbers between 1980 and 2012. Across Europe as a whole, the species declined by 63% between 1980 and 2013 (European Bird Census Council data), with the main reasons behind this dramatic fall in numbers elaborated above by Michael Gore.*

***BirdLife Cyprus would be very interested to receive records of singing summer Common Nightingales from Platres or elsewhere***

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING MIGRATION 2015

Jane Stylianou

*A look back at the spring of 2015— a review of the sightings of less common birds and other notable events. This resumé refers to reports that may not yet have been verified, some of which are under consideration by the Rarities sub-committee. Observers' names have not been included. Covers March – May 2015.*

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούπτης: One was at Asprokremmos Dam 10<sup>th</sup> March with three at Kanli Dam 2<sup>nd</sup> April and one (possibly the same) offshore at Pomos on 16<sup>th</sup> and Latchi 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**SCOPOLI'S (CORY'S) SHEARWATER** *Calonectris diomedea* Πελαγόμευχος: One report in March of one offshore Cape Pyla on 21<sup>st</sup>. Four were offshore near Paphos Sewage Works 11<sup>th</sup> April with two off Mandria 21<sup>st</sup> and one the next day. On 21<sup>st</sup> May one was seen offshore at Cape Pyla.

**YELKOUAN SHEARWATER** *Puffinus yelkouan* Μύχος της Μεσογείου: One was observed in a three hour sea watch from Cape Greco on 28<sup>th</sup> March and three were seen heading E there 9<sup>th</sup> April. Three were seen heading N off Akamas on 11<sup>th</sup> April with one off Mandria on 21<sup>st</sup> and three there on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**GREAT WHITE PELICAN** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* Ροδοπελεκάνος: One at Limassol coast on 4<sup>th</sup> May was flying freely and assumed to be a wild bird.

**EURASIAN BITTERN** *Botaurus stellaris* Βουρωδιός: One reported at Phasouri Reed Beds 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March with another at Geunyli Dam on 24<sup>th</sup> of the same month.

**BLACK STORK** *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός: Four were seen over Akrotiri Salt Lake 22<sup>nd</sup> March, while on 11<sup>th</sup> May one was seen to come in off the sea and land to the rear of Phasouri Reed Beds.

**WHITE STORK** *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός Πελαργός: Twelve were seen thermalling in the Cape Greco area on 25<sup>th</sup> March with a single bird spotted over the motorway near the exit to Anarita on 17<sup>th</sup> April with another report of one in the Acheleia area on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς: During March 23 were watched migrating over Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 15<sup>th</sup> and a single was at Phasouri Reed Beds on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Another single was at Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) on 5<sup>th</sup> April with 18 on Akrotiri Salt Lake on 17<sup>th</sup> followed by a single there 25<sup>th</sup> April. Five reports in May were of a single at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 1<sup>st</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; four at Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) on 10<sup>th</sup> with one there on 12<sup>th</sup>; two were at Paralimni Lake on 15<sup>th</sup> and a single was at Spiros Pool on 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LESSER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus minor*: One found in with a group of Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* on 12<sup>th</sup> May was last reported there on 29<sup>th</sup>. It was thought to have been present undetected from at least 8<sup>th</sup> May and is the first record of this species for Cyprus.

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea* Καστανόπαπια: Four at Paralimni Lake on 1<sup>st</sup> March were probably some of the group of nine that wintered there from early January and moved between that location and Kouklia Lake. The six at Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) on 6<sup>th</sup> of that month may also have been individuals from that group.

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα: One was over Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) on 26<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April. The same day one was seen at Zanjada with singles reported at Phasouri Reed Beds on 8<sup>th</sup>, Asprokremmos Dam and Paphos Headland on 18<sup>th</sup> and Anarita on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE** *Aquila pomarina* Κραυγαετός: One record of this species during spring 2015 migration. This was a bird seen over Polis on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**BOOTED EAGLE** *Aquila pennata* Γερακαετός: A pale phase individual was at Agia Napa Sewage Works on 19<sup>th</sup> March with two dark phase at the same location on 28<sup>th</sup> March. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April a dark bird was at Fresh Water Lake with the last record being a pale phase at Mandria (Paphos) later that month on 26<sup>th</sup>.

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός: The first was one at Mandria 28<sup>th</sup> March and up to two were seen during April and early May at Akhna Dam, Evretou Dam, Goudhi, Kannaviou Dam, Lady's Mile and Tamassos Dam. The last report was from Kannaviou 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**BAILLON'S CRAKE** *Porzana pusilla* Ναυποπουλάδα: One was seen on at Zakaki Marsh on 15<sup>th</sup> March and on several occasions between 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April. A male was at Paralimni Lake on 22<sup>nd</sup> March with another individual at Phasouri Reed Beds on 6<sup>th</sup> May.



**CORNCRAKE** *Crex crex* Ορτυκομάνα: One at Petounta Point on 17<sup>th</sup> March was the only record this spring.

**COMMON CRANE** *Grus grus* Γερανός: During March 2015 two were reported at Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) on 6<sup>th</sup> with a single with a damaged bill at Geri 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>; 44 flew in a single flock over Ypsonas heading N on 21<sup>st</sup> March, on 27<sup>th</sup> five were at Kouklia Lake and three flew over Phasouri Reed Beds; 24 flew over Cape Greco flying E on 28<sup>th</sup>. In April two seen at Kouklia (Paphos) on 3<sup>rd</sup> were later reported at Mandria. 13 were at Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) on 3<sup>rd</sup> April with 20 there on 5<sup>th</sup>. The last spring record was of at least two heard over Souni 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**DEMOISELLE CRANE** *Anthropoides virgo* Νυφογερανός: A few records this spring: seven at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 13<sup>th</sup> March; a flock of cranes seen heading N over Goudi 15<sup>th</sup> March were probably this species; one was at Frenaros on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27 flew over Lady's Mile on 21<sup>st</sup>. The only April record was of four on Lady's Mile on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER** *Haematopus ostralegus* Στρεϊδοφάγος: One record this spring was a bird on Spiros Beach during heavy rain on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta* Αβοκέτα: The single bird recorded at Oroklini Marsh during February 2015 was seen on several occasions there until 5<sup>th</sup> April. One was at Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) on 26<sup>th</sup> March, three at Mandria on 28<sup>th</sup> and up to eight were in the Larnaca area 27<sup>th</sup> March to 23<sup>rd</sup> April, including one on Spiros Beach with the Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus* on 28<sup>th</sup> March. A maximum of three were on Lady's Mile 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April with three also reported on the nearby Akrotiri Salt Lake on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**CREAM-COLOURED COURSER** *Cursorius cursor* Αμμοδρόμος: One was seen at Lady's Mile on 31<sup>st</sup> March and again 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April. Another (possibly the same) was at the same location on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**COLLARED PRATINCOLE** *Glareola pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο: Three adults and three flightless juveniles were found at Kouklia Lake (Famagusta) 26<sup>th</sup> May. Thought to be two pairs with two young each. Second possible record of this species breeding in Cyprus. The first was in 1913 when five nests with eggs were reported at Fresh Water Lake.

**BLACK-WINGED PRATINCOLE** *Glareola nordmanni* Μαυρόπτερο Νεροχελίδονο: One possible was on Akrotiri Salt Lake/Zakaki Marsh run off on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**CASPIAN PLOVER** *Charadrius asiaticus* Στεπποπλουμίδι: A well-watched male was at Mandria 9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April and was the only record this spring.

*This photograph of the Caspian Plover at Mandria was taken by John East*



**EURASIAN  
DOTTEREL**

*Charadrius morinellus* Βουνοπλουμιδι: Up to four birds were on the fields near the Larnaca Desalination Plant 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April with two at Lady's Mile on 13<sup>th</sup>. One joined the Caspian Plover *Charadrius asiaticus* at Mandria on 14<sup>th</sup> April and also remained until 18<sup>th</sup>.

**RED KNOT** *Calidris canutus* Κοκκινονεραλλιδι: One seen on Lady's Mile 16<sup>th</sup> May was the only record.

**BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER** *Limicola falcinellus* Ραβδονεραλλιδι: One was at Lady's Mile on 29<sup>th</sup> April with another single on Akrotiri Salt Lake on 1<sup>st</sup> May and two at Lady's Mile on 6<sup>th</sup>. One was seen at Spiros Pool 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May with two on Larnaca Airport Pools North on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**GREAT SNIPE** *Gallinago media* Διπλοπικιάσσο: The first report was of one in reeds near Acheleia on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Up to three were in the Phasouri Reed Beds area between 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April. Two were at Akhna Dam on 13<sup>th</sup> with a single there on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Two were at Polis on 13<sup>th</sup> with two ringed there on 25<sup>th</sup>. In May a late individual was seen at Akhna Dam on 27<sup>th</sup>.

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa lapponica* Θαλασσολιμόζα: What is thought to be the largest flock of this species seen in Cyprus – 32 – were at the Akrotiri Salt Lake/Zakaki Marsh run off on 25<sup>th</sup> April; one was seen at the nearby Gravel Pits on 27<sup>th</sup> with two at Lady's Mile from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus* Θαλασσομπεκάτσα: A flock of 18 were seen and photographed at Lady's Mile on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus lobatus* Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας: One was at Larnaca Airport Pools South on 27<sup>th</sup> March and then up to six were seen at that location on various dates until 24<sup>th</sup> April. Four were present on Akrotiri Salt Lake on 7<sup>th</sup> April and a single was on Spiros Pool 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**POMARINE SKUA** *Stercorarius pomarinus* Ληστόγλαρος: A possible 4<sup>th</sup> record for Cyprus was seen along the shore at Lady's Mile 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus* Γερακοληστόγλαρος: One was seen at Cape Pyla on 28<sup>th</sup> March with a pale phase the next day off Cape Greco. In April one was off Mandria on 9<sup>th</sup>.

**GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ichthyaetus* Αετόγλαρος: Singles were seen at Ormidia on 7<sup>th</sup> March, off Cape Greco on 28<sup>th</sup> March and at Pissouri on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**CASPIAN TERN** *Hydroprogne caspia* Γιγαντογάρωνο: Three reports this spring: one at Paphos Headland 12<sup>th</sup> March; one off shore at the Baths of Aphrodite on 11<sup>th</sup> April and an unusually large number, 12, reported off Paphos Headland 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias niger* Μαυρογάρωνο: One in off the sea at Lady's Mile 24<sup>th</sup> April, then two on Akrotiri Salt Lake the next day and three at Larnaca Sewage Works 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April. A single was at Akrotiri Salt Lake 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE** *Pterocles orientalis* Πουρτάλλα: Up to four birds were reported regularly at Akrotiri Gravel Pits between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> May.



A pair of

at Akrotiri Gravel Pits photographed by Stavros Christodoulides.

Black-bellied  
Sandgrouse

**LITTLE SWIFT** *Apus affinis* Μικροπετροχειλίδο: One came down to drink at Akhna Dam 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος: A single bird was at Lady's Mile 28<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER** *Merops persicus* Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος: Several reports of this species during spring from mainly coastal sites with the first report being 16 at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 13<sup>th</sup> March and the last one over Phasouri Reed Beds on 20<sup>th</sup> May. The largest flock was c20 at Meneou Beach 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**BIMACULATED LARK** *Melanocorypha bimaculata* Στεποτράσιηλος: Singles were reported from Akrotiri Gravel Pits, Avdimou, Mandria, Phasouri Reed Beds and Paphos Headland on dates between 7<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> April. Two were at Paphos Headland on 28<sup>th</sup> March and at Lady's Mile the next day.

**LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella rufescens* Ερημοτρασηλούδα: One was seen at Cape Greco on 13<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**RICHARD'S PIPIT** *Anthus richardi* Διπλογαλούδι: Up to three individuals were present at Paphos Headland from 6<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March with one seen there on 14<sup>th</sup> April and two on 17<sup>th</sup>. Two were at Ricco's Beach, Paphos on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla citreola* Κιτροζευκαλάτης: A male was at Sotira Pools on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, with another in pools to the west of Phasouri Reed-beds 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March and one at Zakaki Marsh on dates between 29<sup>th</sup> March – 19<sup>th</sup> April. A male was at Larnaca Salt Lake on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and singles were reported at Phasouri Reed Beds on 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April. Three were reported on Latchi Beach 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**WHITE-THROATED ROBIN** *Irania gutturalis* Λευκόλαιμο Αηδών: One was seen and photographed at Paphos Headland on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**SIBERIAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola maurus* Σιβηρική Παπαθιά: Birds thought to be of this race were seen at Cape Greco on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**CASPIAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola maurus variegatus* Κασπική Παπαθιά: A male was at Anarita Mast on 29<sup>th</sup> March with another at Cape Greco on 30<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> April. One was at Mandria on 3<sup>rd</sup> April with a female at Cape Greco a day later.

**HOODED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe monacha* Σκουφοσκαλιφούρτα: A good spring for this species with a small fall noted at the end of April and start of May. The first was a female at Cape Greco on 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April with a male at Paphos Headland on 13<sup>th</sup>. A female was seen at Lady's Mile on 26<sup>th</sup> and an amazing count of six females were on a beach at Latchi on 28<sup>th</sup> April. On 1<sup>st</sup> May a male was at the Sea Caves, Pegeia; a male was at Paphos Headland the next day and then a female was at Cape Drepanum on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SAVI'S WARBLER** *Locustella luscinioides* Καλαμοτριλιστής: From 16<sup>th</sup> March singles were reported at Cape Greco, Mandria, Phasouri Reed Beds, Sotira Pools and Zakaki Marsh while two were at Paphos on 26<sup>th</sup> March and at Germasogeia Dam on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Several birds were ringed at Polis Reed Beds on various dates between 4<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April. One was at Lower Ezousas on 10<sup>th</sup> April and another at Bishop's Pool on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**MARSH WARBLER** *Acrocephalus palustris* Βαλτομουγιανούδι: One was ringed at Polis Reed Beds on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**OLIVE-TREE WARBLER** *Hippolais olivetorum* Ελιοτρυβητούρα: A single of this species recorded at Anavargos Hills on 27<sup>th</sup> April will be the 15<sup>th</sup> record of this species since 1994.

**ICTERINE WARBLER** *Hippolais icterina* Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα: Six records during spring 2015. The first was one at Baths of Aphrodite on 7<sup>th</sup> April with another at Anavargos Hills on 19<sup>th</sup>. During May singles were at Cape Greco on 9<sup>th</sup>, Akrotiri on 10<sup>th</sup>, Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 12<sup>th</sup> and Anavargos the same day.

**BARRED WARBLER** *Sylvia nisoria* Γιαλλούρα: Just two records this spring: a female at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 8<sup>th</sup> May and one seen at Lemba the next day.

**HUME'S LEAF WARBLER** *Phylloscopus humei*: A possible first of this species for Cyprus was seen on the Karpasia Peninsula on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Further details awaited.

**SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula semitorquata*: The first record was one at the Baths of Aphrodite Caravan site on 13<sup>th</sup> March. A small fall of this species occurred in heavy winds around 20<sup>th</sup> March with up to three seen in the pines at Asprokremmos Dam 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March; one at Paphos Headland 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March; two at Baths of Aphrodite 21<sup>st</sup> March and one at Karpasia 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Three were at Bishop's Pool on 26<sup>th</sup> March with a female there on 30<sup>th</sup>. In April one was reported in Akamas on 5<sup>th</sup> April with one at Latchi on 6<sup>th</sup> and another single at Nikokleia on 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ISABELLINE SHRIKE** *Lanius isabellinus* Ξανθοκεφαλός: One was reported at Meneou Pool on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**NORTHERN RAVEN** *Corvus corax* Κλόκκαρος: Two were seen at Orga 29<sup>th</sup> March with three at Livera on 1<sup>st</sup> April, at least two on the Karpasia Peninsula on 4<sup>th</sup> and a single at Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant on 5<sup>th</sup>. During April some interesting sightings of this species were received from the Akamas area: at least four at Pittokopos on 14<sup>th</sup>, at least one near Tzioni and one over the Baths of Aphrodite on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**ROSE-COLOURED STARLING** *Stumus roseus* Ακριδοπούλλι: Two adults were seen this spring: One at Akrotiri Village on 28<sup>th</sup> April and another at Prodromi, near Polis on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**ROCK SPARROW** *Petronia petronia* Πετρόστρουθος: A single was seen at Cape Greco on several dates between 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla* Χειμωνόσπιννος: A female was seen at Lania with a flock of Common Chaffinches *Fringilla coelebs* on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**EURASIAN SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus* Θκιολαρούδι: Good numbers of this species remained in March with 30+ reported from Anavargos Hills on 15<sup>th</sup> March and eight seen at Paphos Headland on 16<sup>th</sup>. 16 were at Mandria on 20<sup>th</sup> and seven at the Caledonian Falls on 21<sup>st</sup>. During April 10+ were at the Giant Juniper area of Troodos on 6<sup>th</sup> April with a single found at Troodos on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**EURASIAN CRIMSON-WINGED FINCH** *Rhodopechys sanguineus* Ροδόφτερη Σπίζα: The third Cyprus record of this species was a female at Paphos Headland on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**TRUMPETER FINCH** *Bucanetes githagineus* Ερημόσπιννος: At least three of this species were reported as heard only at Anavargos Hills on 10<sup>th</sup> March. A female was found at Cape Greco on 15<sup>th</sup> March, with a male seen there the next day. One was again seen there 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* Τζιεφαλόσπιννος: After a bumper winter for this species several were still on the island into early April. The maximum count was c30 at Mandria on 28<sup>th</sup> March and the last record from Troodos on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**CINEREOUS BUNTING** *Emberiza cineracea* Σμυρνοπιτίλλα: Five records this spring: singles from Anarita Park 16<sup>th</sup> March, Paphos Headland 19<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April, Cape Greco on 20<sup>th</sup> March and Mavrokolympos Dam 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**LITTLE BUNTING** *Emberiza pusilla* Νανοπιτίλλα: One photographed at Cape Greco on 5<sup>th</sup> April is the probable 4<sup>th</sup> Cyprus record.

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2670 bird records received

124 species and forms recorded in June & July 2015, compared to 150 in June & July 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*

Νεροβούτιης

Largest counts:

Athalassa Dam c10 including juveniles  
and 1 family with adult with two young  
chicks 13-Jun SC

Bishop's Pool 20 18-Jul PCu

Paralimni Lake 20 11-Jun AKe

Partenitis Dam c10 2 adult, 3 + 2 + 1  
young chick, c2 heard only 18-Jul SC

**GREAT WHITE PELICAN** *Pelecanus*

*onocrotalus* Ροδοτελεκάνος

Akamas area 13 4-Jul per TRE

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 27 flying high over  
area heading W 16-Jul TRE

Marathounta/Agia Varvara c20 2-Jul per  
JSta

**LITTLE BITTERN** *Ixobrychus minutus*

Νανορωδιός

Agios Georgios pond, Athalassa forest 2  
adults 1-Jul FGe

Akhna Dam 1 1 & 5-Jun AKe

Athalassa Dam 1 male 13-Jun SC

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 1m and 1f/juv  
dropped into reeds behind male. Brief views  
27-Jul TRE

Polis Reedbeds 1 5-Jun BCRS

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**

*Nycticorax nycticorax* Νυχτοκόρακας

Akhna Dam 1 18 & 30-Jun AKe

Ay Nik (ESBA) 3 Roosting in Eucalyptus  
behind the house 5-Jun ME

Bishop's Pool 1 6, 16 & 29-Jun MGr/PBe

Evretou Dam 1 16-Jul CK

Fresh Water Lake South 1 Adult 6-Jun  
ME

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 adult 9-Jul PBe

Zakaki Marsh 4 All juveniles with unsteady  
manner of recently fledged birds,  
photographed 12-Jul PBe

Zakaki Marsh 50+ mostly imms 18-Jul  
PCu

**SQUACCO HERON** *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Akhna Dam 6 1-Jun AKe

Akhna Dam 12 3-Jun AKe

Akhna Dam 3 5-Jun AKe

Akhna Dam 2 6 & 9-Jun ME/AKe

Akhna Dam 1 18, 24 & 30-Jun AKe

Bishop's Pool 2 6 & 15-Jun MGr/PBe

Bishop's Pool 1 29-Jun PBe

Chrysochou Ford 1 1-Jul PSa

Dipotamos dam 1 27-Jun FGe

Evretou Dam 1 also present on 16<sup>th</sup> 15-  
Jul CK

Fresh Water Lake South 6 1 Pair - 2

Chicks 6-Jun ME

Kouklia Lake 1 6-Jun ME

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 4-Jun, 9 & 14-Jul  
PBe

Phassouri Reed Beds 3 13 & 20-Jun PBe

Zakaki Marsh 1 2 & 15-Jun MGr/JSta

**CATTLE EGRET** *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Largest counts and interesting records:

Aradippou Slurry Pits c50 18-Jul SC

Frenaros 100 27-Jul AKe

Fresh Water Lake South c200 All Pairs  
with at least 2 Chicks most with 3 6-Jun  
ME

Kouklia Lake 20+ 18-Jun JS

Oroklini Marsh c170 Including many  
fledged young 26-Jun JS

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Largest counts and interesting records:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 13-Jul PBe

Bishop's Pool c25 Five birds visible in  
reeds joined by flock of 20 pre-roost. On  
16th Jun the five were present again and at  
least one seemed to be tending a nest 15-  
Jun PBe

Bishop's Pool 3+ Three confirmed nests  
and two other possibles. All had birds sitting  
29-Jun PBe

Bishop's Pool 8+ 8-9 adults, 5-7 nests  
with at least two chicks seen 12-Jul MGr

Bishop's Pool 10 Flying in and out of a tree where 2 nests with young were seen  
18-Jul PCu  
Lady's Mile 20+ 15-Jun JN  
Oroklini Lake 15+ 8-Jul NM

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

Σταχτοψαροφάς  
Max count per location:  
Akhna Dam 7 3-Jun ME  
Bishop's Pool 1 6-Jun MGr  
Evretou Dam 2 11, 15 & 18-Jun HSt  
Kannaviou Dam 2 16-Jun DJW  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 5 18-Jun JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 12-Jun MGr

**PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυροψαροφάς  
Akhna Dam 1 1 & 5-Jun AKe  
Akhna Dam 3 3-Jun ME  
Dipotamos Dam 1 27-Jun FGe  
Kouklia Lake 2 5-Jun ME  
Kouklia Lake 1 18-Jun JS  
Nata (Phinikas) 1 12-Jun DJW  
Oroklini Marsh 1 Flew into reeds at west end of lake 20-Jul JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 4 & 12-Jun PBe

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα  
Fresh Water Lake South 8 4 Pairs -  
4.3.2.2 Chicks Respectively 6-Jun ME  
Kouklia Lake 11 5-Jun ME  
Kouklia Lake 8 Including one sitting at edge of reeds as if on nest 18-Jun JS  
Oroklini Marsh 1 8 & 22-Jul NM/JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 4-Jun PBe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 juvenile 27-Jul TRe

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platalea*

*leucorodia* Κουταλάς  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c35 6-Jun SC with L  
Sergides  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 25 13-Jul PBe  
Kouklia Lake 38 6-Jun ME

Paphos Headland 18 Flew N over archaeological site 15-Jul CK

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Akrotiri Salt Lake c1,000 including the black bird 6-Jun SC with L  
Sergides  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1300+ inc melanistic bird 15-Jun PBe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c100 17-Jun JN  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 melanistic bird 2-Jul TRe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1470 also visited area where nest mounds observed 14th July. Prob c50 mounds but distant. Three birds 'sitting'. At one point birds disturbed and moved off. After 10+ mins small group dirtied back to mounds and loitered. After 20 mis a single bird resumed sitting. Display-like behaviour between birds such as mirroring and wing stretching. No sign of chicks and too far away to see eggs. Re visited 16th July and found mounds deserted. No interest from birds in area 12-Jul PBe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 13 19-Jun JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 17 15-Jul JS

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα  
Kouklia Lake 1 Male in flight. Unseasonal 18-Jun JS/MH/PBe

**EURASIAN TEAL** *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι  
Kouklia Lake 2 Both males 18-Jun JS/MH/PBe

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοτζέφαλη  
Largest counts:  
Athalassa Dam 23 1-Jun PBe/CT  
Kouklia Lake c50 18-Jun JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 205 Of all ages plus 1f with 8 ducklings 15-Jul JS  
Oroklini Marsh c15 8-Jul NM

**GARGANEY** *Anas querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής  
Kouklia Lake 1 Drake 6 & 18-Jun ME/JS

**NORTHERN SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

Σαξάνα  
Kouklia Lake 1 Male 18-Jun JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19-Jun JS

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

Κοτσινηνοζιέφαλη

Kouklia Lake 11 Pair with 9 Ducklings 6-Jun ME

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλόπαπια



*Ferruginous Duck, Phassouri Reed Beds, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Bishop's Pool 20 6-Jun MGr  
 Bishop's Pool 8 ducklings 15-Jun JStA  
 Bishop's Pool 5+ at least five adults and two broods: one well fledged of six and others around 10 days old 15-Jun PBe  
 Bishop's Pool 2 one adult 12-Jul PBe  
 Kouklia Lake 7 6-Jun ME  
 Kouklia Lake c15 18-Jun JS  
 Kythrea Reservoir 3 inc juvenile.  
 Photographed 31-Jul JWe  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 juvenile 12 & 22-Jul PBe/TRe  
 Zakaki Marsh 13 12 chicks with 1 adult 6-Jun MGr  
 Zakaki Marsh 2 12-Jun MGr

**EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD** *Pernis**apivorus* Μελισσοσιάχινο

Chrysochou 1 Dark phase male flew west 8-Jun PSA  
 Lysos 1 male, drifting S 17-Jul CK  
 Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 1 ad f mobbed by magpies nr Kathiaks. Flew off due S 11-Jun PBe  
 Pelendri 1 drifting slowly S over forest, seen to perform several 'butterfly' displays as it passed. Unable to sex/age bird at height - maybe an immature bird rehearsing 11-Jul PBe

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα

Bishop's Pool 1 very tattered bird with feathers missing from wings and tail 6-Jun MGr

**EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps**fulvus* Γύπας

Kensington Cliffs 1 1-Jun &amp; 7-Jul

FGe/PBe

Limnatis Valley 2 wing tagged 27-Jun

PBe

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus**aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο

Fresh Water Lake South 1 Sub Adult Fem

6-Jun ME

Kouklia Lake 2 Prob females 18-Jun

JS/MH/PBe

**NORTHERN GOSHAWK** *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο

Neo Chorio 1 Juvenile 11-Jun HE

Theletra Gorge 1 12 &amp; 19-Jun PSA

Troodos 1 Perched in a pine tree on ravine edge of track near signposts to Pouziaris and Kryos Potomos. Flew over ravine towards Amiantos mine area 25-Jul JN

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter**nisus* Ξεφεύρι

Lysos 1 Prob this species. 2.5km ENE

Lysos 12-Jul CK (Further details needed)

Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 1

male in Stavros valley. Seen when birds started alarm calling 5-Jun PBe

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

Διπλογέρακο

Agios Theodoros Agrou 1 14-Jun CP/PPA

Androlikou 1 22 &amp; 23-Jun HSt

Anghlides 2 Flying over 12-Jun JS

Aphrodite's Rock 1 mobbed by Hooded

Crows 20-Jun JN

Between Pittokopos and Lara 1 12-Jun

PSA

Chandria (Madari Trail) 2 one calling 4-Jul

PBe

Episkopi - Paramali 10km survey area 1

24-Jun PBe

Evretou Dam 1 20 &amp; 24-Jun &amp; 19-Jul

HSt/CK

Kamares (Tala) 1 25-Jul DJW

Koshi - Pallourokampos IBA survey area 1 near Aradippou 3-Jun PBe

Limnatis - Moniatis 10km survey area 2 inc one mobbed by 5 Kestrels 27-Jun PBe  
 Mazotos 1 Between Mazotos and Alaminos 12-Jun JS  
 Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 1 20-Jun JS  
 Omodhos 1 27-Jun JN  
 Palodia 1 20-Jun JS  
 Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 19-Jun & 4 & 20-Jul JS  
 Peristerona, Paphos 1 20-Jun HSt  
 Polemi 3 1 adult and two young 25-Jun HSt  
 Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 2 ads near Arsos 30-Jun PBe  
 Simou 3 2 territorial birds fighting with another. Pretty brutal! 9-Jun PSa  
 Theletra Gorge 1 12-Jun PSa  
 Theletra Gorge 2 Both recently fledged juveniles 19-Jun PSa  
 Theletra Gorge 1 Recently fledged juvenile 1-Jul PSa  
 Tsada 1 pair (1 on 31<sup>st</sup>) 29-Jul SI

**BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Aquila fasciatus*  
 Σπιζαετός - Περτικοσιάχινο  
 Agia Ekaterina 1 Adult 3-Jun PSa  
 Androlikou Quarry 3 Adult pair accompanying newly fledged juvenile 6-Jun PSa  
 Androlikou Quarry 4 Adult pair accompanying 2 newly fledged juveniles 8-Jun PSa  
 Androlikou 2 17 & 18-Jun HSt/DJW  
 Between Pittokopos and Smygies 1 Fresh juvenile 11-Jun PSa  
 Koshi - Pallourokampos IBA survey area 1 in distance being mobbed by Kestrel 3-Jun PBe  
 Limnatis 2 visiting vulture feeding station regularly. Two photographed 14th July.  
 Others also seen at Agios Ioannis feeding station 14-Jul NK/GF  
 Pittokopos 2 18-Jun DJW  
 West of Pano Arodes 2 Fresh juveniles 11-Jun PSa

**LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni*  
 Κιρκινέζι  
 Androlikou 2 Male and female 2 & 13-Jun PSa  
 Androlikou 1 Male 3, 11, 15, 17, 21 & 25-Jun PSa  
 Androlikou to Pittokopos 1 male 21-Jun HSt

Between Pittokopos and Lara 3 2 males and 1st year male 11-Jun PSa  
 Between Pittokopos and Lara 2 Both males 12-Jun PSa  
 Between Pittokopos and Lara 2 Male and female 25-Jun PSa  
 Between Pittokopos and Smygies 1 Male 11-Jun PSa  
 Pittokopos 3 18-Jun DJW  
 Pittokopos to Lara track 1 23-Jun HSt

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*  
 Κίτρος

Largest counts and interesting reports:  
 Fasoula - Germasogeia 10km survey area 12 inc a post breeding flock of 6 28-Jun PBe  
 Kiti, Perivolia, Meneou M05 Survey Square 13 10-Jun JS  
 Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05 Atlas Square 14 12-Jun JS  
 Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 11 30-Jun PBe

**RED-FOOTED FALCON** *Falco vespertinus*  
 Μαυροφάλκονο

Agia Varvara to Episkopi road 1 15-Jun HSt (Very late; further details needed)  
 Anarita to Episkopi track 1 male 24-Jun HSt (Very late; further details needed)  
 Kritou Tera 1 Female; late! 1-Jun PSa  
 Pittokopos to Lara track 1 female 18-Jun HSt (Very late; further details needed)

**EURASIAN HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*  
 Δεντροφάλκονο



Eurasian Hobby, Tala, 12<sup>th</sup> June. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Androlikou 1 5-Jun PSa  
 Androlikou 2 19-Jun HSt  
 Evretou Dam 1 15-Jul CK  
 Kamares (Tala) 2 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 25 & 29-Jun & 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8-Jul DJW  
 Kamares (Tala) 1 10, 23 & 25-Jun & 3, 4, 9, 23 & 31-Jul DJW



Malia 1 poss juv seen west of Malia on road to Kidasi. Photographed 30-Jun PBe  
Pentastochinos 2 pair at possible nest site 19-Jun MH  
Theletra Gorge 1 19-Jun PSa  
Yeri Fields 1 adult 13-Jun SC  
Zelemonos, Tala 2 performing high speed aerobatics 17-Jun JSta

#### **ELEONORA'S FALCON** *Falco eleonora*

Μαυρομμάτης  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 at dusk 10-Jun PBe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2-Jul TRE  
Akrotiri 2 One dark phase, one pale phase; assumed adults 7-Jul NM  
Androlikou to Pittokopos 1 23-Jun HSt  
Avdimou beach 1 14-Jun JN  
Bishop's Pool 1 15-Jun & 12-Jul JSta/PBe  
Cape Aspro 2 23-May JSta  
Episkopi - Paramali 10km survey area 22+ in Kensington Cliffs area 24-Jun PBe  
Fasoula - Germasogeia 10km survey area 2 28-Jun PBe  
Kensington Cliffs 4 1-Jun FGe  
Kensington Cliffs c5 both morphs 6-Jun SC with L Sergides  
Kensington Cliffs 6 23-Jun & 18-Jul HSt  
Kensington Cliffs 16+ 7-Jul PBe  
Livadi tou Pashia 1 6-Jun PBe  
Nata (Phinikas) 1 12-Jun DJW  
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 actively hunting over reed bed at dawn 20-Jun PBe  
Pittokopos to Lara track 2 22-Jun HSt  
Souni 2 3 & 22-Jul JN  
Souni 1 9, 13, 21, 29 & 31-Jul JN  
Zanadja 1 20-Jun JN  
Zapalo 2 light 6-Jun SC with L Sergides

#### **PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάβος  
Agios Sozomenos 1 At known nest site 8-Jun JS  
Episkopi 3 pair and fledged chick 4-Jun JSta  
Kensington Cliffs 1 6-Jun SC with L Sergides  
Kritou Tera 2 Male and female with food 8-Jun HE

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Young bird took medium sized Black-winged Stilt, was mobbed by parents and then by Hooded Crows who wanted prey. Landed behind pools towards airport with prey. 8-Jul JS  
Limnatis - Moniatias 10km survey area 1 in Limnatis valley 27-Jun PBe  
Theletra Gorge 1 19-Jun PSa  
Zapalo 1 6-Jun SC with L Sergides

#### **CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 30 5 & 18-Jun AKe  
Kouris - Apehia 10km survey area 46 numerous coveys, majority fledglings with few ads - one group of 21 birds 22-Jun PBe  
Makhairas Forest c30 c4 family parties of ads & old juvs 20-Jun SC with F Georgiades  
Pyrga c40 One covey together 20-Jul JS

#### **BLACK FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus*

*francolinus* Φραγκολίνα



*Black Francolin, Anthoupolis, Nicosia, 25<sup>th</sup> July. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.*

Largest counts:  
Athalassa c5 1 male, 1 female seen, c3 heard only 13-Jun SC  
Kiti, Perivolias, Meneou M05 Survey Square 10 8 males calling and 1m and 1f seen 10-Jun JS  
Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05 Atlas Square 5 Four heard calling. One seen 12-Jun JS  
Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 8 11-Jun PBe

#### **COMMON QUAIL** *Coturnix coturnix* Οπτούκι

Androlikou 1 Heard only 15-Jun PSa  
Pano Amiantos 1 Heard only for over 1 minute within mine area. Persistent "wet me lips" call 16-Jul FGe  
Pano Arodes 1 singing in a cereal field 11-Jun PBe

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετεινάρο

Max count per location:

Agios Georgios pond, Athalassa forest 2  
1-Jul FGeAgios Sozomenos 4 Four large young. In  
area of Gialas river still retaining water after  
winter rains. 8-Jun JSAthalassa Dam c8 including c5 chicks (2+  
families) 13-Jun SCBishop's Pool 3+ inc two juveniles 12-Jul  
PBe

Oroklini Lake 2+ 8-Jul NM

Paralimni Lake 10 21-Jun AKe

Partenitis Dam c6 1 adult, 2 juveniles  
seen, c3 heard only 18-Jul SCPhassouri Reed Beds 7 2 adults with 5  
fledged young 20-Jun PBe

Zakaki Marsh 2 2-Jun &amp; 18-Jul MGr/PCu

**EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 24 6-Jun MGr

Kouklia Lake 800 At least this number and  
probably many more. Many young present  
18-Jun JSOroklini Marsh 100+ Inc juveniles 15-Jul  
JS

Paralimni Lake 50 11 &amp; 21-Jun AKe

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus**himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 120 inc c40 juvs 13-Jul  
PBe

Kouklia Lake c120 18-Jun JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 59+ Plus 20 juveniles  
15-Jul JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c40 18-Jul JS

**EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW** *Burhinus**oedicephalus* Τρουλλουριά

Agios Sozomenos 2 16-Jun JS

Agios Sozomenos 1+ One seen and the  
same or another heard ten minutes later  
22-Jun JS

Akhna Dam 1 heard 18-Jun AKe

Androlikou 1 Dead on road 1-Jul PSa

Ay Nik (ESBA) 3 Heard 3-Jun ME

Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Over the house at Dusk  
8-Jun MEDromolaxia 4 Heard during night survey  
3-Jul JS

Frenaros 2 pair 27-Jul AKe

Fresh Water Lake North 1 6-Jun ME

Kivisili 6 Three seen and three heard  
elsewhere during night survey 12-Jun JS

Lara 1 18-Jul CK

Larnaca Salt Lake 3+ Heard during night  
survey 3-Jul JSMeneou Beach 2+ Heard after dark 23-  
Jun JSMeneou Pool 6 At start of night survey  
19-Jun JSPanagia Stazousa SPA 1 heard to east  
20-Jul JS**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius**dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

*Little Ringed Plover, Oroklini Marsh, 15<sup>th</sup> July.  
Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Evretou Dam 6 15-Jul CK

Evretou Dam 4 16-Jul CK

Evretou Dam 1 19-Jul CK

Oroklini Marsh 8 Three adults and five  
juveniles 15-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 6 Three adults 20-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh c10 Inc juveniles 22-Jul  
JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 18-Jul PCu

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius**hiaticula* ΑμμοπλουμίδιAkrotiri Salt Lake 1 19:20 - 19:50 16-Jun  
PBe**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius**alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6-Jun SC with L  
Sergides  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c40 19:20 - 19:50 16-  
Jun PBe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 30 13-Jul PBe  
Lady's Mile 6 flying over the shore from W  
to E 15-Jun JN  
Lady's Mile 1 in flight along shoreline 17-  
Jun JN  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 10-Jun JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 15-Jul JS  
Meneou Pool 4 19-Jun JS  
Meneou Pool 2 24-Jun JS  
Meneou Pool 2 One adult and one juvenile  
15-Jul JS  
Meneou Pool 3 Two adults and a large  
juvenile 20-Jul JS  
Spiros Pool 14 10-Jun JS  
Spiro's Pool 7 Plus two young with one of  
the adults and one large juvenile alone 19-  
Jun JS  
Spiros Pool 1+ One adult and three small  
young 24-Jun JS

**GREATER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius  
leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19:20 - 19:50 16-Jun  
PBe

**SPUR-WINGED LAPWING** *Vanellus  
spinosus* Πελλοκατερίνα



Spur-winged Lapwing, Zakaki Marsh, 27<sup>th</sup> July.  
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location and interesting  
reports:  
Agios Sozomenos 1 On water remaining  
in Gialias river 16 & 22-Jun JS  
Akhna Dam 10 1, 5 & 15-Jun AKE  
Aradippou Slurry Pits 5 3 adults, 2  
juveniles 18-Jul SC

Bishop's Pool 1 16 & 29-Jun PBe  
Fresh Water Lake North 9 6-Jun ME  
Kiti Dam 2 10-Jun JS  
Kouklia Lake 8 6 & 18-Jun ME/JS  
Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 10-Jun JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 16 inc three at  
Aqueduct 15-Jul JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works c20 18-Jul JS  
Meneou Pool 2 22-Jul JS  
Oroklini Marsh 6 24-Jun SMM  
Oroklini Marsh 6+ Plus four largish  
chicks. One of adults chasing away  
anything that went near them inc Little Stint  
and Wood & Green Sandpiper 22-Jul JS  
Palaioметоcho 1 16-Jul FGe  
Paphos Sewage Works 5 plus 3 young  
photographed 18-Jul PCu  
Paralimni Lake 20 11-Jun AKE  
Partenitis Dam 1 adult 20-Jun SC with F  
Georgiades  
Spiro's Pool 2 10 & 14-Jun & 15-Jul JS  
Zakaki Marsh 2 27-Jul TR

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλιδι  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 13-Jul PBe  
Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Jul JS  
Oroklini Marsh 4 22-Jul JS

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*

Δρεπτανονεραλλιδι  
Spiros Pool 3 Breeding plumage 10-Jun  
JS

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής



Ruff, Oroklini Marsh, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Photograph by  
Jane Stylianou.

Oroklini Marsh 3 One juvenile and two still  
with some neck feathers of breeding  
plumage 15-Jul JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Jul JS  
Oroklini Marsh 5 22-Jul JS  
Spiro's Pool 2 14-Jun JS

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινόνεραλλιόδι

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Heard 19-Jun JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 15 &amp; 22-Jul JS

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλιόδι

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

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

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλιόδι

Agios Sozomenos 3 Gialias river 22-Jun JS/DRh

Akhna Dam 1 15-Jun AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 15-Jun PBe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 2-Jul TRe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 3-Jul TRe

Bishop's Pool 1 12-Jul PBe

Bishop's Pool 3 15-Jun PBe

Dipotamos dam 2 27-Jun FGe

Evretou Dam 1 16-Jun &amp; 15, 16 &amp; 19-Jul DJW/CK

Kouklia Lake 2 18-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 15-Jul JS

Partenitis Dam 2 1 seen, 1 heard only 18-Jul SC

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 14-Jul PBe

Polis Reedbeds 1 15-Jun BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 1 feeding on far side of water 12-Jun MGr

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλιόδι

Akhna Dam 1 5-Jun ME/AKe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 13-Jul PBe

Bishop's Pool 3 12-Jul PBe

Evretou Dam 1 19-Jul CK

Kouklia Lake 2 6-Jun ME

Oroklini Marsh 1 8-Jul NM

Oroklini Marsh 9 15-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 3 20-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 3+ 22-Jul JS

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακρίτης

Akhna Dam 1 30-Jun &amp; 18-Jul AKe/SC

Larnaca Airport Coast 5 In flock together 22-Jul JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 15-Jul JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 20-Jul JS

Meneou Pool 1 15-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 2 15 &amp; 20-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 22-Jul JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 27-Jul TRe

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

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 immature 6-Jun SC

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 13-Jul PBe

Oroklini Marsh 1 22-Jul JS

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

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 13-Jul PBe

**AUDOUIN'S GULL** *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew over 15-Jul JS

Potamos Liopetriou 1 18-Jul FGe

Spiro's Pool 1 1 &amp; 8-Jul JS

**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 &amp; 6-May FGe/SC/JN/JE/TRe/APL

**YELLOW-LEGGED GULL** *Larus**michahellis* Ασημόγλαρος

Max count per location:

Akamas coast 10km survey area 2 flying S 12-Jun PBe

Akrotiri Salt Lake c60 roost on W side of lake mostly adults 10-Jun PBe

Asprokremmos Dam 100 16-Jun PBe

Episkopi - Paramali 10km survey area 4 adults past Zapalo beach 24-Jun PBe  
Episkopi (Limassol) Cliffs c4 including 1 eating an Alpine Swift on the Quarry Beach! 6-Jun SC with L Sergides  
Kensington Cliffs 1 7-Jul PBe  
Kouris Dam 1 at Alassa 22-Jun PBe  
Lady's Mile 1 15-Jun JN  
Larnaca Airport Coast 34 20-Jul JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 10-Jun JS  
Spiros Pool 46 Including two juveniles 15-Jul JS

**GULL-BILLED TERN** *Gelochelidon nilotica*  
Γελογλάρονο  
Kouklia Lake 3 18-Jun JS/MH/PBe

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*  
Θαλασσογλάρονο  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 c6pm flew into view while watching Little Terns 10-Jun PBe

**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna albifrons* Γλαρόνι  
Akhna Dam 2 3-Jun AKe  
Akhna Dam 3 18-Jun AKe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 hawking on edge of lake 10-Jun PBe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 one appeared to be sitting on a nest 15-Jun PBe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 13-Jul PBe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 19-Jun JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake c11 c8 in distant haze plus three flew over me - one had fish in bill 15-Jul JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Fishing 10-Jun JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 19-Jun JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1 & 20-Jul JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 An adult and a juvenile together 18-Jul JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 9 Three heading out to sea seen at start of track and six fishing over pools with at least two juveniles 22-Jul JS  
Meneou Pool 2 19-Jun JS  
Meneou Pool 1 24-Jun & 1 & 20-Jul JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 No Signs of Breeding 10-Jun ME  
Oroklini Marsh 4 8-Jul NM

Oroklini Marsh 4 Two adults and two juveniles - one seen being fed by one of the adults 15 & 20-Jul JS  
Oroklini Marsh 7 Three adults and four juveniles 22-Jul JS

**WHISKERED TERN** *Chlidonias hybrida*  
Λιμνογλάρονο  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 4-May PBe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 Slight moult but still mainly in breeding plumage 19-Jun JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1 & 18-Jul JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 Non-breeding plumage 15-Jul JS

**WHITE-WINGED TERN** *Chlidonias leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρονο  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 13-Jul PBe

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο  
Nata (Phinikas) 4 12-Jun DJW  
Pera Present 7-Jul NM  
Bishop's Pool 2 12-Jul PBe

**COMMON WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus* Φάσσα  
Largest counts:  
Athalassa Park c200 13-Jun SC  
Palaioметоcho c20 16-Jul FGe  
Paphos Plain 30 16-Jun PBe  
Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 195 inc flock of 180 in fields 11-Jun PBe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 27 W from roosts in small flocks 20-Jun PBe

**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE** *Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνι  
Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 20 5-Jun AKe  
Kiti, Perivolias, Meneou M05 Survey Square 22 10-Jun JS  
Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05 Atlas Square 21 12-Jun JS  
Palaioметоcho c25 16-Jul FGe

**EURASIAN TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur* Τρυγόνι  
Akamas coast 10km survey area 2 singing 12-Jun PBe  
Athalassa Park 2 1-Jun PBe/CT  
Athalassa Park 1 13-Jun SC  
Bishop's Pool 1 6-Jun & 12-Jul MGr/PBe  
Bishop's Pool 3 coming down to drink 16-Jun PBe  
Bishop's Pool c2 29-Jun PBe

Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 2 singing 6-Jun PBe  
 Livadi tou Pashia 1 6-Jun PBe  
 Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area 2 singing 1-Jul PBe  
 Louvaras Forest 1 14-Jun CP/PPa  
 Mennogeia 2 12-Jun JS  
 Paphos Plain 3 one singing 16-Jun PBe  
 Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 3 singing 11-Jun PBe  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 22-Jun BCRS  
 Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 3 inc a pair 30-Jun PBe  
 Smygies 1 23-Jun HSt  
 Souni 2 one heard calling other seen feeding on track nearby 16, 21 & 22-Jul JN  
 Tsada 2 25-Jul SI

### GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO

*Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά



*Great Spotted Cuckoo juvenile, Anarita Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Agios Sozomenos 1 Juvenile begging from Magpie 22-Jun JS/DRh  
 Anarita Park 1 2-Jun AST  
 Androlikou 1 Juv 18-Jun DJW  
 Athalassa Park 1 1 & 13Jun DRh/SC  
 Chrisospilliotisa 1 26-Jun PSA  
 Drinia 2 Fresh juveniles 9-Jun PSA  
 Episkopi 2 Juv 12-Jun DJW  
 Evretou Dam 1 juvenile 23-Jun HSt  
 Kivisili 2 Two juveniles together on a wire with Magpie 12-Jun JS  
 Limnatis 1 juvenile 27-Jun PBe  
 Malia 1 juvenile 30-Jun PBe  
 Mazotos 2 juveniles. Between Mazotos and Alaminos 12-Jun JS  
 Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 19 & 24-Jun JS  
 Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 8 inc one juvenile near Kathikas and 2 adults near Ineia 11-Jun PBe  
 Pera Orinis 1 29-Jun MH  
 Peristerona 1 juvenile 20-Jun HSt  
 Pyrga 2 Juveniles 19-Jun JS  
 Souni 2 1, 3 & 10-Jun & 2 & 10-Jul JN

Souni 1 30-Jun & 2-Jul JN

### COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος

Livadi tou Pashia 1 calling 6-Jun PBe

### BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι



*Barn Owl at nest, Politiko, 4<sup>th</sup> July. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.*

Asinou Church 1 26-Jul MH  
 Chrisospilliotisa 1 Flushed from cave roost 3 & 20-Jun PSA  
 Chrysochou 1 Adult roosting in abandoned building 6-Jun PSA  
 Episkopi, Paphos 1+ Adult feeding two hissing chicks in trees at bottom of cliff 3-Jul JStA  
 Parakklesia 2 disturbed in shed; no obvious signs of breeding 5-Jun MGR  
 Pera Orinis 1 12-Jul MH  
 Politiko 2+ young in nest cavity 4-Jul FGe  
 Theletra Gorge 1 Nest cavity in bridge over gorge. At least 1 chick present viewed from road above 19-Jun PSA

### EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουρί

Androlikou 2 5-Jun PSA  
 Androlikou 3 13-Jun BCRS  
 Athalassa Park 1 called several times late morning 1-Jun PBe/CT  
 Chrysochou 1 6-Jun PSA  
 Episkopi, Paphos 3 Nocturnal survey 3-Jul JStA  
 Ineia 4 13-Jun BCRS  
 Kamares (Tala) 1 heard 6, 7, 8 & 9-Jul DJW  
 Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 2 two different birds heard calling in the day time 6-Jun PBe  
 Karakoumi, Kyrenia 1 heard 2-Aug JWe  
 Latchi 3 13-Jun BCRS  
 Limnatis 10km survey area 12 Nocturnal survey 20-Jun PBe

Makhairas Forest, near Mandra tou  
 Kambiou Picnic Site 1 heard only 20-Jun  
 SC with F Georgiades  
 Neo Horio 4 4-Jun BCRS  
 Neo Horio 2 13-Jun BCRS  
 Nicosia Town Centre 1 Singing on a palm  
 tree outside the municipal gardens. Each  
 6th or 7th repetition was with 3 notes. 23-  
 Jun FGe  
 Nicosia, Paedagogical Academy Park 1  
 heard only 20-Jun SC with F Georgiades  
 Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 Calling briefly  
 19-Jun JS  
 Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 12 Night  
 survey 11-Jun PBe  
 Polis Camp Site 1 in tree outside tent 11-  
 Jun PBe  
 Polis town 1 heard calling 21-Jun HSt  
 Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 1 30-  
 Jun PBe  
 Souni 2 8, 17 & 29-Jun & 7, 8, 14, 16 &  
 25-Jul JN  
 Souni 1 13, 14, 16, 21, 29 & 30-Jun & 1,  
 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20 & 28-Jul JN  
 Souni 4 15-Jul JN  
 Souni 3 19-Jul JN  
 Stavros tis Psokas 15 Nocturnal survey 4-  
 Jun PBe  
 Troodos 8 11-Jun BCRS  
 Troodos 7 18-Jun BCRS  
 Vretsia, Paphos 1 Heard 1-Jul DJW  
 Zelemenos, Tala 1+ 30-Jun JStA

### **LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

Κουκκουφιδός

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 1 8-Jun JS  
 Anarita Park 2 12 & 24-Jun HSt  
 Androlikou 1+ 5-Jun PSa  
 Androlikou to Pittokopos 1 21-Jun HSt  
 Asinou Church 1 26-Jul MH  
 Ay Nik (ESBA) 2 Heard 3-Jun ME  
 Dromolaxia 2 Heard during night survey  
 3-Jul JS  
 Evretou Dam 3 road to bottom of dam  
 wall 11-Jun HSt  
 Kamares (Tala) 1 Calling 19-Jul DJW  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 4 Three adults heard  
 and one juvenile seen at side of track  
 during night survey 3-Jul JS  
 Limnatis 10km survey area 1 Nocturnal  
 survey 20-Jun PBe  
 Mazotos 2 Heard during night survey 12-  
 Jun JS  
 Nata (Phinikas) 1 12-Jun DJW  
 Nata, Paphos 1 12-Jun DJW

Panagia Stazousa SPA 2 At nest site. One  
 pale bird ? lilith race 24-Jun JS  
 Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 2 Night  
 survey 11-Jun PBe  
 Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 29-Jun MH  
 Souni 5 1 heard around new roads and 1  
 other heard at Souni Carob Grove, 1 seen  
 flying along ridge at end of the carob grove  
 and 2 more heard 6-Jul JN  
 Vrysoulles 1 21-Jun ME  
 West of Pano Arodes 1 11-Jun PSa  
 Zelemenos, Tala 2+ Resident pair have  
 produced at least one chick 15-Jun JStA

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

Αρκόθουπος

Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 7-Jul ME  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Juvenile heard  
 during night survey 3-Jul JS  
 Limnatis 10km survey area 1+ juv heard  
 calling near Laneia. Nocturnal survey 20-  
 Jun PBe  
 Mylikouri trail 3 Heard first then one  
 juvenile flew out of trees beyond stream  
 (near very high hillsides on both sides of  
 the stream). It sat (unsteadily) on a branch  
 above my head calling and gradually  
 moving up the pine tree and another  
 juvenile called from the dense pines  
 opposite. A probable adult also heard  
 replying from high up on rockface 11-Jul  
 JN  
 Pera 1 8-Jul NM  
 Vretsia 1 1-Jul DJW

### **EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR** *Caprimulgus*

*europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι

Akrounda 1 Dead male presumed  
 predated by fox 1-Jul PBe  
 Asinou Church 4 26-Jul MH  
 Between Kritou Tera and Agia Ekaterina 1  
 Female flushed from nest (1 egg) 3-Jun  
 PSa  
 Chrysochou 1 Male hunting over road and  
 perching in roadside trees at dawn 6-Jun  
 PSa  
 Episkopi (Paphos) 10km survey area 3  
 Nocturnal survey 3-Jul JStA  
 Limnatis 10km survey area 5 Nocturnal  
 survey 20-Jun PBe  
 Lysos 1 calling every evening 2.5km ENE  
 of Lysos 12-18th July 18-Jul CK  
 Makhairas Forest, near Mandra tou  
 Kambiou Picnic Site 1 20-Jun SC  
 with F Georgiades  
 Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 12-Jul MH

Souni 1 Heard calling near our home 1-Jul JN  
Stavros tis Psokas 8 inc 3 birds heard in valley around village. Nocturnal survey 4-Jul PBe  
Vretsia, Paphos 7 1-Jul DJW  
Xeros Potamos, Paphos 5 1-Jul DJW

### **COMMON SWIFT** *Apus apus*

Πετροχειλίδονο

Largest counts and ringing records:

Akhna Dam 100 3-Jun AKe

Avgorou 150 1-Jun AKe

Makhairas Forest c200 20-Jun SC with F Georgiades

Nicosia Old Town c130 several active nests 18-Jun PBe

Phassouri Reed Beds c250 4-Jun PBe

Troodos 8 7 & 14-Jul BCRS

Troodos 1 21-Jul BCRS

### **PALLID SWIFT** *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχειλίδονο

Amiantos area c5 1-Jun SC

Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area

c8 seen near Trooditissa monastery were probably this species 15-Jul PBe

Troodos 3 7 & 14-Jul BCRS

Troodos 1 21-Jul BCRS

Troodos Square c15 1-Jun SC

Zakaki Marsh 1 6-Jun MGR

### **ALPINE SWIFT** *Tachymartus melba*

Αστροπετροχειλίδονο

Cape Aspro 3 23-May JSta

Episkopi - Paramali 10km survey area 3+ 24-Jun PBe

Kensington Cliffs 9 1-Jun FGe

Kensington Cliffs 1 23-Jun HSt

Kythrea Reservoir 1 31-Jul JWe

### **EUROPEAN BEE-EATER** *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος

Largest counts:

Akamas coast 10km survey area 8+ in two locations, calling and feeding 12-Jun PBe

Arsos c21 large flock of c21 active birds

SW of Arsos inc at least 4 juvs in suitable breeding habitat. Further up valley another

flock of similar numbers seen (unsure if same flock or different one. 30-Jun PBe

Chrisospilliotisa 13 3-Jun PSa

Panagia Stazousa SPA 13 Flew over from

Pyrga direction. Probably includes the 6

seen earlier in that area 20-Jul JS

Pyrga 8+ Family party of c8 with 4 juveniles, others heard in distance and probable nest site located 4-Jul JS

### **EUROPEAN ROLLER** *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα



*European Roller, Anarita Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Photograph by Albert Stöcker.*

Largest counts and ringing records:

Akhna Dam 10 15-Jun AKe

Androlikou 3 8-Jul BCRS

Androlikou 2 5-Jun PSa / BCRS

Androlikou 6 12 & 14-Jun PSa / BCRS

Androlikou 4 24-Jun PSa / BCRS

Androlikou 12 22-Jun HSt

Androlikou to Pittokopos 12 21-Jun HSt

Chisopiliotissa 5 17-Jun PSa / BCRS

Mesaoria c9 Near Ashia outside Kouklia

18-Jun JS/MH/PBe

Neo Horio 4 12-Jun PSa / BCRS

Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 8 inc 1 bird carrying food and a pair being mobbed by magpies 11-Jun PBe

Pittokopos 5 12-Jun PSa / BCRS

Souni 9 16-Jul JN

Theletra 3 24-Jun PSa / BCRS

### **EURASIAN HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

Πουπουζιός

Largest counts:

Androlikou 13 23-Jun HSt

Mesaoria 5 Near Ashia outside Kouklia

18-Jun JS

Pera 6 9-Jul NM

Souni 8 A trio in one area, two near home

and another trio in another area 24-Jul JN

### **CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha*

*calandra* Μαυροπράσιηλος

Koshi - Pallourokampos IBA survey area 1 3-Jun PBe

Kouklia Lake 2 6-Jun ME

Mesaoria 10+ Near Ashia outside Kouklia

18-Jun JS/MH/PBe

Perivolia 12 Seen 14-Jun JS



Perivolia 12+ Five seen. Others heard 25-Jun JS  
Perivolia 1 Seen in flight 1-Jul JS  
Perivolia 21 19 in a flock, one alone and another heard singing 22-Jul JS

Polis Reedbeds 15 5-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 12 15-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 1 22-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 2 4-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 4 18-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 1 7-Jul BCRS  
Vavatsinia 100+ 10-Jul JS

**CRESTED LARK** *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 100 3 & 5-Jun AKe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 32 13-Jul PBe  
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 16 25-Jul FGe  
Kiti, Perivolia, Meneou M05 Survey Square 26 10-Jun JS

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Livadi tou Pashia 2 singing 6-Jun PBe  
Mount Olympus 2+ Feeding young near car park near mountain top 14-Jul CK

**EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδο

Chandria (Madari Trail) 2+ 2-3 at cliff face 4-Jul PBe  
Kannaviou Dam 2 two adults feeding unknown number of chicks in distant nest upstream 16-Jun DJW

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Agios Sozomenos c110 8-Jun JS  
Akhna Dam 1000 adults & young 22-Jul AKe  
Almirolivado c100 16-Jul FGe  
Kiti, Perivolia, Meneou M05 Survey Square 513 10-Jun JS  
Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05 Atlas Square 300 inc 8 juveniles being fed on wire 12-Jun JS  
Meneou Pool c100 15-Jul JS  
Paphos Plain 130+ 16-Jun PBe  
Perivolia 200+ 8-Jul JS

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Hirundo daurica* Μιλτοχελίδο



Red-rumped Swallow, Vyzakia, 11<sup>th</sup> July.  
Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Amiantos area c15+ 1-Jun SC  
Limnatis - Moniatis 10km survey area 11 2 parties inc fledged birds 27-Jun PBe  
Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 10 17-Jul JS  
Pano Amiantos 8 16-Jul FGe  
Polis Reedbeds 1 22-Jun BCRS  
Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 13 30-Jun PBe  
Troodos 1 7-Jul BCRS

**COMMON HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbicum* Ασπροχελίδο

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Kakopetria 200 adults & young 30-Jul AKe  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 160+ large post breeding flocks around villages, many juveniles seen 6-Jun PBe  
Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area 152 many juveniles 1-Jul PBe  
Troodos 5 11-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 33 18-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 120 30-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 148 16-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 77 7-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 44 14-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 52 21-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 66 28-Jul BCRS

Vavatsinia 100+ 10-Jul JS

**YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

Τζιπρινοζευκαλάτης

Phassouri Reed Beds 1+ juveniles 22-Jul TRe

**BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla*

*f.feldegg* Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Akhna Dam 1 Male Feldegg 5-Jun ME

Kouklia Lake 1 Heard 18-Jun JS/MH/PBe

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 19-Jun JS

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 adult flew in briefly 9-Jul PBe

Phassouri Reed Beds 3 feldegg juveniles - presumed local 12-Jul PBe

Phassouri Reed Beds 5 inc the three

juveniles from 12/7 14-Jul PBe

Spiro's Pool 1 Heard 14 & 19-Jun JS

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Mylikouri Trail 1 A male seen feeding on track then carrying food towards the stream to a probable nest site (not located). Also seen in same area on return route 11-Jul JN

Mylikouri Trail 3 An initial impression of a second juvenile but not confirmed during observations 18-Jul JN

Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 1 25-Jul JN

Tzelefos Bridge 2+ A male and a female both with insects in bills with two juveniles flying around them. Start of Mylikouris Trail 17-Jul JS

**WINTER WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάρυδο

Agios Theodoros Agrou 6 14-Jun CP/PPa

Chandria (Madari Trail) 1 sang briefly 4-Jul PBe

Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 3 6-Jun PBe

Kionia 1 Heard scolding 10-Jul JS

Louvaras Forest 1 14-Jun CP/PPa

Marathasa 5 (1 in song) 30-Jul AKe

Mylikouri trail 10 11-Jul JN

Mylikouri trail 4 Two only heard calling 18-Jul JN

Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area 3 singing 15-Jul PBe

Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 1 11-Jun PBe

Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 5 5-Jun PBe

Trooditissa 1 heard only 1-Jun SC

Tzelefos Bridge 1+ Heard. Start of

Mylikouris Trail 17-Jul JS

**COMMON NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia*

*megarhynchos* Αηδόνη

Agios Theodoros Agrou 3 14-Jun CP/PPa

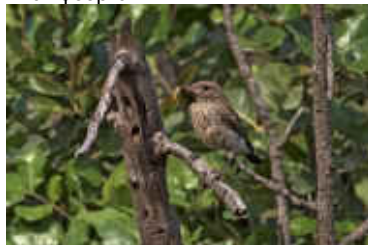
Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 1 11-Jun PBe

Polystypos 8 Singing 13-Jun FGe

Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 1 5-Jun PBe

**CYPRUS WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe cypriaca*

Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear juvenile, Dipotamos Dam, 27<sup>th</sup> June. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.

Largest counts:

Dipotamos Dam 14 mostly juveniles 27-Jun FGe

Fikardou c20 4-Jul FGe

Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 11 6-Jun PBe

Kouris - Apehia 10km survey area 14 3 ads, rest fledged birds 22-Jun PBe

Kouris Dam 13 3-Jul TRe

Limnatis - Moniatis 10km survey area 12 inv 4 juvs 27-Jun PBe

Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area 21 inc 6+ juvs 1-Jul PBe

Machairas Forest c24 4-Jul FGe

Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area 19 inc 4 juveniles. Also 1 deceased ad fem found hit by car in post breeding moult 15-Jul PBe

Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 26 inc 9+ juvs 30-Jun PBe

Souni 20 one female with one juvenile 1-Jun JN

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκόσσυφος

Amiantos area 1 female type 1-Jun SC

Chandria (Madari Trail) 2 one male 4-Jul PBe

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Agios Theodoros Agrou 1 14-Jun CP/PPa

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 1 16-Jul FGe

Kakopetria 2 30-Jul AKe

Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 2 6-Jun PBe

Kionia 2 1m and 1f 10-Jul JS

Livadi tou Pashia 1 11 &amp; 16-Jul FGe

Mylikouri trail 1 heard calling 18-Jul JN

Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area

7 inc a pair and several singing males 15-Jul PBe

Persephone Trail, Troodos 4 2 males seen

- one in Distraction display and juvenile

seen flying in opposite direction (near fruit

tree on trail with a gulley below). Also

heard calling on return route below the

Persephone Trail 25-Jul JN

Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 1

heard calling 25-Jul JN

Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 3

singing 5-Jun PBe

Troodos 1 11-Jun BCRSa

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

Ψευταηδώνι

Largest counts and ringing records:

Akhna Dam 6 (4 fledged young) 30-Jun

AKe

Athalassa c6 heard only 13-Jun SC

Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 13 11-

Jun PBe

Pera 4 7-Jul NM

Polis Reedbeds 9 5-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 16 15-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 5 22-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 3 4-Jul BCRS

**ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 20 in song 30-Jun AKe

Kiti, Perivolias, Meneou M05 Survey Square

50 Inc family party with three juveniles 10-

Jun JS

Mazotos, Kivisillias, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05

Atlas Square 18 Including family group of

6 12-Jun JS

Perivolias c10 22-Jul JS

**EURASIAN REED WARBLER***Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Max count per location and ringing records:

Akhna Dam 1 Heard 6-Jun ME

Athalassa Dam c4 1 seen, c3 heard only

13-Jun SC

Bishop's Pool 4 6-Jun MGR

Episkopi, Paphos 1 12-Jun DJW

Kouklia Lake 2+ 18-Jun JS

Kouris - Apeshia 10km survey area 1

singing near Polemidhia Dam 22-Jun PBe

Kythrea Reservoir 1 31-Jul JWw

Larnaca Salt Lake 2+ Two juveniles

seen, others heard 15-Jul JS

Partenitis Dam 1 18-Jul SC

Phassouri Reed Beds 6 20-Jun &amp; 18-Jul

PBe/PCu

Polis Reedbeds 11 5-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 13 15-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 6 22-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 5 4-Jul BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 8 18-Jul PCu

*Acrocephalus sp.* Zakaki Marsh 2 very similar size and overall appearance to Reed Warbler but small dark marks on side of neck and more nervous behaviour. Best guess is young Reed Warbler or adult Marsh Warbler but views not great and no photos! 12-Jun MGR

**EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER***Iduna pallida* Τρυβητούρα

Largest counts and ringing records:

Agios Theodoros Agrou 8 14-Jun CP/PPa

Athalassa c10 heard only 13-Jun SC

Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 12

inc 1 juv begging from adult 6-Jun PBe

Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area

10 15-Jul PBe

Polis Reedbeds 5 5-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 4 15 &amp; 22-Jun BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 1 4-Jul BCRS

Souni 7 1-Jun JN

Troodos 2 11-Jun BCRS

Troodos 1 7, 14 &amp; 21-Jul BCRS

**SPECTACLED WARBLER** *Sylvia**conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι

Akhna Dam 10 (5 pairs) 5-Jun AKe

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 25-Jul FGe

Kouklia Lake 3 18-Jun JS

Kouris - Apeshia 10km survey area 4  
family group 22-Jun PBe  
Makedonitissa Fields 2+ juvenile 19-Jul  
SC  
Meneou Pool 2 22-Jul JS  
Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 Male 19-Jun  
JS  
Pera 2 7 & 9-Jul NM  
Spiros Pool 1 10 & 19-Jun JS

**SARDINIAN WARBLER** *Sylvia melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Akamas coast 10m survey area 26 12-Jun  
PBe  
Episkopi - Paramali 10km survey area 15  
24-Jun PBe  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 14  
inc a family group with at least 2 young 6-  
Jun PBe  
Paphos Plain 12 16-Jun PBe  
Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 33  
mostly males 11-Jun PBe  
Polis Reedbeds 3 4-Jul BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 5 5-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 6 15-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 2 22-Jun BCRS  
Souni 12 also 2 males feeding together  
and one in flight, others heard 10-Jun JN

**CYPRUS WARBLER** *Sylvia melanothorax*  
Τρυπομάζης

Largest counts:  
Agios Theodoros Agrou 8 14-Jun CP/PPA  
Akrounda 5 2 juvs 1-Jul PBe  
Louvaras Forest 8 14-Jun CP/PPA  
Mosfiloti, Pipis Forest c12 including c8  
juveniles 27-Jun SC  
Souni 12 1-Jun JN

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata* Μουγιοφάς

Agios Theodoros Agrou 3 14-Jun CP/PPA  
Limnatis - Moniatis 10km survey area 3  
inc 2 juvs at Moniatis 27-Jun PBe  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 11-Jul FGe  
Livadi tou Pashia 4 2 singing males and 1  
separate pair at a nest with chicks seen 6-  
Jun PBe  
Mount Olympus 2 juvenile 11-Jul AST  
Mount Olympus 1 14-Jul CK

Mylikouri trail 11 11-Jul JN  
Mylikouri trail 9 18-Jul JN  
Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 6  
25-Jul JN  
Troodos 1 11-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 2 one adult and one juvenile -  
different areas 25-Jul JN  
Tzelefos Bridge 3+ Start of Mylikouris  
Trail 17-Jul JS  
Xeros Potamos 1 1-Jul DJW

**COAL TIT** *Parus ater* Πέμπετος

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Agios Nikolaos (Troodos) 10 heard calling  
11-Jul JN  
Agios Theodoros Agrou 12 14-Jun  
CP/PPA  
Akrounda 11 1-Jul PBe  
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) c30 16-Jul  
FGe  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 31  
inc numerous juveniles 6-Jun PBe  
Livadi tou Pashia c20 11-Jul FGe  
Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area  
13 1-Jul PBe  
Louvaras Forest 21 14-Jun CP/PPA  
Machairas Forest IBA 4-Jul FGe  
Mylikouri trail 32 4 seen, rest only heard -  
probably more 11-Jul JN  
Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area  
45 inc numerous juveniles 15-Jul PBe  
Persephone Trail 54 Most just glimpsed at  
top of pine trees, 11 seen including 2 adults  
making alarm calls so probably nests close  
by 25-Jul JN  
Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 13  
25-Jul JN  
Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 27  
inc 4+ fledged young in a family group 5-  
Jun PBe  
Troodos 7 11-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 4 18-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 2 7-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 41 25-Jul JN

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Episkopi - Paramali 10km survey area 10  
inc a family group 24-Jun PBe  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 10  
6-Jun PBe  
Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05  
Atlas Square 13+ Inc juveniles 12-Jun JS  
Polis Reedbeds 2 15-Jun BCRS  
Polis-reedbeds 1 22-Jun BCRS  
Souni 14 3-Jun JN

Troodos 2 11-Jun BCRS

**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβήτης

Artemis Trail 6 one juv seen 13-Jun PBe  
Atalante Trail 2 heard 4-Jul PBe  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 1 6-Jun PBe  
Limnatis - Moniatas 10km survey area 1 27-Jun PBe  
Livadi tou Pashia 2+ 6-Jun PBe  
Mylikouri trail 5 11 & 18-Jul JN  
Platania Picnic Site 1 heard only 1-Jun SC  
Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 8 5-Jun PBe  
Trooditissa 1 heard only 1-Jun SC  
Troodos 3 7-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 2 28-Jul BCRS  
Troodos Square 2 1 seen, 1 heard only 1-Jun SC  
Tzelefos Bridge 4+ Family group. Start of Mylikouris Trail 17-Jul JS

**EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός

Androlikou 1 Heard only 3, 5 & 6-Jun PSa

**WOODCHAT SHRIKE** *Lanius senator* Κοκκινοκεφαλάς

Akamas coast 10m survey area 2 one male singing and another adult in different location where bird was also observed earlier in season so probably a breeding territory 12-Jun PBe  
Androlikou Quarry 1 Assumed same as seen in May 17-Jun PSa  
Androlikou to Pittokopos 3 22-Jun HST  
Androlikou to Pittokopos 2 23-Jun HST  
Androlikou 1 Different to above (other side of village) 24-Jun PSa  
Lythrodontas 1 adult in garden 12-Jun PS  
Lythrodontas 4 two adults and two juveniles in my garden. Second time they have bred there 16-Jun PS

**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus* Δακκανούρα

Largest counts and ringing records:  
Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area 21 inc 11+ juveniles 1-Jul PBe  
Machairas Forest IBA 10 4-Jul FGE

Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 11 18-Jul JN

Souni 10 Two females - one with 2 juveniles and the other with one. Two in flight and rest feeding juveniles with no parents in the vicinity 22-Jul JN  
Troodos 2 30-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 1 7, 14 & 21-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 10 Family parties feeding - one adult female with 4 juveniles and an adult pair with 2 juveniles plus birds seen in flight at a distance 25-Jul JN

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα



*Eurasian Jay, Troodos, 16<sup>th</sup> July. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.*

Agios Theodoros Agrou 2 14-Jun CP/PPa  
Almirolivado 2 16-Jul FGE  
Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 4 16-Jul FGE  
Atalante Trail, Troodos 1 around Troodos Square 4-Jul PBe  
Chandria (Madari Trail) 2+ inc one mobbing a perched Long-legged Buzzard 4-Jul PBe  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 7 6-Jun PBe  
Kionia 3 10-Jul JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 11-Jul FGE  
Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area 5 in a group with at least one juv 1-Jul PBe  
Louvaras Forest 1 14-Jun CP/PPa  
Machairas Forest IBA 3 4-Jul FGE  
Mylikouri trail 4 heard calling (possibly juveniles or family party) 11-Jul JN  
Mylikouri trail 5 3 seen together were probably juveniles, other 2 heard calling 18-Jul JN  
Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area 20 all in post-breeding family groups of 4-5 15-Jul PBe  
Persephone Trail, Troodos 6 25-Jul JN  
Platania Picnic Site 1+ 1-Jun SC  
Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 6 including at least one fledged bird begging 5-Jun PBe  
Troodos Square 1 1-Jun SC

Troodos 5 25-Jul JN  
Tzelefos Bridge 1 18-Jul JN  
Vavatsinia 1 10-Jul JS

### EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατσικορώνα

Largest counts:

Evretou Dam c30 17-Jul DJW  
Kouris - Apehia 10km survey area 20 22-Jun PBe  
Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05  
Atlas Square 37 inc one juvenile and four adults with juv Great Spotted Cuckoos 12-Jun JS  
Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 42 conspicuous in all locations , recently fledged birds seen 11-Jun PBe

### WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos c100 8 & 22-Jun JS  
Episkopi (Limassol) Cliffs c60 6-Jun SC with L Sergides  
Episkopi, Paphos c100 12-Jun DJW  
Panagia Stazousa SPA 50+ 24-Jun JS  
Paramali 91+ 29-Jun PBe  
Partenitis Dam c50 20-Jun SC with F Georgiades  
Pera 70+ 7-Jul NM  
Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 70 30-Jun PBe

### HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos c20 22-Jun JS  
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 22 25-Jul FGe  
Archangelos, Nicosia c100 going to roost 12-Jul FGe  
Bishop's Pool 30 16-Jun PBe  
Evretou Dam c20 17-Jul DJW  
Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05  
Atlas Square 25 Inc one seen with juv Great Spotted Cuckoo 12-Jun JS  
Palaiometochos c40 16-Jul FGe  
Paphos Plain 22 16-Jun PBe  
Perivolias 36 22-Jul JS

### NORTHERN RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Halevka 2 29-Jul JWe

### COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Akhna Dam 1 3-Jun AKe

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 Flew from reeds 12-Jul PBe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 22-Jul TRe

### HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts and ringing records:

Frenaros 500 27-Jul AKe  
M05 Kiti, Perivolias, Meneou Survey Square 600+ Probable undercount. Incs juveniles 10-Jun JS  
Mazotos, Kivisilli, Mennogeia, Alaminos L05  
Atlas Square 549 Inc 20 seen at cliff side colony going into nest holes and other juveniles seen 12-Jun JS  
Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area c255 11-Jun PBe  
Perivolias 100+ 8-Jul JS  
Troodos 6 11-Jun BCRS  
Troodos 2 15 & 18-Jun & 7-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 92 25-Jul JN

### SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος



Spanish Sparrow, Agios Sozomenos, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Agios Sozomenos 1 Male 22-Jun JS/DRh  
Agios Theodoros Agrou 54 14-Jun CP/PPa  
Episkopi - Paramali 10km survey area 4+ around Paramali 24-Jun PBe  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 2+  
At least two males at Kampos, 1 with food , probably more in noisy House Sparrow colonies 6-Jun PBe  
Kiti, Perivolias, Meneou M05 Survey Square 24 Incs several juveniles 10-Jun JS  
Makedonitissa Fields 1 immature male 29-Jul SC  
Mosfiloti, Pipis Forest c4 27-Jun SC  
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 1 male 18-Jul JN

Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 23+  
 Three males and up to 20 fem/juveniles  
 20-Jun JS  
 Panagia Stazousa 1 Male 19-Jun JS  
 Pera 2+ 9-Jul NM  
 Polis Reedbeds 3 5-Jun BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 6 15-Jun BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 5 22-Jun BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 8 4-Jul BCRS  
 Salamiou - Malia 10km survey area 2  
 males 30-Jun PBe

Mylikouri trail 18 11-Jul JN  
 Mylikouri trail 11 18-Jul JN  
 Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area  
 11 inc 4 juvs with adults at Mount Olympus  
 ski run 15-Jul PBe  
 Persephone Trail, Troodos 38 25-Jul JN  
 Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 7  
 Includes 2 males 25-Jul JN  
 Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 36  
 fledged young seen 5-Jun PBe  
 Troodos c20 1-Jun SC  
 Troodos 1 11-Jun BCRS  
 Troodos 2 7-Jul BCRS  
 Troodos 29 25-Jul JN  
 Tzelefos Bridge 2 18-Jul JN

### COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίνος



*Common Chaffinch fledgling, Livadhi tou Pashia, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.*

Agios Theodoros Agrou 10 14-Jun  
 CP/PPa  
 Akhna Dam 1 seen & heard 27-Jul AKe  
 Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) c25 mostly  
 juveniles 16-Jul FGe  
 Halevka 6 29-Jul JWe  
 Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 10  
 6-Jun PBe  
 Kionia c10 All appeared to be juveniles  
 10-Jul JS  
 Livadi tou Pashia c40 mostly juveniles 11  
 & 16-Jul FGe  
 Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area  
 1 1-Jul PBe  
 Louvaras Forest 1 14-Jun CP/PPa  
 Machairas Forest IBA 2 4-Jul FGe

### EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο  
 Amiantos, Troodos 2 27-Jun JN  
 Athalassa Dam 2 1 seen, 1 heard only  
 13-Jun SC  
 Athalassa Park 1 singing, heard only 13-  
 Jun SC  
 Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 10  
 inc at least 1 recently fledged bird begging  
 6-Jun PBe  
 Mosfiloti, Pipis Forest 1 27-Jun SC  
 Mylikouri trail 5 11-Jul JN  
 Mylikouri trail 4 18-Jul JN  
 Pano Amiantos c50 16-Jul FGe  
 Pedoulas - Pano Platres 10km survey area  
 5 15-Jul PBe  
 Pera 2 7-Jul NM  
 Pera 7 9-Jul NM  
 Phinikas 2 25-Jun DJW  
 Souni 2 1-Jun JN  
 Souni 1 14-Jun & 6-Jul JN  
 Trooditissa 1+ 1-Jun SC  
 Troodos Square 1 heard only 1-Jun SC  
 Vavatsinia 4 10-Jul JS  
 Vyzakia 10 24-Jul FGe

### EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis*

*chloris* Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος  
 Largest counts and ringing records:  
 Bishop's Pool 12 16-Jun PBe  
 Kouris - Apehia 10km survey area 18  
 some fledged birds 22-Jun PBe  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 12 inc juveniles 15-Jul  
 JS  
 M05 Kiti, Perivolia, Meneou Survey Square  
 28 Incs a group of 6 and another of 8  
 juveniles 10-Jun JS  
 Polis-reedbeds 7 5-Jun BCRS  
 Polis-reedbeds 1 22-Jun BCRS  
 Souni 44 28-Jul JN

### EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis*

*carduelis* Σγαρτίλι

Largest counts and ringing records:

Anthoupolis, Nicosia c30 25-Jul FGe  
Makedonitissa Fields c50 29 & 31-Jul SC  
Panagia Stazousa SPA c20 24-Jun JS  
Persephone Trail, Troodos 23 25-Jul JN  
Polis Reedbeds 93 5-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 70 15-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 66 22-Jun BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 8 4-Jul BCRS  
Troodos 1 11-Jun & 7-Jul BCRS

### COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσαγάρτιλο

Androlikou to Pittokopos 2 21-Jun HSt  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 4 2  
pairs 6-Jun PBe  
Kannaviou Dam 2 16-Jun DJW  
Kythrea Reservoir 5 31-Jul JWe  
Limnatis - Moniatis 10km survey area 5  
inc 2 juvs 27-Jun PBe  
Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area  
9 1-Jul PBe  
Nata 2 12-Jun DJW  
Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 1 Juvenile  
20-Jun JS  
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard  
area 1 11-Jul JN  
Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 39 inc  
one flock of 10+ with juvs 11-Jun PBe  
Souni 1 22-Jul JN  
Tsada 2-4 all month SI

### RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττη



Red Crossbill, Mount Olympus, 11<sup>th</sup> July.  
Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Artemis Trail (Mt. Olympus) 7 16-Jul FGe  
Livadi tou Pashia 4 11-Jul FGe  
Mount Olympus c15 11-Jul AST  
Mount Olympus 3 14-Jul CK

### CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza*

*caesia* Σιταροπούλλι



Cretzschmar's Bunting juvenile, Kannaviou  
Dam, 16<sup>th</sup> June. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrounda 3 inc 1 juv 1-Jul PBe  
Androlikou 1 18-Jun DJW  
Androlikou 4 Recently fledged juveniles  
20-Jun PSa  
Evretou Dam 1 15-Jul CK  
Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 8 6-  
Jun PBe  
Kannaviou Dam 1 Juv 16-Jun DJW  
Limnatis - Moniatis 10km survey area 4  
27-Jun PBe  
Louvaras Forest 1 14-Jun CP/PPa  
Machairas Forest IBA 15 4-Jul FGe  
Malia 2 30-Jun PBe  
Mandra tou Kampiou 4 4-Jul FGe  
Mosfiloti c4 1 seen, c3 heard only 27-Jun  
SC  
Mosfiloti, Pipis Forest c6 27-Jun SC  
Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 2 20-Jun  
JS  
Panagia Stazousa SPA 2 Seen in flight.  
19-Jun JS  
Pera 6 9-Jul NM  
Phinikas 1 25-Jun DJW  
Polis-reedbeds 1 5-Jun BCRS  
Polystypos 2 13-Jun FGe  
Pyrga 2 19-Jun JS  
Pyrga 1 Female 24-Jun JS  
Souni 1 1-Jun & 6-Jul JN  
Stavros tis Psokas 10km survey area 2 5-  
Jun PBe  
Vavatsinia 1 Juvenile 10-Jul JS  
Vyzakia 1 24-Jul FGe

### BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza*

*melanocephala* Τιρίλιγγος

Agios Theodoros Agrou 1 14-Jun CP/PPa  
Androlikou to Pittokopos 2 21 & 23-Jun  
HSt  
Androlikou to Pittokopos 4 22-Jun HSt  
Androlikou to Pittokopos 1 25-Jun HSt  
Ineia 4 18-Jun DJW



Kampos - Tsakistra 10km survey area 3  
 males around Tsakistra 6-Jun HSt  
 Kathikas 4 16-Jun DJW  
 Kathikas 1 18-Jun DJW  
 Limnatis - Moniatis 10km survey area 3  
 Singing males 27-Jun PBe  
 Louvaras - Kalo Chorio 10km survey area  
 2 males, 1 singing 1-Jul PBe  
 Makhairas Forest, near Agioi Vavatsinias  
 1+ male 20-Jun SC with F Georgiades  
 Mandra tou Kampiou 1 4-Jul FGe  
 Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road 10 Four  
 singing males plus a male and a female  
 with four juvenile together in open area  
 along road. 20-Jun JS  
 Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard  
 area 4 females 11-Jul JN  
 Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard  
 area 1 18-Jul JN  
 Omodhos 8 Singing males 20-Jun JS  
 Omodhos 1 male sat on wires 11-Jul JN  
 Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 14  
 Singing males 11-Jun PBe

**CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος  
 Agios Sozomenos c200 Flocking in  
 various locations in area 22-Jun JS/DRh  
 Akhna Dam 1 24-Jun AKe  
 Androlikou to Pittokopos 4 23-Jun HSt  
 Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 28-Jun FGe  
 Kouklia Lake c25 6-Jun ME  
 Mesaoria 20+ Near Ashia outside Kouklia  
 18-Jun JS  
 Omodhos 3 All singing 20-Jun JS  
 Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 10+  
 Mainly juveniles in same area as Black-  
 headed Bunting family 20-Jun JS  
 Pegeia - Ineia 10km survey area 20  
 fledglings seen plus birds carrying food 11-  
 Jun PBe  
 Tsada 3 12-Jun DJW  
 Vretsia 1 1-Jul DJW

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## MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

June 2015

Christiana Tourapi/Martin Hellicar

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

A total of 18 sites were covered in June 2015 and 30 species were recorded with a total number of 3,594 water birds. The most common bird sighted during this month's count was the Greater Flamingo (1,356 counted – 99% of which were sighted at Akrotiri Salt Lake). The Eurasian Coot and Black-winged Stilt follow in numbers (1,118 and 339 respectively). Other species in their hundreds are Cattle Egret (261) and Mallard (176). The Kentish Plover count was 80 individuals, 80% of which were sighted at Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile.

The area holding the highest waterbird counts was Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile with 1,463 in total and 6 species, followed by Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) with 1,250 in total and 19 species (highest species count for this month) and third, Oroklini Marsh with 343 birds in total and 6 species.

This month many young birds of varying ages were recorded, mostly for the Black-winged Stilt, Spur-winged Lapwing and Mallard, and a great number of nests (79 Cattle Egret nests at Oroklini Marsh, for example) were recorded as well.

Water levels at the sites were noticeably lower this month. Additionally, 3 of the visited sites held no water birds.

**Site coverage for the June 2015 Waterbird Count**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Water level</b>
Phassouri Reed Bed	Peter Beckenham	15 June 2015	40%
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Peter Beckenham	15 June 2015	Almost dry
Bishop's Pool	John & Ann Stapley	15 June 2015	low
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	19 June 2015	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	19 June 2015	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	16 June 2015	80%
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	14 June 2015	
Paphos Sewage Farm	Pete Evans	19 June 2015	
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools	Pete Evans	19 June 2015	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	Stavros Christodoulides	20 June 2015	
Aradippou slurry pits	Stavros Christodoulides	20 June 2015	
Kanli Dam	M. Hellicar & P. Beckenham	25 June 2015	60%
Koukليا Dam	M. Hellicar, J. Stylianou, P. Beckenham	18 June 2015	80%
<i>Lower Ezousas soakaways</i>	<i>Pete Evans</i>	<i>19 June 2015</i>	
<i>Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal</i>	<i>Pete Evans</i>	<i>19 June 2015</i>	
Ezousas motorway soakaways	Pete Evans	19 June 2015	
Agia Varvara soakaways	Pete Evans	19 June 2015	
<i>Koukليا soakaways</i>	<i>Pete Evans</i>	<i>19 June 2015</i>	

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

**June 2015 Site and Species Totals**

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JUNE 2015	Little Grebe	Cattle Egret	Squacco Heron	Little Egret	Grey Heron	Purple Heron	Glossy Ibis	Greater Flamingo	Eurasian Teal	Mallard
Phassouri Reed Bed										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile								1343		
Bishop's Pool	16	25	3	6	1					14
Larnaka Salt Lake								13		
Larnaka Sewage Works										117
Oroklini Marsh		211								8
Achna Dam					1					
Paphos Sewage Farm		4		2						
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools				1	2					
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	6									
Aradippou slurry pits		2								
Kanli Dam					1					
Kouklia Dam	10	19			5	1	10		2	30
<i>Lower Ezousas soakaways</i>										
<i>Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal</i>										
<i>Ezousas motorway soakaways</i>										
<i>Agia Varvara soakaways</i>										7
<i>Kouklia soakaways</i>										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1356</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>176</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JUNE 2015	Gadwall	Garganey	Northern Shoveler	Ferruginous Duck	western Marsh Harrier	Common Moorhen	Common Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Eurasian Stone- curlew	Spur-winged Lapwing
Phassouri Reed Bed						4				
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile								26		
Bishop's Pool				13		2	28	22		1
Larnaka Salt Lake								102		9
Larnaka Sewage Works			1					22		8
Oroklini Marsh						3	72	22		27
Achna Dam							1			
Paphos Sewage Farm								5	2	
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools										
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam						1	11			1
Aradippou slurry pits										3
Kanli Dam							6		2	4
Kouklia Dam	1	1		10	2	2	1000	140		10
<i>Lower Ezousas soakaways</i>										
<i>Asprokremnos- Geroskipou canal</i>										
<i>Ezousas motorway soakaways</i>										
<i>Agia Varvara soakaways</i>						3				
<i>Kouklia soakaways</i>										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1118</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>63</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JUNE 2015	Kentish Plover	Common Redshank	Green Sandpiper	Yellow-legged Gull	Whiskered Tern	Little Tern
Phassouri Reed Bed						
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	64		2	21		7
Bishop's Pool			3			
Larnaka Salt Lake	14			2		6
Larnaka Sewage Works		1			4	4
Oroklini Marsh						
Achna Dam	2					
Paphos Sewage Farm						
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools				18		
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam						
Aradippou slurry pits						
Kanli Dam						
Kouklia Dam			2			
<i>Lower Ezousas soakaways</i>						
<i>Asprokremnos- Geroskipou canal</i>						
Ezousas motorway soakaways			5			
Agia Varvara soakaways						
<i>Kouklia soakaways</i>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JUNE 2015	Gull-billed Tern	Yellow Wagtail	Reed Warbler	Black-headed Yellow Warbler	TOTAL	Species count
Phassouri Reed Bed					4	1
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile					1463	6
Bishop's Pool			2		136	13
Larnaka Salt Lake		2	1		149	8
Larnaka Sewage Works					157	7
Oroklini Marsh					343	6
Achna Dam					4	3
Paphos Sewage Farm					13	4
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools					21	3
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam			2		21	5
Aradippou slurry pits					5	2
Kanli Dam					13	4
Kouklia Dam	3		1	1	1250	19
<i>Lower Ezousas soakaways</i>					0	0
<i>Asprokremnos- Geroskipou canal</i>					0	0
Ezousas motorway soakaways					5	1
Agia Varvara soakaways					10	2
<i>Kouklia soakaways</i>					0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3594</b>	<b>30</b>

## MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

July 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 13 sites were covered in July 2015 and 31 species were recorded with a total number of 2,662 water birds. The most common bird sighted during this month's count was the Greater Flamingo (1,487 counted – 99% of which were sighted at Akrotiri Salt Lake). The Black-winged Stilt follows in numbers (329) of which 92 were young birds of different stages and third comes the Mallard (235). Also numerous was the Eurasian Coot (134). The Kentish Plover count was 93 individuals, 90% of which were sighted at Akrotiri Salt Lake.

The area holding the highest waterbird counts was Akrotiri Salt Lake with 1,814 in total and 13 species (twice as many as in June), followed by Larnaka Sewage Works with 302 in total and 9 species and third, Larnaka Salt Lake with 190 in total and 8 species. Oroklini Marsh held the highest species count for this month, with 15 different species.

This month many young birds of varying ages were recorded as well, mostly for the Black-winged Stilt and Kentish Plover, but immature birds were recorded for almost half the species shown in the Tables below.

As would be expected, water levels at the sites were noticeably low this month. Additionally, 1 of the visited sites (Mavrokolymbos Dam) held no water birds.



**Site coverage for the July 2015 Waterbird Count**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Water level</b>
Phassouri Reed Bed	Peter Beckenham	12 July 2015	
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Peter Beckenham	12-13/07/2015	Small puddles
Bishop's Pool	Peter Beckenham	12 July 2015	Low
Zakaki Pond	Peter Beckenham	12 July 2015	Almost dry
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15 July 2015	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15 July 2015	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	17 July 2015	Top area 60% - Bottom parts dry
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	14 July 2015	50%
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	Filippos Georgiades	18 July 2015	
Paralimni Lake	Filippos Georgiades	18 July 2015	Several pools and canals
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	17 July 2015	70%
<i>Mavrokolymbos Dam</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Jan Walker</i>	<i>17 July 2015</i>	70%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	17 July 2015	70%

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

**July 2015 Site and Species Totals**

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JULY 2015	Little Grebe	Black-crowned Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Grey Heron	Glossy Ibis	Spoonbill	Greater Flamingo	Mallard
Phassouri Reed Bed	3		4						
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile				12			25	1470	6
Bishop's Pool	22			11					2
Zakaki Pond	2	4							4
Larnaka Salt Lake								17	
Larnaka Sewage Works	2								214
Oroklini Marsh	6		14			1			9
Achna Dam									
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast									
Paralimni Lake	8								
Evretou Dam					1				
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Kannaviou Dam					1				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1487</b>	<b>235</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JULY 2015	Ferruginous Duck	Common Moorhen	Common Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Eurasian Stone- curlew	Spur-winged Lapwing	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Little Stint
Phassouri Reed Bed	1	4								
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile				160			85			1
Bishop's Pool		7	24	23						
Zakaki Pond		2	1							
Larnaka Salt Lake				80		21	8			
Larnaka Sewage Works			3	59		16				
Oroklini Marsh		13	86	7	3	16			5	
Achna Dam						9			1	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast								6		
Paralimni Lake		9	20			5				
Evretou Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JULY 2015	Ruff	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Common Black- headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Audouin's Gull
Phassouri Reed Bed							
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile			1		3	2	
Bishop's Pool		1	3				
Zakaki Pond							
Larnaka Salt Lake				1			
Larnaka Sewage Works		1		3			1
Oroklini Marsh	2	1	6	2			
Achna Dam				2			
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast							1
Paralimni Lake							
Evretou Dam							
Mavrokolymbos Dam							
Kannaviou Dam							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JULY 2015	Yellow-legged Gull	Whiskered Tern	White-winged Black Tern	Little Tern	Reed Warbler	TOTAL	Species count
Phassouri Reed Bed						12	4
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	43		2	4		1814	13
Bishop's Pool						93	8
Zakaki Pond						13	5
Larnaka Salt Lake	50			11	2	190	8
Larnaka Sewage Works		3				302	9
Oroklini Marsh				4		175	15
Achna Dam						12	3
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast						7	2
Paralimni Lake						42	4
Evretou Dam						1	1
Mavrokolymbos Dam						0	0
Kannaviou Dam						1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2662</b>	<b>31</b>



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