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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 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: *Spotted Flycatcher* *Muscicapa striata* Μουσιφοφάς is a common passage migrant seen all over Cyprus during the spring and autumn. Some stay and breed in the forested areas and family parties are regularly seen throughout Troodos in the late summer. This fine portrait of one was taken at Almirolivado in early August by Filippos Georgiades.

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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.*

### **October 2015**

**Sunday 4th October: EuroBirdwatch 2015** – See page 16 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 ([click this](#)

link for the map: <http://www.birdlifecyprus.org/upload/Images/mapfieldtrip.JPG>) 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, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

**Saturday 12th December: Larnaca Sewage Works**

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

**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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**IMPORTANT NOTICE – CHANGE OF OFFICERS**  
*Melis Charalambides, BirdLife Cyprus Council Chairman*

As you are aware, in early 2013, Jane Stylianou took over from Colin Richardson as the BirdLife Cyprus's Bird Recorder. This notice is to inform you that Jane has also now replaced Colin as Chair of the Rarities Committee.

The Council of BirdLife Cyprus would like to thank Colin for his excellent and dedicated work as Chair of the Rarities Committee over many years, particularly his contribution to the annual Cyprus Bird Report.

We are now performing many different surveys and your observations and sightings of birds are very important to us. To guarantee that they count and are included in the official BirdLife Cyprus Records, please ensure that you submit them to Jane, giving the date and location as accurately as possible. See the below notice for details of how to do this and of the new BirdLife Cyprus Birds Google Group.

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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>  
Email: [BirdLife CyprusBirds@google.com](mailto:BirdLifeCyprusBirds@google.com)

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

Any news will also be shared with the BirdLife Cyprus BirdLine 25 934076 and the BirdLife Cyprus Recent sightings page of the website: [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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## FIELD MEETING REPORT- AKROTIRI PENINSULA, 29 August 2015

*June Neal*

As in 2014 this first Akrotiri field meeting of the autumn heralded the start of the Autumn Raptor Count. Sixteen people from far and wide (Serbia, California via Russia, Germany, the United Kingdom) plus Cyprus residents met from 0730 at Sylvana's Restaurant. High on the list of 'hoped-for species' was the **Demoiselle Crane**. We were so lucky to have a flock sitting among the **Greater Flamingo**, towards the north shore of the salt lake. They were visible in the telescopes once we compensated for the reflections of the north shore's tree line on the water's surface.

Some of our visiting birdwatchers had not realised that this species was not a guaranteed daily sighting at the end of August and began to appreciate their luck. It was, however, a long, long wait until the birds decided that the conditions were right for them to take off. By then, many of us had watched **Lesser Grey Shrike** and **Red-backed Shrike** on the wires and feeding around the vegetation on the salt marsh; observed the feeding, then migrating, **Barn Swallow** and a few **Red-rumped Swallow**; heard **Sardinian Warbler**; seen **Eurasian Hoopoe** in flight plus a dark morph **Eleonora's Falcon** flying over the Environmental Centre.

It was whilst many of us were engaged in trying to count the 57 or so **European Honey Buzzard** as they spiralled up to form a 'kettle' that a shout went up from a couple of dedicated Demoiselle Crane watchers that the flock had taken flight. All eyes, binoculars and telescopes searched the north shore where the flock was gaining height as it rose above the north shore tree line and up into the sky, moving across the salt lake – towards us! They came closer and their calls were clearly heard (even above our exclamations of delight and awe). We were treated to good views over quite a long period of time whilst the Demoiselles gained height on the thermals, then over our heads and the Centre heading south, calling as they departed. Many photographs were taken and the initial estimate of 78 birds was revised to between 92 and 95.



*A photograph of some of the Demoiselle Cranes taken by John Stapley.*

We all agreed that the long, hot wait until take-off at 1020 was worthwhile. We then retired to the Environmental Centre to share our news and view the salt lake from above the heat haze that had developed over the salt lake seeing over 1000 Greater Flamingo and 72 **Grey Heron**.



After a break and the chance to view the photographs we made our way to Bishop's Pool noting a few more Lesser Grey Shrike and a solitary European Bee-eater on the wires. Good views of **Black-winged Stilt**, **Yellow Wagtail**, **Wood Sandpiper**, many **Little Grebe**, **Little Egret** and **Rock Dove**, a few **Eurasian Coot** and **Common Moorhen** plus a couple of **Common Snipe**, **Mallard** as well as a lone male **Northern Shoveler** in eclipse plumage, a **Common Sandpiper** and a **Marsh Sandpiper** around the pool kept us all interested. Overflying Barn Swallow with some of the feeding **Common House Martin**, came down to the pool for a drink before migrating south. As we prepared to leave a trio of **Willow Warbler** and two Eurasian Hoopoe put in an appearance.

We gave up trying to find a reported pool behind the aerial masts along Lady's Mile and contented ourselves with the birds in the usual pools near the shore: **Kentish** and **Common Ringed Plover**, Black-winged Stilt, **Little Stint**, a **Common Greenshank** and a Marsh Sandpiper. Retracing our route several of us drove to Agios Georgios Church for lunch in the garden opposite the church. By then it was extremely hot and we welcomed the shade. Alan spotted a bird in a bush in the garden near to our table and excitement at the prospect of seeing a flycatcher had us picking up our binoculars to check out the bird. It turned out to be a female **Collared Flycatcher** which had obligingly flown then settled on the floor at the next picnic area, giving most of us the chance to verify Alan's initial thoughts on its identity. Other than a **Common Kestrel**, a Eurasian Hoopoe and a couple of **European Greenfinch** the birds were sensibly hiding away in the shade so we abandoned a trek across the Gravel Pits and made our way to Akrotiri Marsh (also known as Phasouri Reed-beds). Despite the heat we saw a probable **Peregrine Falcon**, 4 female **Western Marsh Harrier** all in the air at one time, a female Red-backed Shrike and 2 Lesser Grey, 2 **Glossy Ibis**, a Grey Heron and 2 Little Egret, a handful of Yellow Wagtail then a **Black Kite** up with some of the harriers.

We decided to call it a day and I showed the remaining die-hards the route back to the M1 road to Episkopi Garrison via the Phasouri fields which was new to them. More Red-backed and Lesser Grey Shrikes plus at least 6 **Black-headed Wagtail** were seen along the way to finish off a memorable field meeting.

Those people who called in at Kensington Cliffs were rewarded with views of Eleonora's Falcon, but no Eurasian Griffon Vultures. Including these species a total of 49 species were recorded for the day.

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## **FIELD MEETING REPORT – CAPE GRECO, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

*Martin Hellicar*

A real 'fall' of shrikes – there seemed to be a **Red-backed Shrike** or a **Masked Shrike** adorning almost every juniper bush in the area - made it worth the trip for those few who took on the sauna-like conditions on the Cape. At least 10 Masked and at least 30 Red-backed shrikes were chalked up, but the count was probably lost at some point along the line. A couple of **Lesser Grey Shrike** were also seen.

Other migrants included **European Bee-eater** (a few seen, many more heard high above), **Spotted Flycatcher**, **Willow Warbler**, **Lesser Whitethroat**, **Common Whitethroat**, **Eastern Olivaceous Warbler**, **Whinchat**, **Barn Swallow**, a single **Alpine Swift**, plus a single **European Roller**. A probable **Eastern Orphean Warbler** refused to show itself well from the recesses of a carob thicket after offering an initial, brief view.

The trip covered the scrub above and below the Sewage works, the works themselves, the Sea Caves area, the tip of the Cape and the Agii Anargiri Picnic site. Resident species seen were: **Crested Lark**, **House Sparrow**, **Common Kestrel**, **Spectacled Warbler**, **European Goldfinch** and **Greenfinch**, plus an unidentified large gull in the Konnos Bay area. Three **Cyprus Wheatear**

were still present, while a **Sardinian Warbler** was also heard and **Little Grebe** (about 20) and a single **Dunlin** were picked up at the Sewage Works. **Cattle Egret** had also been picked up earlier in the playing fields area, but the hoped-for raptor passage was noticeable by its absence.

In four hours of birding, we did not see any legitimate game birds, but we did hear plenty of shotgun blasts, which rather begged the question about what the shooters were targeting. That worrying note aside, Cape Greco, with 14 migrants recorded, once more proved itself a great site to witness autumn migration in action.

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## **FIELD MEETING – PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, 19th September 2014**

*John Stapley*

A very hot and dusty morning saw 17 members and visitors congregate at the beach car park. As we set off towards the headland, two **Crested Lark** were busy looking for seeds, leaves, shoots, beetles and other insects on the ground with one also taking a drink from a rock pool. A young **Common Sandpiper** rested on the edge of the shore refusing to show the usual rhythmic swing of its rear and bobbing head.

A little further along, we came across a **Common Kingfisher** – its iridescent blue colours always a delight for bird watchers. This bird was particularly restless and initially only glimpses of it were possible as it flew, settled, then flew on again ahead of the group. Eventually it did settle long enough for everybody to get a good view of it. A **Northern Wheatear** was spotted, well camouflaged amongst the rocks.

A **Yellow-legged Gull** flew lazily by and then we found the first of three **Greater Sand Plover** sitting close to the water's edge. These birds have been regular visitors to the headland area for a number of years and tend not to move any great distance along the shore once they have arrived. Another regular over the past 4-5 years has been a lone **Whimbrel**. This bird tends to adopt a larger territory east and west of the headland and its appearance cannot therefore always be guaranteed. On this occasion, although it was on the move, we did get satisfactory views of it before flying off.

Inside the Archaeological Site, a scan of the nearby bushes and trees yielded a young **Red-backed Shrike** and the first of several **Spotted Flycatcher**. Whilst the former perched patiently waiting for the moment to make its attacking swoop onto unsuspecting prey, the latter was darting out to take its prey before returning to its perch in readiness for the next dash. A couple of **Yellow Wagtail** flew over. Amongst the avenue of tall trees were some noisy **Great Tit**, breaking the silence they seem to observe when they have very young chicks to look after. Several **Hooded Crow** were squabbling in the tops of the trees while **Eurasian Collared Dove** were heard.

Another bird watchers' favourite – a **Eurasian Hoopoe** - appeared out of the long grass beneath a tree, joined moments later by a second. Obliging, they stayed reasonably still in front of us allowing great views through our telescopes. Leaving the shade behind, we came across one particular tree that hosted a flock of very noisy **House Sparrow** – probably an inter-family dispute. Flying overhead was our first **Common Kestrel** of the morning.

The section of the Site to the east, where the smaller trees and bushes provide excellent cover, we found another Northern Wheatear, a **Common Redstart**, **Sardinian Warbler** and **Willow Warbler**. Further along, another tree was the centre of activity for more House Sparrow but also a flock of **European Goldfinch**. Amongst them was a pair of **European Greenfinch**, the distinctive trill drawing our attention to their presence. A second, or possibly the same, Common Kestrel, was perched in the distance and a Eurasian Collared Dove sat on an overhead wire.

Our final sightings of the morning were another Northern Wheatear – a very clean specimen – and a lone **Zitting Cisticola** which took off from one of the excavations and settled briefly in some long grass.

Throughout the morning, we heard occasional small flocks of **European Bee-eater**, bringing the total number of species to 23. Whilst not a great score, the current “target” birds, that is those that have been seen in the area in the last week or so were all observed.

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### **HONOURING ALAN CRABTREE**

*Clairie Papazoglou*

After serving for 12 years on the BirdLife Cyprus Council, Alan Crabtree decided to stand down in March 2015 at the Annual General Meeting in Limassol.

The BirdLife Cyprus Council decided to honour Alan for his vast contribution and support all these years in a private ceremony attended by BirdLife Cyprus Council and staff members on 27 June 2015 in Nicosia.

At the event, Melis Charalambides, Chairman announced that the Council had also decided to make Alan Crabtree an Honourable Member. Alan was also presented with a photo of himself holding the first Cyprus Wheatear re-trapped with a geolocator after a year of recording. The pioneering data from this bird are expected later this year.

Alan remains Ringing Officer for BirdLife Cyprus.

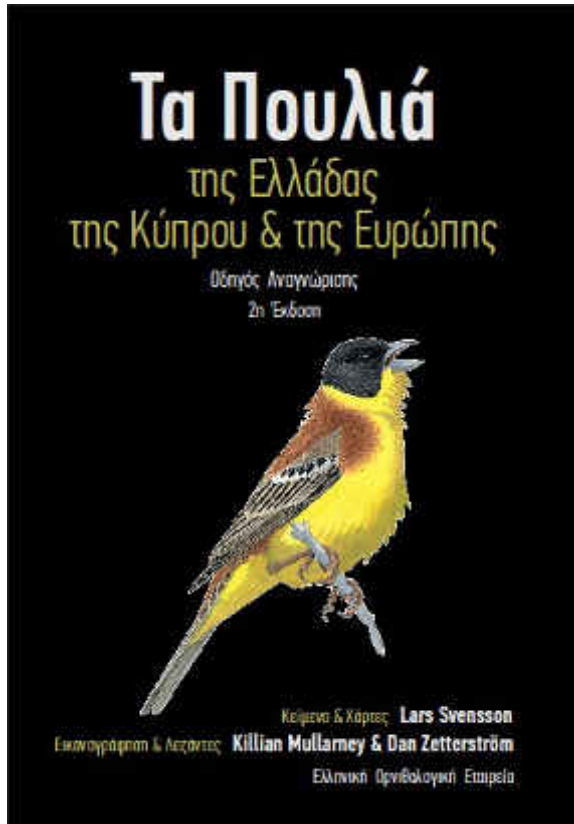
The cake, which looked like the Collins Field Guide, made by Kyproula Charalambides impressed everyone and was enjoyed by everyone!



*The cake (an edible field guide!) and Alan receiving his commemorative photograph from Melis Charalambides. (Photographs by Clairie Papazoglou)*

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## BIRDLIFE CYPRUS AKAMAS WEEKEND 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

### **Friday 11th at Droushia Heights Hotel by John Stapley**

A talk on Bird Migration – the amazing facts behind the miracle was given by Martin Hellicar, Research Coordinator, BirdLife Cyprus

A large audience of approximately 90 persons attended the talk. Martin began by welcoming everybody who had found their way through the appalling dust cloud and noted that the current conditions were affecting the autumn migration across Cyprus – referring to it as *migration interruptus*.

He explained that it is not just birds that migrate. Mammals, fish and many insects migrate, usually as a result of seasonal changes and the quest for a good food supply and a safe place to breed and bring up young. He mentioned the huge migration of Wildebeest in the area of the Serengeti in East Africa.

For many years, the migration of birds proved difficult to follow. Then in 1900, Hans Christian Mortensen introduced the idea of netting birds and ringing them with a unique ring so that if recovered, the ring could be used to check the country where the bird was first ringed and records kept on an international register would help to provide more details of the birds' movements. These days, satellite transmitters and geolocators are strapped to the backs of birds and the migration path and its precise timing can be logged. Such records have shown that the Great Snipe – a rare passage migrant through Cyprus – can cover 6800km in only 3 days!

The well-known Arctic Tern was thought to cover 40,000km in a year, but recent geocator data has shown it is closer to 90,000km a year. A Sooty Shearwater regularly covers 64,000km per year.

How do birds navigate such distances? Birds have the largest eyes relative to their size in the animal kingdom. It has been suggested that migrating birds can feel or "see" magnetic fields and that by moving their heads they can detect the orientation of the Earth's magnetic field providing them with directional information. It has also been shown that traces of magnetite (a magnetic iron oxide) exist in birds' beaks and this assists with determining the relative strength of the Earth's magnetic field. Direction and strength of the field will give location.

Experiments have shown that covering the right eye of migratory birds causes havoc with their navigation abilities. (Covering the left eye appears not to disrupt them.) It is believed that the magnetic images create light or dark shadings over what the birds usually see in normal vision and produce a visual compass.

Martin explained some of the differences in migration patterns. In spring, birds are anxious to get to their breeding grounds to find the best sites and choose the best mates with which to bring up their young. The autumn passage is a much more leisurely affair often taking twice as long. Prevailing winds and weather can obviously affect the chosen routes and duration of travel. Amongst the smaller passerines, some take on long-distant journeys having put on as much fat as possible to survive while others cover the distance in shorter hops stopping regularly to feed. Waders are known to fly fast and get there as quickly as possible. Raptors tend to wait for thermals of warm air rising over open land or up the sides of cliffs and follow routes, where they can pick up air currents. Birds such as herons and cranes fly in formation, taking it in turn to lead the line, providing uplift for following birds. Many birds choose to migrate at night – air conditions are usually more stable and there are far fewer predators.

Martin explained that Cyprus has three major migration flyways concentrating over Cape Greco, Akrotiri and Paphos Plain. It is believed that around 150 million birds fly over or through Cyprus in autumn with 100 million in spring.

The lives of birds are constantly under threat – not just during migration. Agricultural intensification, wetland loss and degradation of land as well as power infrastructure such as high-level cables and wind farms are typical examples. Climate changes cause changes in available food and shift the breeding ranges.

In the Mediterranean region, illegal killing is a major problem. Unfortunately, Cyprus has some of the worst statistics as far as illegal trapping and hunting are concerned. We top the list of most birds illegally slaughtered per capita in Europe.

On a positive note, BirdLife Cyprus is reaching out to the younger generation by visiting schools and impressing upon them the importance of conservation. The Information Hide at Oroklini Marsh is frequently used as an outdoor classroom.

The first translation of the well-known Collins Bird Guide into Greek, produced jointly by BirdLife Greece (HOS) and BirdLife Cyprus sold out quickly. The second edition – another joint effort - will soon be on the market. Having such high-standard, but user-friendly texts, available in the local language has proved a very successful tool in furthering education and promoting conservation.

## **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Boat trip from Latchi Harbour by Alan Crane**

Some 30 Members and friends gathered as normal at the J&P restaurant on the harbourside at Latchi for the annual Birdlife Cyprus Akamas boat trip.

At 9.55am, from the comfort of the restaurant a flock of circa 50 **Purple Heron** were seen flying past over the sea. Some five minutes later what was presumed to be the same flock re-appeared, although this time it was noticed that there was one **Grey Heron** in amongst the Purples. Soon after 10.00 we boarded the traditional wooden Cypriot boat Koulla and at 10.30 departed from the harbour. Less than ten minutes out, a close knit group of around 40 gulls were seen on the water - presumably **Yellow-legged Gulls** but we could not be certain of this. At the same time, another flock of Purple Heron flew by. This was a slightly smaller flock of some 40 birds that circled and performed a second fly pass about five minutes later. After a quiet 15 minutes of sailing, a lot of birds were observed on and around the seashore rocks. The majority were **Little Egret**, perhaps as many as 100, together with 15 to 20 Grey Heron, 2 **Glossy Ibis** and 1 Yellow Legged Gull.

As Koulla travelled westward for the next half hour towards the tip of the Akamas, a further 3 Little Egret were seen plus flocks of 55, 41 and 6 Grey Heron - the last group being flushed from rocks by the Koulla.

At 11.45 we moored and many entered the sea for a swim whilst the crew lit and cooked the BBQ. Those of us who stayed on board bird watching did not see any birds until, just as the food was ready, our only bird of prey of the trip appeared. Consensus was a **European Honey Buzzard**. After an excellent lunch, albeit with white rather than red wine, the journey back to Latchi began. A single **European Shag** was seen on an off-shore rock, the Little Egret "colony" had grown to around 150 birds from the 100 counted on the way out. Soon after, another flying flock of Purple Heron. This time an even smaller group of around 20 birds. Interesting that nearer to Latchi the herons were predominantly Purples but towards the tip of the Akamas they were Greys. In the same area, but around the coastline rocks, were some possible **Rock Doves**. Your scribe will leave it to you to decide whether in this location such birds are true or feral.

Approaching Latchi, the flock of possible Yellow Legged Gulls were still loafing on the sea. Conveniently just a few hundred metres from the harbour entrance 21 gulls flew close by Koulla and these were safely identified as Yellow Legged Gulls.

Docking was achieved, as ever, without mishap and our party disembarked hot, and well fed. I will not comment on alcohol consumption but bird-wise I will summarise that around 450 were seen encompassing 7 or 8 different species (depending upon your opinion of the possible Rock Doves).

### **Sunday 13th – Bird Ringing Demonstration near Ayios Minas Church, Neo Chorio** by John Stapley

During the morning, a group of members, friends and visitors totalling some 23 persons joined Alan Crabtree and Graham Gilks opposite the Ayios Minas Church for an interesting and educational ringing session.

Conscious that illegal hunters were operating close by in the protected reserve, Alan and Graham erected only two lengths of netting for this demonstration. Additional nets may have led to unacceptable risks to our operatives from shot gun pellets. (Normally, between six and ten lengths of net are erected.)

As he carried out the ringing, Alan explained the finer details of his observations, such as age assessment, fat density, wing and tail measurements and total weights that are recorded for each specimen. In spite of the fewer than normal nets, 32 birds comprising 9 separate species were netted during the morning – a satisfactory addition to the Cyprus records.

For those who had listened to Martin's talk on the Friday, the miracle of migration was once again evident when observers learnt that most of the birds caught weighed only between 9 and 20 grammes!

How can such lightweight creatures fly such long distances?

The record for the morning was:

**9 Eurasian Blackcap, 8 Great Tit, 5 Sardinian Warbler, 3 Willow Warbler, 2 Garden Warbler, 2 European Greenfinch, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 Common Redstart and 1 Spotted Flycatcher.**

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## EUROBIRDWATCH 2015



This year's EuroBirdwatch will take place on 4 October 2015.

While a ringing demonstration was planned for 3 October at Cape Pyla, this unfortunately had to be cancelled, for reasons beyond our control. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and we hope that you can join us in one of our Sunday events on 4 October which will run as planned.

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 # 31**

In the photo below there are 4 species of wader. Can you identify them?



Last Month's Quiz answer

Last month's mystery bird is an immature gull. Gull identification, especially of young birds, can be intimidating but in the case of most species with care correct identification can be reasonably straightforward.

In identifying gulls it is important to establish two things, size and age. Once these are established identification becomes much easier. Our mystery bird has no other bird nearby for size comparison, thus determining its size is tricky. For lone birds, structure is often the best way in determining size. Small head in relation to its body suggests that this is one of the larger gulls, ruling out a number of regularly occurring species including Little, Black-headed, Mediterranean and Slender-billed Gulls. The remaining species are large to very large and structure as well as timing of moult is the key to their identification. As it turns out our bird's structure is quite distinctive and can easily separate it from other large species. Its body is slim and elegant with an elongated rear end, long sloping forehead, long legs and uniformly thick bill held slightly downwards; all features of **Audouin's Gull**. Audouin's Gulls are local breeders in the extreme NE of our island and regular visitor to SE coasts while elsewhere they are less common. Identification is confirmed by its dark grey legs, a feature that differentiates it in all ages from all other large gulls. Its brownish body with just a few adult like grey scapulars suggest that the bird is a juvenile moulting into 1st winter plumage.

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## YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER IN CYPRUS

*Jane Stylianou*

The Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* is a very rare passage migrant through Cyprus mainly recorded in the autumn. Of the fifteen records of the species here, ten have been observed between 25<sup>th</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November. So it seems as if the upcoming period is the time to try and find one of these small leaf-warblers.

Four of the autumn records were of birds that were trapped and ringed and the furthest east one has been seen is in Dhekelia at the end of November 1990. The first record was at Akrotiri in November 1968 with another there in October 1969 and others at Episkopi in October 1969 and Akrotiri again in November 1970. There were no further records until November 1990 and since then the sightings have come from Lemba, Kato Paphos, Evretou Dam, Droushia, Tala, Baths of Aphrodite, Polis Reed Beds and Mandria. Probably the most well-known of those was at Tala on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 when local birders Dave and Jan Walker found one very close to their home. In October 2013 one was trapped and ringed at Polis Reed Beds on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and another was seen at Mandria just two days later.



Photographs: Left – the bird ringed at Polis Reed Beds 23rd October 2013 (Alan Crabtree) and right the bird seen at Tala in November 2010 (Dave Walker).

It is the call of the Yellow-browed Warbler that often attracts the attention. Its commonest call is a loud, penetrating, high pitched 'sweest' or 'tsoeest' and has been likened to that of the nominate race of the Coal Tit. It can be heard on the excellent xeno-canto website via this link <http://www.xeno-canto.org/species/Phylloscopus-inornatus>. Smaller and more mobile than a Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* it is a slim, fine-billed and bright greyish-green warbler with a long and prominent pale yellowish white supercilium and usually two wing bars. Collins Bird Guide 2<sup>nd</sup> edition describes it as 'greyish-green above, off white below, legs medium brown'. The prominent supercilium is above a dark eye-stripe. There is also a broad 'yellowish-white wingbar on tips of greater coverts and a shorter less conspicuous second bar on the tips of the median coverts'. The darker surrounds of the wing highlight the wingbars. In The Handbook of Bird Identification: For Europe and the Western Palearctic, M. Beaman and S. Madge point out that moving into winter the wing bars are reduced and the normally prominent tertial fringes may also be lost due to wear and tear.

The Yellow-browed Warbler breeds in the taiga areas of Siberia and its normal winter range is in SE Asia. It is a regular vagrant throughout Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. Many are observed in western Europe each autumn with the majority of UK records in late September and October – similar to those here in Cyprus. So keep your ears alert and eyes peeled for one here over the next few weeks.

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## **FORMER CYPRUS BREEDER – CINEREOUS VULTURE**

*Jane Stylianou*

*Another in an occasional series which looks at species that used to breed or occur regularly on Cyprus.*

The Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* (also known as Black Vulture) has a maximum number of 2500 pairs throughout Europe according to data provided for the 2015 Red List Assessment. In some European countries it has recently increased although the Asian population has suffered a decline. The Red List figures indicate one or more breeding pairs in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, France, Georgia, Greece, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine. It is one of the largest old world vultures. A huge, all dark sooty brown to black, broad-winged bird with a slightly wedge shaped tail. The bare skin of its head and neck is a bluish grey with a paler neck rough on older birds.

In their book 'The Handbook of the Birds of Cyprus and Migrants of the Middle East', published in 1971 David and Mary Bannerman note that, as little as a decade before publication, it could be described as common in both the Pentadactylos and Troodos ranges but at the time of writing its status was uncertain. In 1992 Peter Flint and Peter Stewart, in the second edition of the 'Birds of Cyprus', write that the Cinereous Vulture was 'Formerly a fairly common resident, now possibly extinct, or nearly so.' They state that it was seen by most of the earlier compilers of Cyprus ornithological data – Guillemand 1888, Bate 1903, Glaszner 1904 and Buckhill 1909 -10. One or two pairs nested in pines in both the ranges before 1950 and pairs were commonly seen around Troodos in 1956 -58 as well as over Kyrenia and Nicosia with up to ten reported together with Eurasian Griffon Vultures *Gyps fulvus* in the second report of the Cyprus Ornithological Society (1957) of 1958.

Flint and Stewart note the sharp decline of the bird here in the 1960s and state that since 1965 up to their time of writing in 1992, there had been only 12 proven records and that these were all of single birds with the most recent in 1982.

Louis Kourtellarides in his book 'Breeding Birds of Cyprus' (1998) writes of an anecdotal report given to him of one seen in 1989 but agrees with other authors that it certainly no longer bred in Cyprus. I have been unable to locate any dates for the last possible breeding. Flint and Stewart's latest date is of a pair nesting at Makria Kondaria in Troodos in 1949 and 1950.

The first confirmed record since 1982 was of an accidental visitor that arrived on the island in January 2002 and then remained until the end of 2007. It was regularly seen around Kensington Cliffs and westwards over the Diarizos and adjacent locations – sometimes in the company of the local Griffons. The bird was last reported on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007 over Troodos. Since then there have been no reports of the species over Cyprus.

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## SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR AUGUST 2015 *Jane Stylianou*

2319 bird records received

159 species and forms recorded in August 2015, compared to 162 in August 2014.

Some late records for July are also included.

[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*

Νεροβούιτης

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 22 20-Aug  
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Bishop's Pool 28 8-Aug JN

Larnaca Sewage Works c40 Inc juvs 29-  
Aug JS

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

*cristatus* Σκουφοβούιτης

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8-Aug JN

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 15-Aug JN

### **SCOPOLI'S (CORY'S) SHEARWATER**

*Calonectris diomedea* Πελαγόμυχος

Pomos point 7 16-Aug CS

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

*aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας

Baths of Aphrodite 5 1-Aug DF

Kensington Cliffs 7 on rocks and feeding  
around them 11-Aug JN

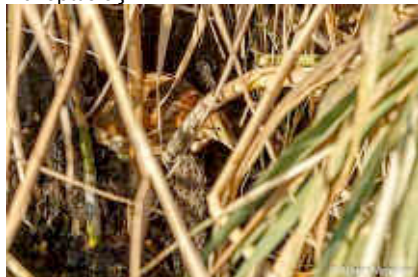
Mandria 1 31-Aug DJW

Polis bay 1 8-Aug CS

Pomos point 2 16-Aug CS

### **LITTLE BITTERN** *Ixobrychus minutus*

Νανορωδιός



*Little Bittern, Phassouri Reed Beds, 28<sup>th</sup>  
August. Photograph by Albert Stöcker*

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 7 & 28-Aug  
TRe/ASt

Zakaki Pool 1 adult male 14-Aug DF

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

*Nycticorax nycticorax* Νυχτοκόρακας

Akhna Dam 8 24-Aug AKe

Akhna Dam 2 31-Aug AKe

Bishop's Pool 1 adult male 19-Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 2 26-Aug MGr

Kormakitis 1 In flock of 150 Grey herons  
23-Aug MH

Meneou Beach 1+ At least one heard  
calling as flew over 21.00hrs 23-Aug JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 29 flocks of 14 and

15 flew SW early morning 22-Aug DF

Zakaki Wetland 40 12-Jul MGr

Zakaki Pool 8 5 adults, 3 juveniles 14-Aug  
DF

Zakaki Wetland 1 juvenile 22-Aug MGr

### **SQUACCO HERON** *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Akhna Dam 8 14 & 19-Aug AKe

Akhna Dam 1 17-Aug AKe

Akhna Dam 6 22-Aug AKe

Akhna Dam 2 28-Aug BB

Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Aug MGr

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

Max count per location:



*Cattle Egret, Agia Napa Football Fields, 8<sup>th</sup>  
August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Agia Napa Football Fields c110 30-Aug  
BB

Akhna Dam 20 14-Aug AKe

Arghaka (PC Bay) 8 flew SW mid-  
afternoon 19-Aug DF

Frenaros 13 12-Aug AKe

Lady's Mile 1 15-Aug JN  
Oroklini Marsh 23 In field to west of marsh  
29-Aug JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 10-Aug TRe  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 13 flock flew SW  
early morning 22-Aug DF

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη  
Max count per location and interesting  
records:

Akhna Dam 5 22-Aug JN  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24-Aug TRe  
Akrotiri North 6 29-Aug MGr  
Bishop's Pool 21 19-Aug JN  
Lady's Mile 5 26-Aug TRe  
Mavrokolympos Dam 1 22-Aug FGe  
Oroklini Marsh 4 29-Aug JS  
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 29-Aug JN  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 10-Aug JS/DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 29 flew SW mid-  
afternoon 20-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 65 flocks of 7, 4,  
10, 7 and 37 flew SW during morning 22-  
Aug DF  
Zakaki 1 15-Aug JN

**GREAT EGRET** *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα  
Akhna Dam 1 22-Aug JN

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

Σταχτοψαροφάς

Largest counts and interesting records:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 72 at least 29-Aug JN  
Kormakitis 150 approximate count - flying  
along coast, heading W 23-Aug MH  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 flew SW late  
morning 4-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 35 flew SW mid-  
late morning 10-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flew SW mid-  
morning 11-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 mid-morning 13-  
Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 9 flew SW 15-Aug  
DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 30 flocks of 2, 4, 9,  
13 and 2 flew SW during morning 22-Aug  
DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 8 mid-morning 23-  
Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 E to W 10.00am  
26-Aug JS

**PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*

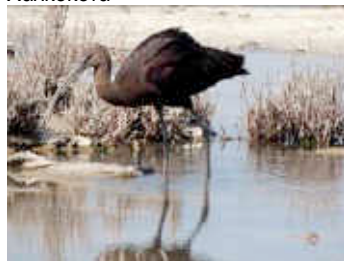
Πορφυροψαροφάς

Akhna Dam 1 28-Aug AKe

Mandria 1 31-Aug DJW  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 57 flocks of 25, 10,  
10, and 12 flew SW 10-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 12 two flocks of 6  
flew SW 11-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 50 flew SW 20-Aug  
DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 In off 18.15 and  
gained height heading N over harbour 21-  
Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 196 flocks of 39,  
12, 20 and 125 flew SW during morning  
22-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 50 flew SW mid-  
morning 23-Aug DF

**WHITE STORK** *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός  
Πελαργός  
Frenaros 19 30-Aug AKe

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*  
Χαλκόκοτα



*Glossy Ibis, Lady's Mile, 19<sup>th</sup> August.*  
*Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Largest counts and interesting records:

Akamas 50 11-Aug CS  
Arghaka (PC Bay) 13 flew SW 19-Aug  
DF  
Arghaka (PC Bay) 60 flew SW 20-Aug  
DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew past 4 times  
4-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 80 circled high and  
flew South 7-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 214 flocks of 40,  
50, 24 and 100 flew SW 10-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 130 flocks of 70  
and 60 flew SW 11-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 42 flew SW 13-Aug  
DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 354 flocks of 30,  
30, 50, 100, 18, 36 and 90 flew SW 15-Aug  
DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 250 flew past Latchi  
together mid-afternoon 17-Aug DF

Polis Chrysochou Bay 60 flew SW 19-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 236 flocks of 80, 16, 110 and 30 flew SW 20-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 High over bay heading W 16.35 21-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flew SW 22-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 100 At a distance heading W 10.00am 26-Aug JS  
Pomos point 25 7 & 9-Aug CS  
Pomos point 30 10-Aug CS  
Pomos 14 flew SW 13-Aug DF

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς  
Akrotiri North 1 29-Aug MGr

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο  
Max count per location:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1853 at least 15-Aug JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17-Aug JS

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea* Καστανόπαπια  
Zakaki 1 juvenile bird preening on bare edge to reedbed opposite the hide 8, 14, 15 & 22-Aug JN/AM/JS/DF/MGr  
(Unseasonal. First August record. Photographed)

**EURASIAN TEAL** *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι  
Bishop's Pool 2 19-Aug TRe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1+ 21 & 24-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 25-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 29-Aug JS

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos* Πρασινotζέφαλη  
Largest counts:  
Bishop's Pool 20 30-Aug MGr  
Larnaca Sewage Works c200 25-Aug JS

**NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta* Σουβλονούρα  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Eclipse 24-Aug JS

**GARGANEY** *Anas querquedula* Μασουρατζής  
Akhna Dam 1 12-Aug AKe  
Bishop's Pool 1 female 19-Aug TRe  
Bishop's Pool 2 26-Aug MGr

Bishop's Pool 3 26-Aug NR  
Bishop's Pool 8 female 30-Aug MGr  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 21-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4+ 24-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 25-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 160 flocks of 120, 15 and 25 flew SW 4-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay c45 c25 E to W 11.05; c20 E to W 12.15 10-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 flew SW 11-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 160 flocks of 25, 60, 40, 15 and 20 flew SW 15-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 220 2 flocks of 110 flew past Latchi 17th Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 23 flew SW 18-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 85 80 flew past Arghaka, 5 past Polis 20-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay c320 c230 in bay 17.15 and another c90 seen 18.00 21-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 359 flocks of 70, 150, 80, 38 and 21 flew SW 22-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay c140 Two groups c60 and c80. 10.00am 26-Aug JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 14-Aug JS

**NORTHERN SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata* Σαξάνα  
Bishop's Pool 1 in eclipse 29 & 30-Aug SI/JN/MGr  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 21-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 6+ 24-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 10 27-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 29-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew SW with Garganey 20-Aug DF

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca* Βαλιτόπαπια  
Bishop's Pool 5 8, 19 & 26-Aug JN/MGr  
Bishop's Pool 3 19-Aug TRe  
Bishop's Pool 1+ 28-Aug DBr  
Bishop's Pool 4 30-Aug MGr  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Probably juvenile in flight 19-Aug JS

**EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD** *Pernis apivorus* Μελισσοσίχινο  
Akhna Dam 1 31-Aug AKe  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Adult eating grubs from a piece of wasps' nest held in its talons 19-Aug JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 64 "1016-1019 7  
 Spiralling up over the aerial masts to S then  
 migrating S together  
 1021-1027 One below the Demoiselle  
 Crane flock then 55 at least above them,  
 moving from port area forming a large kettle  
 then migrating to S" 29-Aug JN  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 28 Raptor count from  
 AEC 31-Aug ADT  
 Bishop's Pool 1 26 & 30-Aug NR/MGr  
 Lady's Mile 14 Pool behind aerials 28-  
 Aug TRe  
 Meneou Beach 4 Circling up and moving  
 westwards towards Cape Kiti 14.15pm.  
 Strong winds 26-Aug JS  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 28-Aug DBr  
 Saittas Dam 1 gained height above trees  
 and moved off 17-Aug DBr  
 Souni 5 "0806-0808 1 spiralling up and  
 flying W over Bambos' valley  
 0824-0829 4 spiralling up to form a small  
 kettle then migrating S towards Akrotiri" 31-  
 Aug JN

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα  
 Bishop's Pool 1 possibly this species 26-  
 Aug NR  
 Petra tou Romiou 3 coming from east 23-  
 Aug FGe  
 Phasouri Reed Beds 1 29-Aug LAC/JN

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



*Eurasian Griffon Vulture, Kensington Cliffs,*  
 28<sup>th</sup> August. Photograph by Albert Stöcker

Kensington Cliffs 8 11-Aug JN  
 Kensington Cliffs 3 28-Aug ASt  
 South of Souni 1 14-Aug DF

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus*  
*aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο  
 Akhna Dam 1 17-Aug AKe  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Hunting at edge of  
 Lake 27-Aug DBr

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 0756-0758 In flight two  
 probable females from NE shore - one  
 going halfway along the N shore before  
 being lost from sight and the other  
 descended into vegetation opposite the  
 view point. Neither seen again 29-Aug JN  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 31-Aug ADT  
 Lady's Mile 2 Pool behind aerials 29-Aug  
 TRe  
 Mandria 1 31-Aug DJW  
 Phassouri Reed-beds 4 1416-1445 One  
 female from E flew over the reed-bed to S  
 and did not return. 3 females quartering the  
 reed-bed from different directions (N, E and  
 SE) then all 3 in air at same time. One still  
 to E of view point as we moved away along  
 the track. 29-Aug JN  
 Spiros Pool 1 Female hunting. Put up the  
 waders 23 & 24-Aug JS  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Aug MGr

**PALLID HARRIER** *Circus macrourus*  
 Ασπροσιάχινο

Larnaca Desalination Plant 1 Female  
 quartering the fields 22-Aug JS  
 Mandria 1 Transitional male 31-Aug DJW

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*  
 Καμποσιάχινο

Mandria 1 male being mobbed by Hooded  
 Crows 26-Aug DBr

'Ring-tailed' Harrier Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1  
 19-Aug TRe

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter*  
*nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Polis 1 female hunting over trees midday,  
 then circled high and flew E 6-Aug DF

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



*Long-legged Buzzard, Akoursos, 22<sup>nd</sup> August.*  
 Photograph by Filippos Georgiades



Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 juvenile 20-Aug FGe  
Agios Neophytes 2 25-Jul DF  
Akhna Dam 1 22 & 24-Aug AKe  
Akoursos 1 22-Aug FGe  
Arodhes 1 10 & 26-Aug JS  
Baths of Aphrodite 3 21-Jul DF  
Bishop's Pool 1 26-Aug NR  
Drousseira 3 14-Aug DF  
Evretou Dam 1 24-Jul & 8-Aug DF  
Kathikas 1 14-Aug DJW  
Kouklia 2 juveniles 21-Aug FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew over gaining height 24-Aug JS  
Mandria 1 31-Aug DJW  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 14, 20, 22 & 29-Aug DJW/FGe  
Minthis Hills 1 2-Aug DF  
Paphos 1 31-Jul DF  
Polis 1 27-Jul DF  
Praitori 1 adult flying along hillside chased by 2 Hooded Crows and a Magpie 26-Aug JN  
Stroumbi 1 21-Aug JS  
Tomb of Kings 1 along coast towards shipwreck being mobbed by Hooded Crows 12-Aug PCu  
Tsada 1 11-Aug

#### **LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni*

Κιρκινέζι  
between Neo-Chorio and Smiyies 1 male circling around for over 5 minutes and then mobbed 2 Eleanora's Falcons as they flew over - size difference was considerable 22-Jul DF

#### **COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίρτης  
Largest counts:  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 4 20-Aug FGe  
Akhna Dam 4 22-Aug JN  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 7 One mobbed by a Zitting Cisticola, 1 perched male, 1 female hunting and 3 soaring high 14-Aug JN  
Larnaca Airport Coast 4 25-Aug JS  
Larnaca Desalination Plant 4 29-Aug JS  
Mandria 6 28-Aug JS

#### **MERLIN** *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλοκο

Baths of Aphrodite 2 2 males, probably migrants, flew across bay in SE direction, then went inland 20-Aug DF (further details requested)

#### **EURASIAN HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

Δεντροφάλοκο  
Arodhes 1 Perched on tree in distance. Larges cheek patch visible. Flew before could look through 'scope but flight confirmed was Hobby 10-Aug JS between Neo-Chorio and Smygies 2 grappling with each other in flight for several minutes 22-Jul DF  
Kamares (Tala) 2 5, 6, 22 & 27-Aug DJW  
Kamares (Tala) 1 13, 15 & 17-Aug DJW  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 14 & 29-Aug DF/DJW  
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 8-Aug JN  
Tala 2 5-Aug DJW  
Tsada 1 22-Aug SI  
Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 26-Aug JS

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

Μαυρομμάτης  
Agios Georgios 1 flying S 9-Aug DF  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 27-Aug DBr  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 29 & 31-Aug JN/TRE  
Baths of Aphrodite 1 21-Jul DF between Neo-Chorio and Smygies 3 22-Jul DF  
Bishop's Pool 1 landed in tree 14-Aug DF  
Bishop's Pool 2 19-Aug JN/TRE  
Bishop's Pool 3 26-Aug NR  
Kathikas 1 9 & 14-Aug DF  
Kensington Cliffs 12 at least 11-Aug JN  
Kensington Cliffs 5 19-Aug JS  
Kensington Cliffs 10+ 23-Aug DBr  
Mandria 1 26-Aug DBr  
Old Kivides village fire trail area 1 Hunting 7-Aug JN  
Paphos Airport approach road 1 2-Aug DF  
Paphos Headland 1 16-Aug NR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 Hunting swallows near to river mouth 28-Aug JS  
Pissouri Village 10+ Harassing Alpine Swift flock over cliffs 26-Aug DBr  
Polis beach 1 flying SW 10-Aug DF  
Souni 1 10, 24 & 31-Aug JN

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

Ζάβοç  
Anthoupolis 1 chasing pigeons 26-Aug FGe  
Baths of Aphrodite 1 flew NW along bay 21-Jul DF  
Kannaviou Dam 1 Juvenile 14-Aug DJW  
Lady's Mile 1 on ground next to pool behind aerals 29-Aug TRE

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Young bird.  
Hunting feral pigeons while being mobbed  
by two Common Kestrel 24-Aug JS  
Petra tou Romiou 1 23-Aug FGe  
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 1416 Hunting over  
reedbeds to SE of view point on water  
meadow 29-Aug JN  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew SW early  
morning 15-Aug DF

**CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 30+ Two  
coveys 13-Aug JS  
Akhna Dam 20 19-Aug AKe  
Asprokremnos Dam c30 two coveys c20  
and c10 28-Aug JS  
Evretou Dam c50 8-Aug DF  
Marathounta c30 26-Aug JS  
Old Kivides village fire trail area 46 6  
coveys heard calling and 6 family parties  
seen 7-Aug JN

**BLACK FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus*

*francolinus* Φραγκολίνα

Agia Napa Football Fields 2 8-Aug JS  
Akhna Dam 3 one male and another male  
drinking with juvenile close by 22-Aug JN  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 Male in olive grove  
with female and a juvenile walking along  
the main track feeding. Another male in  
bare bush about 10 m away 14-Aug JN  
Akrotiri North 2 one heard, female flushed  
29-Aug MGr  
Bishop's Pool 1 male on main track to  
gate as we were leaving 8-Aug  
JN  
Bishop's Pool 3 male, female and chick  
14-Aug DF  
Larnaca Airport Coast 2 24-Aug JS  
Larnaca Airport Coast 4 Three males and  
one female 25-Aug JS  
Larnaca Desalination Plant 1 29-Aug JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 16-Aug NR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 22-Aug PCu  
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 8 & 19-Aug JN  
Polis Reedbeds 2 both males 28-Jul DF  
Polis Reedbeds 1 female 20-Aug DF  
Pomos Point 1 h 3-Aug CS  
Spiros Pool 1 29-Aug FGe

**WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα



*Water Rail, Phassouri Reed Beds, 28<sup>th</sup>  
August. Photograph by Albert Stöcker*

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 28-Aug AS  
Zakaki Pool 1 heard calling 14-Aug DF

**LITTLE CRAKE** *Porzana parva*

Μικροπουλάδα

Oroklini Marsh 1 Juvenile 17-Aug CCh

**BAILLON'S CRAKE** *Porzana pusilla*

Νανοπουλάδα

Akrotiri Village 1 Found dead by  
M.Philippou. Prob hit overhead wires 19-  
Aug TR  
Bishop's Pool 1 16 & 17-Aug CCh

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετεινάρο

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 14 mixed group includes 6  
chicks 30-Aug MGr  
Oroklini Marsh 7 22-Aug JN

**EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 30 26-Aug MGr  
Oroklini Marsh c20 All juveniles 8-Aug  
JS

**COMMON CRANE** *Grus grus* Γερανός

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Probable but too  
distant to be certain - too bulky to be  
Demoiselle and definitely not Grey Herons  
8-Aug JN

**DEMOISELLE CRANE** *Anthropoides virgo*

Νυφογερανός

Akrotiri Salt Lake 13 at 9.15am 25-Aug  
per NR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 25 inc six juveniles 28-  
Aug DBr  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 92 0730-1035 - resting  
in the water towards N shore of salt lake.

They lifted off at 1020 and took several minutes to catch the thermals and migrate to the S 29-Aug JN/MGr/SI/LAC/JSta  
Mandria c280 280 – 300 28-Aug LAC

### EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER

*Haematopus ostralegus* Στρειδοφάγος  
Arghaka (PC Bay) 3 flew SW midday 19-Aug DF (Description received)

### BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus*

*himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς  
Largest counts and interesting reports:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 18 some sat on salt marsh and a couple flying now and again 15-Aug JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 50+ 12-Aug JS  
Oroklini Marsh 25 Inc at least 3 juv 8-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 6 flying close to shore (2 flocks of 3) 22-Aug DF

### EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus*

*oediacnemus* Τρουλλουριά  
Acheleia Olive Groves 5 25-Aug DBr  
Frenaros 2 (pair) 8-Aug AKe  
Frenaros 1 heard 19, 27 & 30-Aug AKe  
Larnaca Airport Pools North 6 In flight 20-Aug JS  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 17-Aug JS  
Mandria 14 26-Aug DBr  
Meneou Pool 3 One seen and two heard. 6.20am 17-Aug JS

### CREAM-COLOURED COURSER

*Cursorius cursor* Αμμοδρόμος



*Cream-coloured Courser, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 20<sup>th</sup> August. Photograph by Tony Reeves*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20-Aug MPh/TRe (Photographed) (First August record)

### COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola*

*pratinctola* Νεροχελιθόνο  
Akhna Dam 1 juvenile 30-Aug BB

Lady's Mile 1 Pool behind aerals 28 & 29-Aug TRe  
Mandria 1 Juvenile on beach near life guard post 28-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 1 Juvenile 24-Aug JS

### LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Akhna Dam 20 12 & 14-Aug AKe  
Akhna Dam 15 17, 19 & 28-Aug AKe  
Akhna Dam 10 22, 24 & 31-Aug AKe  
Akhna Dam 2 30-Aug BB  
Oroklini Marsh 6 1 & 8-Aug BB/JS  
Oroklini Marsh 3 22-Aug JN  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 Flew over 10-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 2 24-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 3 29-Aug FGe

### COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

*hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι  
Akhna Dam 1 28-Aug AKe  
Lady's Mile 1 29-Aug JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 17, 21, 24, 25 & 29-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 23-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew NE late morning 10 & 15-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 12 flew NE late morning 11-Aug DF  
Spiros Pool c10 Flooded area from overflow 24-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 2+ 25-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 8 Flooded area from overflow 29-Aug JS/FGe

### KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius*

*alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι  
Largest counts per location:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20-Aug TRe  
Lady Mile c200 Adults and juveniles - post breeding flock 19-Aug JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 1f and two chicks 22-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 35 On beach in front of Sewage Pools area 29-Aug JS  
Spiros Beach 210 Post breeding flock. 40% juveniles 17-Aug JS

### GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius*

*leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι  
Paphos Headland 3 2, 5, 19 & 28 Aug DF/JSta/JS/DBr  
Paphos Headland 1 16 & 26-Aug NR

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμίδι

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25, 27 &amp; 29-Aug JS/FGe

Spiros Pool 2 Flooded area from overflow 24 &amp; 29-Aug JS

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

Max count per location and interesting reports:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 13 &amp; 20-Aug JS/FGe

Akhna Dam 30 28-Aug AKe

Larnaca Salt Lake 6 Two adults and four large juveniles on roundabout near old airport terminal entry 17-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c20 12, 23, 24, 25 &amp; 29-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 62 Inc juveniles 29-Aug JS

Paphos Sewage Works 12 16, 19 &amp; 28-Aug NR/PCu/JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew SW then NE along shore with Black-winged Stilts 22-Aug DF

Spiros Pool 2 24-Aug JS

Zakaki Pool 4 adults 14-Aug DF

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

Λευκονεραλλιίδι

Lady's Mile 1 14-Aug JS

Lady's Mile 2 Pool behind aerials 28-Aug TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21-Aug JS

Spiros Pool 1 Flooded area from overflow 24-Aug JS

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλιίδι

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 3 14-Aug AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 20-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 24 29-Aug MGr

Larnaca Salt Lake 54 17-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c20 21-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh c20 8 &amp; 13-Aug JS

Spiros Pool c50 Flooded area from overflow 24-Aug JS

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλιίδι

Akhna Dam 1 14 &amp; 31-Aug AKe

Bishop's Pool 1 Moulting adult 16, 18 &amp; 19-Aug CCh/JSta/JN/TRe

Spiros Pool 1 Flooded area from overflow 24-Aug JS

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*

Δρεπανονεραλλιίδι

Curlew Sandpiper, Lady's Mile, 19<sup>th</sup> August. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Lady's Mile 1 18, 19 &amp; 20-Aug

JSta/JS/TRe

Lady's Mile 2 21-Aug TRe

Spiros Pool 1 Flooded area from overflow 24-Aug JS

Spiros Pool 2 Flooded area from overflow 29-Aug JS

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλιίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 19, 20 &amp; 31-Aug TRe/ADT

Lady's Mile 2 in breeding plumage 8-Aug JN

Lady's Mile 1 14, 15 &amp; 29-Aug

DF/JS/MGr/JN

Lady's Mile 3 21 &amp; 28-Aug TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 21 &amp; 24-Aug JS

Spiros Pool 2 Flooded area from overflow 24-Aug JS

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 2 1-Aug BB

Bishop's Pool 1 19-Aug JN

Lady's Mile 2 Pool behind aerials 29-Aug TRe

Larnaca Desalination Plant 2 29-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 12 25-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 5 13-Aug JS

Spiros Pool c60 Flooded area from overflow 24-Aug JS

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόνι

Bishop's Pool 2 29 &amp; 30-Aug JN/MGr

Spiros Pool 4 Flooded area from overflow  
24-Aug JS

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

Λιμόζα

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 1 Flooded area from overflow  
24-Aug JS

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

Φαιομπεκάτσα



*Whimbrel, Larnaca Airport Coast, 27<sup>th</sup> August.  
Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Arghaka (PC Bay) 1 flew SW early evening 22-Aug DF  
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Probably same bird later seen flying into Sewage Pools area 27-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25 & 27-Aug JS  
Paphos Headland 1 on beach 2, 5 & 19-Aug DF/JSa

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπεκάτσα

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Flew into maize crop from direction of LSW. Probably same bird as seen there earlier. 17-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew over calling 17-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew SW mid-morning calling, quite small - probably a juvenile 10-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 2 adults flew NE early morning 15-Aug DF  
Spiros Pool 1 29-Aug FGe

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 1 21-Aug BB  
Oroklini Marsh 1 13 & 29-Aug JS

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 26-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 1 Pool behind aerals 29-Aug TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 12, 17, 23 & 24-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 3 13-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 4 29-Aug JS

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 1 14 & 24-Aug AKe  
Bishop's Pool 1 16, 26, 28, 29 & 30-Aug CCh/NR/DBr/JN/SI/MGr

Bishop's Pool 4 19-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 2 19, 20 & 21-Aug JS/TRe

Lady's Mile 1 26 & 29-Aug TRe/JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 29-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 8, 13 & 29-Aug JS

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa*

*nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 6 21-Aug BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 26 & 31-Aug TRe

Bishop's Pool 1 19 & 26-Aug TRe/MGr

Lady's Mile 3 19-Aug TRe

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 4 25-Aug BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 19-Aug TRe

Asprokremmos Dam 1 25-Aug DBr

Bishop's Pool 2 19-Aug JN/TRe

Evretou Dam 7 at north end 8-Aug DF

Lady's Mile 1 31-Aug ADT

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21-Aug JS

Mandria 1 on beach 26-Aug DBr

Oroklini Marsh 1 One probable flew in and disappeared along edge of reeds on far shore 22-Aug JN

Paphos Headland 2 on beach 2 & 5-Aug DF

Zakaki Pool 1 14-Aug DF

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 7 14-Aug AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 19-Aug TRe

Bishop's Pool 6 8-Aug JN

Lady's Mile 1 20-Aug TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 4 13-Aug JS

Spiros Pool 4 23 & 24-Aug JS

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακρίτης

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 8-Aug JS

Akhna Dam 5 19-Aug AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15-Aug TRe

Bishop's Pool 2 19-Aug JN

Evretou Dam 1 14-Aug DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 21 &amp; 23-Aug JS

Meneou Beach 1 Heard after dark flying over 7-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 2 22-Aug JN

Paphos Headland 1 2, 5 &amp; 16-Aug DF/NR

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew NE early morning 6-Aug DF

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

Χαλικονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 2 Pool behind aerials 28-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 3 one in summer plumage.

Pool behind aerials 29-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 1 31-Aug ADT

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25-Aug JS

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

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Second calendar year 21-Aug JS

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

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 29-Aug JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flew SW mid-morning with GB Terns and SB Gull 11-Aug DF

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

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 14-Aug TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 15-Aug JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Adults 17-Aug JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew SW mid-morning with GB Terns and BH Gulls 11-Aug DF

Polis Chrysochou Bay 8 flew SW mid-morning 13-Aug DF

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew NE mid-morning 18-Aug DF

**BALTIC GULL** *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής

*Baltic Gull, Spiros Beach, 29<sup>th</sup> August.**Photograph by Filippos Georgiades*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 53 14-Aug JS

Governor's Bay 16 21-Aug FGe

Kensington Cliffs 12 at least 11-Aug JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 7 Six juveniles 17-Aug JS

Mandria 2 31-Aug DJW

Paphos Harbour 3 11-Aug SMM

Paphos Headland 1 28-Aug JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 7 small numbers present throughout period; maximum count was 7 4-Aug DF

Spiros Beach 1 ad 29-Aug FGe

Spiros Pool 34 24 adults and 10 juveniles 17-Aug JS

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

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 53 14-Aug JS

Governor's Bay 16 21-Aug FGe

Kensington Cliffs 12 at least 11-Aug JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 7 Six juveniles 17-Aug JS

Mandria 2 31-Aug DJW

Paphos Harbour 3 11-Aug SMM

Paphos Headland 1 28-Aug JS

Polis Chrysochou Bay 7 small numbers present throughout period; maximum count was 7 4-Aug DF

Spiros Pool 34 24 adults and 10 juveniles 17-Aug JS

**GULL-BILLED TERN** *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Γελογλάρονο

Akhna Dam 1 30-Aug BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15-Aug TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 14-Aug TRe

Arghaka (PC Bay) 1 adult flew SW mid-afternoon 1-Aug DF

Arghaka (PC Bay) 1 juvenile on beach 20-Aug DF

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Adult 12-Aug JS  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 7 flocks of 4 and 3 flew SW late morning 4-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 6 Three E to W 11.30; 1 E to W 11.40; 2 E to W 12.40 10-Aug JS/DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 flew SW mid-morning with SB Gull and BH Gulls 11-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 flew SW early morning 18-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew SW mid-morning 22-Aug DF

**CASPIAN TERN** *Hydroprogne caspia*  
Γιγαντογάρνο  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flew NE mid-morning 8-Aug DF  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 flew SW late morning 10-Aug DF  
(Descriptions received)

**LITTLE TERN** *Sterna albifrons* Γλαρόνι  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Juvenile 12-Aug JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 1-Aug BB  
Oroklini Marsh 2 Both juveniles 13-Aug JS

**WHISKERED TERN** *Chlidonias hybrida*  
Λιμνογάρνο  
Akhna Dam 4 28-Aug AKe  
Akhna Dam 2 31-Aug AKe  
Bishop's Pool 3 juvenile, photos 26-Aug MGr  
Bishop's Pool 1 juvenile. Hawking over lake 28-Aug DBr  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17 & 27-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 29-Aug FGe  
Mavrokolympus dam 1 22-Aug FGe  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 10 flew NE, then west, early morning 22-Aug DF

**WHITE-WINGED TERN** *Chlidonias leucopterus* Αργυρογάρνο  
Akhna Dam 3 28-Aug AKe  
Akhna Dam 1 31-Aug AKe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 Probable 8-Aug JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Moulting adult 17-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2 moulting adults and a juvenile 21-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 27-Aug JS

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο  
Bishop's Pool 31 8-Aug JN  
Bishop's Pool 61 on rocky cliff and some drinking in the pool edges 19-Aug JN  
Bishop's Pool 14 29-Aug JN  
Kensington Cliffs 20 11-Aug JN

**COMMON WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus* Φάσσα  
Largest counts:  
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 30 many juvenile 26-Aug FGe  
Evretou Dam c30 14-Aug DJW  
Kannaviou Dam c40 14-Aug DJW  
Mavrokolympus Dam c50 20 & 22-Aug DJW/FGe  
Neo Chorio 36 10-Aug JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 40+ 28-Aug JS

**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE**  
*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνι  
Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 15 31-Aug AKe  
Anthoupolis 22 26-Aug FGe  
Asprokremnos Dam 10+ 28-Aug JS  
Bishop's Pool 20 26-Aug MGr  
Paphos Sewage Plant 10+ 28-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool c10 29-Aug JS

**EURASIAN TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur* Τρυγόνι  
Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 4 28-Aug AKe  
Arodhes c10 26-Aug JS  
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 one perched, two in flight 14-Aug JN  
Smgyies 6 22 & 26-Jul DF  
Trimiklini 3 18-Aug DBr

**GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO**  
*Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά  
Old Kivides village fire trail area 1 Being fed by a Magpie 7-Aug JN

**BARN OWL** *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι  
Dromolaxia 1 Flew over motorway 5.15am 28-Aug JS  
Peristerona to Astromeritis road 1 21-Aug CS  
Pissouri Village 1 23 & 26-Aug DBr

**EURASIAN SCOPS OWL** *Otus scops*  
Θουπί  
Kathikas 1 sat on telegraph wires on main road near tavern 19-Aug DF

Mavrokolympus Dam 1 called and seen on telegraph wires 19-Aug DF  
Neo-Chorio 1 sat on TV aerial and hunting on house roof 4-Aug DF  
Pachyammos 2 1-Aug CS  
Pissouri Village 1 heard 26-Aug DBr

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

Κουκουφκιάος

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 1 17, 19 & 31-Aug AKe  
Anarita Park 1 22-Aug PCu  
Athalassa 1 h 29-Aug CS  
Mavrokolympus Dam 2 one on wires and one calling from trees 19-Aug DF  
Neo-Chorio 1 sat in tree 16-Aug DF  
Pissouri Village 1 26, 27 & 28-Aug DBr  
Souni 3 1 on wires and 2 heard calling from carob grove opposite our home 25-Aug JN

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

Αρκόθουπος

Agios Epifanios 1 15-Aug MH  
Paphos Airport approach road 1 not seen well, but on size and colour, probably this species 19-Jul DF  
Phasouri 1 1 male's alarm call from plantation 0720-0735 14-Aug JN

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

*europæus* Νυκτοπούλλι

Agios Epifanios 1 15-Aug MH  
Baths of Aphrodite 3 feeding on moths under the veranda lights of the taverna for 10 minutes - seen very well and very entertaining 10-Aug DF  
Cedar Valley 1 16-Aug FGe  
Pachyammos 1 juvenile 2-Aug CS  
Pachyammos 1 adult 6-Aug CS  
Trimiklini 1 low flying hawking for insects over village 16-Aug DBr

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

Πετροχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Atalante Trail, Troodos 10 1-Aug JN  
Bishop's Pool 6 30-Aug MGr  
Larnaca Airport Coast 5 17-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 29-Aug FGe  
Old Kivides village fire trail area 104 7-Aug JN  
Phasouri 13 14-Aug JN  
Souni 47 12-Aug JN  
Troodos 9 1-Aug JN

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

Στακτοπετροχελίδονο

Agia Napa Sewage Works 18+ A flock of c30 were over the area - the 18 that I saw well were Pallid and the others may have been too 8-Aug JS  
Akrotiri North 4 29-Aug MGr  
Larnaca Airport Coast 2 20 & 25-Aug JS  
Larnaca Airport Coast 4 24-Aug JS  
Larnaca Airport Coast 3 27-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 6 24-Aug JS  
Troodos 1 1-Aug JN  
Troodos 8 flying around north end of the village 3-Aug DF  
Troodos 3 16-Aug DBr  
Troodos 1+ 21-Aug DBr

#### **ALPINE SWIFT** *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχελίδονο

Kensington Cliffs 1 possibly two as long period of time between sightings 11-Aug JN  
Meneou Pool 2 27-Aug JS  
Old Kivides village fire trail area 1 7-Aug JN  
Pissouri Village c400 Over sea at cliff edge at dusk. Being harassed by Eleonora's Falcons 26-Aug DBr  
Polis 30 flew S around midday 26-Jul DF  
Polis 60 flew S around midday 10-Aug DF  
Zapalo Bay 20 19-Jul MGr

#### **COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη

Agia Varvara 1 22-Aug PCu  
Akhna Dam 1 12, 14, 17 & 24-Aug AKe  
Akhna Dam 3 19-Aug AKe  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 25-Aug DBr  
Blue Lagoon, Akamas 1 18-Aug DF  
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 22 & 25-Aug JS  
Paphos Harbour 1 11-Aug SMM  
Paphos Headland 2 19-Aug JSta  
Paphos Headland 1 28-Aug DBr  
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 present most days on beach - liked perching on pill box at E end of beach 31-Aug DF  
Pomos point 1 9 & 16-Aug CS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Aug JN  
Zakaki Pool 2 14-Aug DF

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

Μελισσοφάγος

Agia Varvara 20+ 22-Aug PCu  
Akhna Dam 1 heard 24-Aug AKe



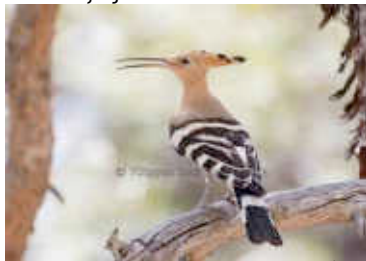
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1105 sat on wire on causeway of salt lake 29-Aug JN  
 Diarizos Valley 1 dead in the road near the cliff overhang 17-Aug JN  
 Kakopetria 1 heard 3-Aug AKe  
 Mandria 1+ heard 26-Aug DBr  
 Marathounta 1 26-Aug JS  
 Omodhos 1 1-Aug JN  
 Polis 5 flew S, singles on the day before and day after 24-Jul DF  
 Souni 20 18-Aug JN

**EUROPEAN ROLLER** *Coracias garrulus*  
 Κράγκα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24 & 31-Aug TRe  
 Anarita Park 1 22-Aug PCu  
 Androllikou 2 10-Aug JS  
 Arodhes 4 10 & 26-Aug JS  
 Agios Sozomenos 2 29-Aug FGe  
 between Neo-Chorio and Smygies 3 26-Jul DF  
 Frenaros 2 14-Aug AKe  
 Frenaros 1 24-Aug AKe  
 Gioli 1 flew W 24-Jul DF  
 Kathikas 1 16, 19 & 24-Aug DF/JS  
 Kathikas 4 10-Aug JS  
 Kathikas 2 14-Aug DJW  
 Lara Bay area 1 24-Aug DBr  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 2 17-Aug JS  
 Marathounta 2 26-Aug JS  
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 14-Aug DJW  
 Meneou Pool 1 27 & 29-Aug JS  
 Old Kivides village fire trail area 1 7 & 11-Aug JN  
 Pano Akourdhalia 1 Juv 14-Aug DJW  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 7-Aug TRe  
 Pissouri 2 21-Aug FGe  
 Pissouri 1 B6 east of Pissouri 29-Aug LAC  
 Polis 1 flew W 25-Jul DF  
 Souni 1 in pine top to right of new track then flew to main road ridge 3-Aug JN  
 Souni 3 12-Aug JN  
 Tsada Golf Course Track 1 10-Aug JS

**EURASIAN HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

Πουπούζιος



*Eurasian Hoopoe, Roudia Valley, 16<sup>th</sup> August. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades*

Largest counts:

Akamas 4 31-Aug CS  
 Akhna Dam 4 22-Aug AKe  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 29-Aug JN  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 3 28-Aug JS  
 Souni 4 26-Aug JN

**GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK**

*Calandrella brachydactyla* Τρασηλιούδα

Spiros Pool 4 Flew over calling 24-Aug JS  
 Spiros Pool 8 Flew over calling 29-Aug JS

**CRESTED LARK** *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works c20 13-Aug JS  
 Akhna Dam 50 31-Aug AKe  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 18 14-Aug JN  
 Anthoupolis, Nicosia 16 26-Aug FGe  
 Old Kivides village fire trail area 14 3 family parties 7-Aug JN

**SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia*

Οχθοχελιδώνο

Larnaca Airport Coast 1+ 25-Aug JS  
 Polis 1 21-Jul DF  
 Spiros Pool 5 29-Aug FGe

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 100 19-Aug AKe  
 Akrotiri North 50 numerous waves of birds heading west as sun rises 29-Aug MGr  
 Asprokremnos Dam c40 21-Aug FGe  
 Larnaca Airport Coast 30+ 25-Aug JS  
 Mandria 70 31-Aug DJW  
 Paphos Sewage Plant c30 28-Aug JS

Souni 75 feeding and moving N towards Troodos mountains in groups of up to 20 3-Aug JN

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Hirundo*

*daurica* Μιλτοχελιθόνιο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 29-Aug JN

Arodhes 20+ 26-Aug JS

Kakopetria 2 3-Aug AKe

Larnaca Airport Coast 3 25-Aug JS

Neo-Chorio 3 4-Aug DF

Pachyamos 6 15-Aug CS

Pano Amiantos 4 1-Aug FGe

Paphos Sewage Plant 2 28-Aug JS

Phasouri 1 19-Aug JN

Polis 3 21 & 24 Jul DF

Pomos 1 25-Jul DF

Roudia Valley 3 16-Aug FGe

Saittas Dam 15 17-Aug DBr

Souni 1 24 & 25-Aug JN

Souni 3 31-Aug JN

**COMMON HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon*

*urbicum* Ασπροχελιθόνιο

Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 8-Aug JS

Akhna Dam 3 22-Aug JN

Almirolivado 8 8-Aug FGe

Arghaka (PC Bay) 1 flew SW 20-Aug DF

Atalante Trail 178 1-Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 9 29-Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 2 30-Aug MGr

Kakopetria 200 3-Aug AKe

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 4 1-Aug JN

Old Kivides village fire trail area 40 7-Aug JN

Paphos Sewage Plant 2 28-Aug JS

Polis 3 24-Jul DF

Roudia Valley 8 16-Aug FGe

Souni 9 3-Aug JN

Souni 5 11-Aug JN

Souni 25 12-Aug JN

Souni 7 12-Aug JN

Troodos 92 5-Aug BCRS

Troodos 18 1-Aug JN

Zakaki 6 8-Aug JN

Zakaki Marsh 2 22-Aug MGr

**YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

Τζιπρινοζεουκαλάτης

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 20 19-Aug AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 13 In field being watered near Fish Farm 14-Aug JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 14-Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 6 29-Aug JN

Larnaca Desalination Plant c30 29-Aug JS

Mandria c20 28-Aug JS

Oroklini Marsh 5 Flew over 13-Aug JS

Paphos Headland 1 Heard 28-Aug JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 60+ 16-Aug NR

Phassouri Reed Bed 3 14, 19 & 29-Aug JS/JN

Spiros Pool 5 29-Aug JS

Zakaki Pool 8 mostly juveniles 14-Aug DF

**BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla*

*f.feldegg* Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 8 19-Aug JS

Bishop's Pool 1 male feeding on muddy margins 14-Aug DF

Bishop's Pool 1 19-Aug TRe

Phasouri 6 29-Aug JN

Spiros Pool 7 29-Aug FGe

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla citreola*

Κιτροζεουκαλάτης

Bishop's Pool 1 feeding at reed fringes 28-Aug DBr

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 juvenile 7 & 14-Aug TRe/JS

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζεουκαλάτης

Kakopetria 2 3-Aug AKe

**WINTER WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάρυδο

Cedar Valley 2 16-Aug FGe

Kakopetria 10 (1 feeding 1 fl. y.) 3-Aug AKe

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 3 1-Aug JN

**COMMON NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia*

*megarhynchos* Αηθόνι

Kakopetria 3 (family party) 3-Aug AKe

**COMMON REDSTART** *Phoenicurus*

*phoenicurus* Κοτσινονούρης

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Female 13-Aug JS

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe*

*isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 30-Aug BB

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 31-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 1 Pool behind aerials 28-Aug TRe

**CYPRUS WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe cyriaca*  
Σκαλιφούρτα



*Cyprus Wheatear, Mavrokolympos Dam, 20<sup>th</sup> August. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

**Largest counts:**

Akoursos 7 22-Aug FGe  
Atalante Trail, Troodos 13 1-Aug JN  
Baths of Aphrodite 7 adults and juveniles  
21-Jul DF  
Kakopetria 20 adults & young 3-Aug AKe  
Mavrokolympos dam 8 22-Aug FGe  
Souni 13 4 heard calling, probably  
juveniles, 3 in flight. Includes a male with 2  
juveniles and another male 17-Aug JN  
Troodos 12 1-Aug JN

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*  
Γαλαζοκότσυφος

Kannaviou Dam 1 14-Aug DJW

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂  
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Almirolivado 1 8-Aug FGe  
Atalante Trail, Troodos 1 male 1-Aug JN  
Cedar Valley 2 16-Aug FGe  
Kakopetria 2 3-Aug AKe  
Roudia Valley 2 16-Aug FGe

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

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 14-Aug JN  
Akrotiri North 1 29-Aug MGr  
Bishop's Pool 3 19-Aug JN  
Bishop's Pool 1 moving around base of  
reeds 28-Aug DBr  
Evretou Dam 3 8-Aug DF  
Kouklia, Paphos 2 21-Aug FGe  
Mavrokolympos Dam 2 22-Aug FGe  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 28-Aug JS  
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 8-Aug JN  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 14-Aug JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 An adult and two  
juveniles 19-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 2+ 25 & 29-Aug JS

Zakaki Marsh 2 seen, not calling 12-Jul  
MGr

**ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 20 (1 feeding 4 fl. y.) 12-Aug  
AKe  
Larnaca Airport Coast c20 17-Aug JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 10+ 17-Aug JS

**EURASIAN REED WARBLER**

*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Evretou Dam 1 8-Aug DF  
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 8-Aug JN  
Phassouri Reed Beds 7+ All juveniles 14-  
Aug JS  
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 14-Aug JN  
Phassouri Reed Beds 6+ Two adults and  
4 juveniles 19-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 2+ Flooded area from  
overflow 25-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 3 29-Aug FGe  
Zakaki Pool 2 14 & 22-Aug DF/MGr

**GREAT REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus  
arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι



*Great Reed Warbler, Agia Napa Sewage  
Works, 20<sup>th</sup> August. Photograph by Filippos  
Georgiades.*

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 juvenile 20-  
Aug FGe

**EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER**

*Iduna pallida* Τρυβητούρα

Largest counts and ringing records:

Agia Napa Sewage Works c30 May have  
been more - there were many in most of  
bushes etc 8-Aug JS  
Baths of Aphrodite 14 17-Aug DF  
Kakopetria 10 3-Aug AKe  
Souni 17 24 & 25-Aug JN  
Troodos 1 5-Aug BCRS

**SPECTACLED WARBLER** *Sylvia*

*conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 8-Aug JS  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 5 13-Aug JS  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 20-Aug FGe  
Asprokremnos Dam 1 28-Aug JS  
Agios Sozomenos 3 29-Aug FGe  
Cape Greco 1 8-Aug JS  
Ladies Mile Beach 4-5 females/juveniles  
14-Aug DF  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 22-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 17-Aug JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 20-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 2 17-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 1 29-Aug JS  
Tsada Golf Course Track 1 10 & 26-Aug  
JS

**SARDINIAN WARBLER** *Sylvia*

*melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 7 4 heard calling 14-  
Aug JN  
Kannaviou Dam 11 14-Aug DJW  
Mavrokolympos dam 18+ 22-Aug FGe  
Souni 25 12-Aug JN

**CYPRUS WARBLER** *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης  
Max count per location:  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Female 13-  
Aug JS  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 14-Aug JN  
Asprokremnos Dam 4 2m and 2f 28-Aug  
JS  
Evretou Dam 1 male (possibly with female  
and juvenile) 8-Aug DF  
Old Kivides village fire trail area 3 7 & 11-  
Aug JN  
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard  
area 1 17-Aug JN  
Pissouri Village c10 24-Aug DBr  
Souni 22 12-Aug JN

**EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER** *Sylvia*

*crassirostris* Θαμνογαλλούρα  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 10+ 2-Aug  
AKir  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 8+ Saw eight  
of which all were juveniles. There were  
probably more unseen. 8-Aug JS  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 One juvenile  
13-Aug JS

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

Συκαλλίδι  
Akrotiri North 2 29-Aug MGr

**COMMON WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia*

*communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι  
Meneou Beach 1 In garden 27-Aug JS

**EURASIAN BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Αμπελοπούλλι  
Neo Chorio/Agios Minas 6 2m and 4f  
feeding on berries 31-Aug PCu

**EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER**

*Phylloscopus orientalis* Βουνογιαννούδι  
Souni 1 11-Aug JN  
(further details submitted)

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus*

*trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι  
Akhna Dam 1 28-Aug AKe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 29-Aug SI  
Arodhes, Paphos 1 26-Aug JS  
Bishop's Pool 4 26-Aug MGr  
Bishop's Pool 3 29-Aug JN  
Bishop's Pool 2 30-Aug MGr  
Kamares (Tala) 1 17-Aug DJW  
Kouklia Soakaways 1 31-Aug LAC  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25-Aug JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 3 28-Aug JS  
Spiros Pool 1 29-Aug JS  
Tsada 1 27-Aug SI

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa*

*striata* Μουγιοφάς  
Agia Varvara 1 22-Aug PCu  
Almirolivado 2 8-Aug FGe  
Asprokremnos Dam 1 31-Aug LAC/DJW  
Kakopetria 3 3-Aug AKe  
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 6 two adults  
also seen 1-Aug JN  
Souni 1 24-Aug JN  
Troodos 2 Persephone Trail 3-  
Aug DF

**COLLARED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula*

*albicollis* Κρικομουγιοφάτης  
Agios Georgios Church, Akrotiri 1 female.  
Noted by Alan Crane in a bush near the  
sheltered area, which flew to the other  
shelter landing on the floor and easily  
observed for a couple of minutes before it  
flew into the vegetation at the rear of the  
garden 29-Aug JN /LAC  
(Further details requested.)

**COAL TIT** *Parus ater* Πέμπειτος  
 Almirolivado c30 8-Aug FGe  
 Atalante Trail, Troodos 24 1-Aug JN  
 Cedar Valley c55 16-Aug FGe  
 Kakopetria 20 3-Aug AKe  
 Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 12 1-Aug JN  
 Platres 1 1-Aug JN  
 road to Stavros tis Psokas 3 30th Jul DF  
 Roudia Valley c60 16-Aug FGe  
 Troodos dozens very common 3-Aug  
 DF  
 Troodos 16 1-Aug JN

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι  
 Largest counts:  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 14-Aug JN  
 Atalante Trail 4 1-Aug JN  
 Phasouri 4 14-Aug JN  
 Souni 15 31-Aug JN

**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia  
 brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης  
 Almirolivado 1 8-Aug FGe  
 Cedar Valley 1 16-Aug FGe  
 Troodos 1 Persephone Trail 3-Aug DF  
 Troodos 1 heard 1-Aug JN

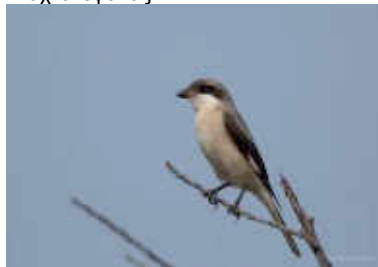
**RED-BACKED SHRIKE** *Lanius collurio*  
 Κεφαλάς



*Red-backed Shrike, Mavrokolympos Dam, 29<sup>th</sup>  
 August. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:  
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 9 20-Aug FGe  
 Akhna Dam 20 24-Aug AKe  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 6 2m, 3f and 1 juv 22-  
 Aug JS  
 Mavrokolympos Dam 6 29-Aug DJW  
 Pissouri Village 5+ 23-Aug DBr  
 Souni 5 3 females in flight and 1 perched  
 and 1 male 25-Aug JN  
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 5 2m, 2f and 1 juv  
 26-Aug JS

**LESSER GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius minor*  
 Σταχτοκεφαλάς



*Lesser Grey Shrike, Mavrokolympos Dam,  
 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:  
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 6 30-Aug BB  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 2 on wires and 1 in  
 flight at SW end of salt marsh and 3 on  
 wires on causeway 29-Aug JN  
 Lara Bay 6 24-Aug DBr  
 Mavrokolympos Dam 6 20-Aug DJW  
 Old Kivides village fire trail area 5 adults  
 11-Aug JN  
 Phasouri 6 at least 29-Aug JN  
 Pissouri Village 10+ 24-Aug DBr  
 Psathi, Paphos 7 In a small field 300m sq  
 with other shrikes 21-Aug JS  
 Souni 21 includes 9 perched males and 4  
 females rest either in flight or a bit too  
 distant to determine sex 24-Aug JN

**WOODCHAT SHRIKE** *Lanius senator*  
 Κοκκινοκεφαλάς



*Woodchat Shrike, Anadiou, Sarama, 14<sup>th</sup>  
 August. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 Juvenile.  
 Photographed 8-Aug JS  
 Asprokremnos Dam 1 28-Aug JS  
 Neo Chorio, Paphos 1 10-Aug JS  
 Old Kivides village fire trail area 1 an  
 adult, but quite distant 7-Aug JN  
 Sarama, Paphos 1 14-Aug DJW

**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκαννούρα

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 7 30-Aug BB

Akhna Dam 8 24-Aug AKe

Atalante Trail, Troodos 6 one preening male, one in flight, one juvenile feeding alone and one other juvenile begging food from adult female 1-Aug JN

Old Kivides village fire trail area 14 7-Aug JN

Souni 12 12 &amp; 25-Aug JN

Troodos 6 1-Aug JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 7 2m, 1f, 4juvs 26-Aug JS

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσαα

Agios Epifanios Present 15-Aug MH

Almirolivado 5 8-Aug FGe

Atalante Trail, Troodos 5 1-Aug JN

Cedar Valley 14 16-Aug FGe

Platres, Troodos 1 1-Aug JN

Roudia Valley 6 16-Aug FGe

Troodos 2 1-Aug JN

Troodos 10 village and Persephone trail 3-Aug DF

Troodos 6 16-Aug DBR

**EURASIAN MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Κατακορώνια

Largest counts:

Anthoupolis 15 26-Aug FGe

Arodhes 10 10-Aug JS

Sarama, Paphos 15 14-Aug DJW

**WESTERN JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Ayios Sozomenos 130 20-Aug FGe

Diarizos Valley 77 17-Aug JN

Paphos Sewage Plant 80+ 10-Aug JS

Polis c400 going to roost 27-Jul DF

**HOODED CROW** *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 30 19-Aug AKe

Nicosia municipal gardens and courthouse c30 3-Aug FGe

Paphos Sewage Plant c40 28-Aug JS

**NORTHERN RAVEN** *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Baths of Aphrodite 2 present for about 20 minutes, called frequently, probably a pair 1-Aug DF

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8-Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 1 19-Aug TRe

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 14-Aug JN

**ROSE-COLOURED STARLING** *Sturnus roseus* ΑκριδοπούλλιLarnaca Airport Coast 1 Juvenile photographed. Watched five minutes on prickly bush then flew off westwards squawking. Not relocated 24-Aug JS  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Juvenile. Photographed 9-Aug SS**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 300 12-Aug AKe

Frenaros 400 10-Aug AKe

Kakopetria 500 3-Aug AKe

Souni 118 20-Aug JN

**SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer**hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος

Larnaca Airport Coast c20 25-Aug JS

Larnaca Desalination Plant c30 22-Aug JS

Mavrokolympos dam 50+ 22-Aug FGe

Paphos Sewage Plant 30+ 28-Aug JS

**COMMON CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίνος

Almirolivado c25 8-Aug FGe

Atalante Trail, Troodos 5 1-Aug JN

Cedar Valley 7 16-Aug FGe

Lady's Mile 5 together 15-Aug JN

(unusual location)

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 4 1-Aug JN

Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 4 26-Aug JN

Roudia Valley 10 16-Aug FGe

Souni 1 12-Aug JN

Troodos 9 1-Aug JN

Troodos 10 Persephone Trail 3-Aug DF

**EUROPEAN SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

Almirolivado 6 8-Aug FGe

Atalante Trail, Troodos 1 female agitated, at top of pine tree on bare western slope 1-Aug JN

Pano Amiantos 8 1-Aug FGe

**EUROPEAN GREENFINCH** *Carduelis**chloris* Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 10 adults & young 19-Aug

AKe

Cape Greco c40 13-Aug JS

Souni 19 24-Aug JN

**EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis*

*carduelis* Σγαρίλι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 20+ 8-Aug JS

Arodhes, Paphos 30+ Many juveniles 10-Aug JS

Asprokremnos Dam c30 28-Aug JS

Souni 31 18-Aug JN

**COMMON LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάρτιλο

Akamas 6 31-Aug CS

Arodhes c10 Several juveniles 10-Aug JS

Arodhes 4 26-Aug JS

Evretou Dam 7 adults and juveniles 8-Aug DF

Evretou Dam 5 14-Aug DJW

Kannaviou Dam c10 14-Aug DJW

Sarama, Paphos c15 14-Aug DJW

**RED CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττη



Red Crossbill, Almirolivado, 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Almirolivado 12 8-Aug FGe

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 1 Heard calling then seen flying off top of pine tree

1-Aug JN

Troodos 2 1-Aug JN

**CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING** *Emberiza*

*caesia* Σιταροπούλλι

Agios Epifanios Present 15-Aug MH

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Juvenile on track flying in and out of salicornia 27-Aug JS

Neo Chorio/Agios Minas 2 at stream 31-Aug PCu

Old Kivides village fire trail area 1

Probable juvenile(s) heard on slope where the adults were earlier in the spring but no birds seen 7-Aug JN

Smygies 2 female and juvenile 22-Jul DF

Souni 1 20 & 31-Aug JN

Souni 5 two others heard calling from pines but unseen 21-Aug JN

Souni 4 24 & 26-Aug JN

Souni 3 heard calling on N ridge 25-Aug JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 3+ 26-Aug JS

**CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος

Akamas 40+ 31-Aug CS

Akhna Dam 2 12 & 24-Aug AKe

Akhna Dam 1 28-Aug AKe

Arodhes 1 10-Aug JS

Arodhes c30 Inc juveniles 26-Aug JS

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**MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT**  
**August 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 16 sites were covered in August 2015 and 35 species were recorded with a total number of 1,716 water birds. The most common bird sighted during this month's count was the Greater Flamingo (801 counted – 800 of which were sighted at Akrotiri Salt Lake). The Kentish Plover follows in numbers (272) of which 210 were sighted at Larnaka Salt Lake (post breeding flock on Spiros beach, including 85 juveniles) and third comes the Common Pochard (187) all sighted at Larnaka Sewage Works. Also numerous was the Black-winged Stilt (95). The Kentish Plover count was 3 times higher than last month's.

The area holding the highest waterbird counts was Akrotiri Salt Lake with 882 in total and 7 species, followed by Larnaka Salt Lake with 319 in total and 6 species. Larnaka Sewage Works was third with 297 individuals but holds the highest count of species, 19 in total. Oroklini Marsh was in second place regarding species count for this month, with 17 different species.

As would be expected, water levels at most of the sites were consistently low this month. Additionally, 3 of the visited sites (Mavrokolymbos Dam, Ezousas motorway soakaways and Agia Varvara soakaways) held no water birds.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Water level</b>
Phassouri Reed Bed	MartinHellicar	21 August 2015	10%
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	MartinHellicar	21 August 2015	30% plus some pools on Lady's Mile
Bishop's Pool	John & Ann Stapley	18 August 2015	80-90%
Zakaki Pond	MartinHellicar	21 August 2015	Overgrown reeds
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	17 August 2015	60% (Main Salt lake)
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	17 August 2015	50%
Oroklini Marsh	MartinHellicar	24 August 2015	30% in top part, 0% in bottom parts
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	14 August 2015	65%
Paphos Sewage Farm	Pete J. Evans	20 August 2015	0%
<i>Mavrokolymbos Dam</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Jan Walker</i>	<i>14 August 2015</i>	<i>60%</i>
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	14 August 2015	70%
Lower Ezousas soakaways	Pete J. Evans	20 August 2015	0%
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal	Pete J. Evans	20 August 2015	0%
<i>Ezousas motorway soakaways</i>	<i>Pete J. Evans</i>	<i>20 August 2015</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Agia Varvara soakaways</i>	<i>Pete J. Evans</i>	<i>20 August 2015</i>	<i>0%</i>
Kouklia soakaways	Pete J. Evans	20 August 2015	0%

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

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

**August 2015 Site and Species Totals**

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2015	Little Grebe	Cattle Egret	Squacco Heron	Little Egret	Grey Heron	Greater Flamingo	Mallard	Common Pochard	Water Rail	Common Moorhen
Phassouri Reed Bed		1								1
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile				1		800				
Bishop's Pool	30	21					2			8
Zakaki Pond										
Larnaka Salt Lake										
Larnaka Sewage Works	11				3	1		187		
Oroklini Marsh		22		6	1		1			6
Evretou Dam					1					
Paphos Sewage Farm		5								
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam					1					
Lower Ezousas soakaways										
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal			4	2	2					
Ezousas motorway soakaways										
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways			4						2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2015	Common Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Eurasian Stone-curlew	Spur-winged Lapwing	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Common Ringed Plover	Little Stint	Temminck's Stint
Phassouri Reed Bed										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile		4			60				12	
Bishop's Pool	21	17								1
Zakaki Pond	1			1						
Larnaka Salt Lake		10	4	7	210				54	
Larnaka Sewage Works	6	48		17	2			2	2	
Oroklini Marsh	3	16		4		1	1	3	6	
Evretou Dam										
Paphos Sewage Farm										
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam										
Lower Ezousas soakaways				3						
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal										
Ezousas motorway soakaways										
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2015	Curlw Sandpiper	Dunlin	Ruff	Eurasian Curlew	Common Redshank	Common Greenshank	Marsh Sandpiper	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper
Phassouri Reed Bed									
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	2					3			
Bishop's Pool							2	2	
Zakaki Pond									
Larnaka Salt Lake									
Larnaka Sewage Works		1		1	1				1
Oroklini Marsh			1		6		1	2	4
Evretou Dam									
Paphos Sewage Farm									
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Kannaviou Dam									
Lower Ezousas soakaways									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal									
Ezousas motorway soakaways									
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2015	Common Sandpiper	Slender-billed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Whiskered Tern	White-winged Black Tern	Yellow Wagtail	TOTAL	Species count
Phassouri Reed Bed							2	2
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile							882	7
Bishop's Pool						1	105	10
Zakaki Pond							2	2
Larnaka Salt Lake			34				319	6
Larnaka Sewage Works	3	2	7	1	1		297	19
Oroklini Marsh							84	17
Evretou Dam	1						2	2
Paphos Sewage Farm							5	1
Mavrokolymbos Dam							0	0
Kannaviou Dam							1	1
Lower Ezousas soakaways							3	1
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal							8	3
Ezousas motorway soakaways							0	0
Agia Varvara soakaways							0	0
Kouklia soakaways							6	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1716</b>	<b>35</b>



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