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

Any suggestions concerning subjects for future inclusion gratefully received, as are photographs of any recent sightings. If you are sending photographs for inclusion in the Systematic List please send them by 20th of the month – ie those of birds seen and photographed in October should to be sent by 20th November. Every effort is made to ensure that the work of as many contributors is used but inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Please send photographs in JPEG format where possible.

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

Cover photograph: *The migration of raptors through Cyprus this autumn produced less numerous counts of most species than in other years. One of the species that was seen in lower numbers than usual was the Red-footed Falcon Falco vespertinus. At Cape Greco on 30th September migration of that species was noted by several observers in the area and more than twenty were photographed in one low tree by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

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.

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

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

October 2015

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

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

Meet at 9.30 am, Agios Sozomenos

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

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

January 2016

Saturday 9th January: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Wintering gulls, waterfowl and passerines.

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

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

Saturday 9th January: New Year get-together

Details to be announced

Saturday 23rd January: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

Saturday 30th January: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Waterbirds and other winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed beds

February 2016

Saturday 6th February: Mandria, Anarita Park and Nearby

Leader: Alan Crane Mobile 99276310

Winter rarities of the area

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

Saturday 13th February: Paphos Foothills

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

Winter thrushes and finches.

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

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

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

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

Saturday 27th February: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker, Mobile: 99915907

Winter visitors and early spring migrants.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremmos Dam car park.

March 2016

Saturday 5th March: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Late winter visitors, early spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall

Wednesday 16th March: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008

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 (*This corresponds to the non Greek Orthodox Easter weekend.*)

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893.

Late spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am, Larnaca Sewage Works Hide.

April 2016

Friday 8th - Sunday 10th April: Karpasia Peninsula

Spring migrants and rare residents

Details will follow

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

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

Saturday 16th April: Cape Greko

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Spring migrants

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

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

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

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

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

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

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

Important Announcement: Participation in BirdLife Cyprus field meetings is at one's own risk. BirdLife Cyprus accepts no liability or responsibility for accidents, illness, injury or loss or damage to property that might occur. Field trips require light to moderate exercise. Please contact the field trip leader for more information on difficulty, distances and terrain of a particular field trip.

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GOOGLE GROUP**

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

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

Email: BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com

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

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

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

FIELD MEETING REPORT- AKROTIRI PENINSULA, 26th September 2015

June Neal

The day before the field meeting an announcement had been made of 2 or 3 **Black Stork** arriving on the Akrotiri peninsula on their journey south. I parked my car to find a juvenile bird feeding on the middle of the water meadow at Akrotiri Marsh (also known as Phasouri Reed-beds). A couple of BirdLife Cyprus members stayed to watch it and I left to let the group assembled by the noticeboard know of our discovery. Meanwhile a vehicle approached the Black Stork and it flew up, giving us all good views of it in flight as it moved further away across the water meadow to the edge of the reed-bed.

Whilst the group awaited the arrival of a few more people we noted the following migrants feeding - a **Cattle Egret**, three **Little Egret**, two **Northern Wheatear**, a few **Yellow Wagtail**, a **Whinchat** and a female **Red-backed Shrike**. Overhead a single **Steppe Buzzard**, 4 **European Honey Buzzard**, up to four **Western Marsh Harrier** and small **Barn Swallow** flocks were seen – all hunting for food before departing to their wintering quarters. In flight three **European Turtle Dove**, a female **Black Francolin**, **European Goldfinch** and a couple of **Zitting Cisticola** were noted.

Other migrants reported by the newly arrived bird watchers were three **Eurasian Golden Oriole** feeding near the bends in the approach track (probably on the nearby fig trees on the side of the track) plus **European Bee-eater** and one **Eurasian Hobby**.

We began to make our way down the track towards the water meadow where the Black Stork was still feeding when a shout went up that it was airborne. Unfortunately not everyone had the chance to see the bird, as it decided that the car approaching it on the water meadow was too near. This time it circled higher and flew over the orchards and fields north of the reed-beds heading E and was not seen again. We hoped that this juvenile bird had fed enough to see it safely onto the shores of Africa, the Middle East or North Israel.

Moving on to Bishop's Pool we noted that the heat haze over the Akrotiri Salt Lake made it very difficult to see birds at that distance. At the Pool two Lesser Kestrel and a Honey Buzzard flew over and a Purple Heron headed into the vegetation and more feeding birds were seen - 40+ **Little Grebe** in a feeding frenzy, several **Common Moorhen** and **Eurasian Coot**, a **Marsh Sandpiper** and two **Wood Sandpiper**, at least one **Northern Pintail**, a few **Northern Shoveler** in eclipse plumage and a juvenile **Whiskered Tern**. Nearby a flock of European Bee-eater arrived and settled on the wires in-between bouts of aerial feeding.

Loafing birds were put to flight by a hunting Western Marsh Harrier – **Mallard** and c30 **Eurasian Teal** that took some time to settle and whilst many of us watched this spectacle a couple of **Eleonora's Falcon**, European Honey Buzzard and **Lesser Kestrel** were seen by a few of our group.

After a snack and coffee break we headed for Lady's Mile across the Salt Lake and some of us saw several European Honey Buzzards in a kettle migrating south with two Lesser Kestrel and a **Red-footed Falcon**. As we watched and counted the fairly mobile **Little Stints** and **Kentish Plovers** we noted a couple of **Dunlin** plus a 'mystery wader' of which we are still waiting to see the photos taken by a visiting birdwatcher who we met later at Zakaki hide. During our stay by the shallow pools more Lesser Kestrels migrated overhead and at least four Eleonora's Falcon flew south along the shoreline, probably looking for prey to take back to their nests at nearby Kensington Cliffs.

Our stop at Zakaki Marsh gave us the opportunity to see the reed clearance work carried out by one of our dedicated local members, Michael Green, giving views of the pool and island that had previously been obscured by the dense and high growth of reeds. Little Egret, a **Grey Heron**,

Common Moorhen and a Little Grebe were seen thanks to Michael. Two **Spur-winged Lapwing** loitered on the sandy area on the opposite side of the road to the pool.

Several of our group departed at lunch time and the remainder made their way to the Zakaki run-off into the north shore of Akrotiri Salt Lake in the hopes of seeing migrating raptors. European Honey Buzzard, a ring-tailed Harrier, a **Pallid Harrier**, a couple of **Montagu's Harrier** and several Western Marsh Harrier, Eleonora's Falcon and Lesser Kestrel all appeared. Two very distant feeding **Black-winged Stilt** were noted plus two **Great Egret** facing the strong south-westerly wind amongst a group of 17 Grey Heron in what remained of the rapidly evaporating water left in the Salt Lake.

Altogether 23 people attended the meeting and up to 46 species of bird were seen – most feeding or hunting migrants. A few die-hards moved on to Kensington Cliffs and saw another Western Marsh Harrier en route at Trachoni then **European Shag** and Eleonora's Falcon at the cliffs but there were no Eurasian Griffon Vulture present. It was an excellent day out and my thanks to everyone for their valued contributions to the day's raptor count that was also made.

FIELD MEETING REPORT - MANDRIA, ASPROKREMMOS DAM & ANARITA PARK, 17TH

October 2015

Alan Crane

A large group of around 23 people gathered at Lark's Corner, Mandria for the start of this field meeting, once again highlighting the disparity in support for field meetings between the two ends of the island. I took time to explain that we were at the tail end of a poor autumn migration through western Cyprus and winter visitors had only just started to arrive, so it was a "lull period" and hence we could end up having a hot, tiring day without seeing too many birds.

We visited (apart from Mandria) Asprokremmos Dam, Acheleia Dam (also known as Piania Dam), Agia Varvara and Anarita Park. Disappointingly we failed to see any of my own list of recently seen good birds at these sites - Osprey, Water Rail, Pied Kingfisher, Levant Sparrowhawk and Blue Rock Thrush - just proving how transient birds can be on Cyprus at this time of year. However everyone appeared to enjoy the meeting and even said that they did!

So what did we do and see that created such a response? As usual, with such a large attendance, the social side was excellent and we did manage to observe 33 to 35 different species of bird. Some were indeed newly arrived winter visitors such as **White Wagtail**, **Eurasian Skylark** and **Common Stoenchat**. Others included late departing migrants, for example **Northern Wheatear**. A surprise enjoyed by many was well over 100 **Barn Swallow** that suddenly appeared at Mandria as if from nowhere and gathered tightly together on a local power line. Next stop Africa! Also observed with interest at Mandria were 36 **Eurasian Stone Curlew**. Members who are resident on Cyprus or who spend a lot of time on the island should not forget how privileged we are to commonly see so many Stone Curlews, so close, so well. For visiting birders it is a real treat. And we did have a number of visiting and non-member birders in our group of 23. Hopefully two of these will have become members by the time you are reading this.

One mystery to report on, whilst failing to find the Blue Rock Thrush (which Lynn and I had seen the day before) at Anarita Park, a large raptor flew over our heads. This was the only large raptor of the meeting and (you can probably guess the next bit!) between us we failed to be certain of its identity. Analysis of a photograph taken by Frank subsequently showed it to have been a beautiful juvenile Pallid or Montagu's Harrier. As many of you know, these two harriers can be very difficult to separate and there are mixed views about this bird. It showed some key features of both species. At the time of typing this report, I can say that the judgement favours **Montagu's Harrier**.

Other highlights of the meeting were good views of stationary **Zitting Cisticola** at Mandria and a **Grey Wagtail** at Agia Varvara, the latter being one of a number of stunning Grey Wagtails that arrived in the area mid-October.

We ended by finding some welcome shade for a picnic lunch.

EUROBIRDWATCH 2015 – THE RESULTS

Elena Markitani



Every year, during the first weekend of October, EuroBirdwatch takes place all over Europe and Central Asia. It comprises hundreds of nationally organised activities held by many BirdLife partners. During EuroBirdwatch, nature conservation organizations encourage people of all ages to join these events, observe, explore and enjoy birds and discover the fascinating world of bird migration. The number of birds and participating people are counted and reported via the national centres to the European Birdwatch Centre, which for this year was Vogelbescherming Nederland, the BirdLife partner in the Netherlands.

This year more than 24,000 people took part in more than 1,000 events in 41 countries from Europe and Central Asia. All of these people (both adults and children) enjoyed watching the fascinating migration of 4,3 million birds heading to their wintering grounds in the South. In order to survive, migratory birds need good breeding conditions in the North, safe stopovers along the flyway and good conditions in the wintering areas. The most frequently observed species were the Common Starling, the Chaffinch and the Eurasian Coot.

The sheer numbers of birds recorded during EuroBirdwatch 2015 clearly show that bird migration is an awesome phenomenon and drives home the point that birds, their migratory routes and stopover sites need to be protected.



Eurobirdwatch at Athalassa Park. Photograph by Elena Markitani

In Cyprus, BirdLife Cyprus organized three events on Sunday 4 October 2015 attended by 93 participants in total, the highest number of EuroBirdwatch participants in Cyprus so far: 60 at Athalassa Park, Nicosia; 17 at Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol and 16 at Paphos Plain, Paphos. The total number of birds observed in Cyprus during those events was 3,666 with the most numerous species observed being the Barn Swallow (over 2000 individuals, mainly at Akrotiri Peninsula)

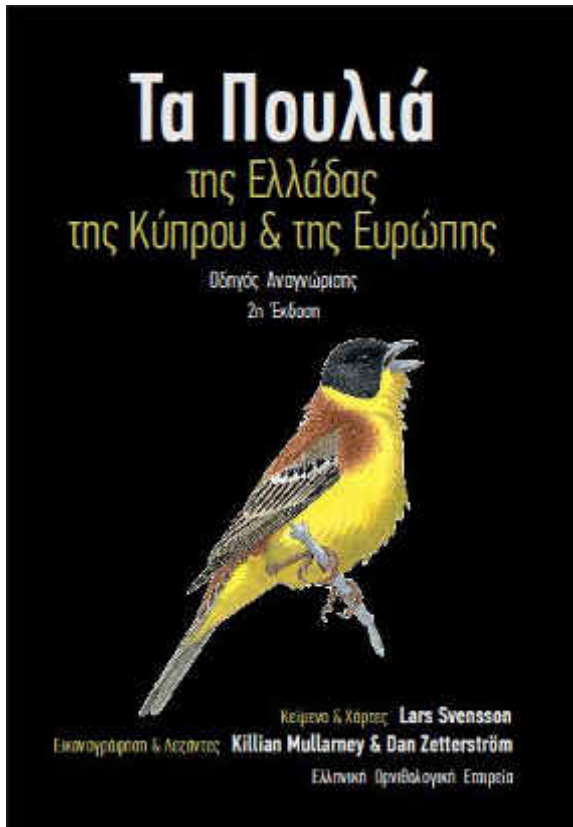
followed by the European Bee-eater and the Red-rumped Swallow. The most exciting observations of the weekend were the White Wagtail observed at Paphos Plain and at Akrotiri, the leucistic Barn Swallow observed at Akrotiri Peninsula and the Squacco Heron at Athalassa Park, Nicosia. In total, 72 species were observed in Cyprus during that day.

BirdLife Cyprus would like to thank everyone who participated!



Eurobirdwatch at Akrotiri. Photograph by Claire Papazoglou

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BIRD PHOTO QUIZ
Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 32



Last Month's Quiz answer

Last month's quiz was a photo of a group of waders taken at Lady's Mile in autumn 2013. There are four species in the photograph. The group of birds in the middle are quite easy to identify. Their brownish upperparts, short neck and bill, pale supercilium and full white collar identify them as **Kentish Plovers**, usually the commonest wader at Lady's Mile.

The two birds on the left edge of the photo appear different. Both show a longer bill than the plovers but an equally short neck. The bird furthest left appears very small with a pale breast, thin bill and dark crown. Size and shape alone suggest it is a species of Stint, the only two regularly occurring species considerably smaller than Kentish Plovers. The whitish breast and face rule out Temminck's Stint and identify our bird as an immature **Little Stint**. The bird to its right is similar shaped but appears larger and even whiter with a chunkier, broader based bill. It shows some gold and black speckling on its breast and black legs, all features of juvenile **Sanderling**, a rather uncommon but regular migrant.

The last species is the bird second right towards the front of the photograph. It appears small (marginally smaller than nearby Kentish Plover but larger than a Stint) with a long bill. It shows a striped black and white crown, the characteristic head pattern of **Broad-billed Sandpiper**, another uncommon but regular spring and autumn migrant.

TWENTIETH BIRDLIFE CYPRUS KARPASIA WEEKEND 9TH – 11TH OCTOBER 2015

Jane Stylianou

Twenty three BirdLife Cyprus members and friends spent the weekend of 9th – 11th October in the Karpasia Peninsula on the twentieth such weekend organised by Melis Charalambides. The first took place in the middle of April 2006 and since then it has become a regular feature of the field trip calendar with visits in both spring and autumn. Many have enjoyed the good food, great birds and friendly atmosphere of the weekend with Melis himself ever present on all trips and many others trying to ensure they can attend as often as possible. Birds such as Northern Raven, Black-headed Bunting, Audouin's Gull, Black Francolin, Cyprus Warbler, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush and Little Owl are among more regular and popular species recorded. Rarities seen during the visits over the years include White-throated Kingfisher, Lesser Short-toed Lark, Bimaculated Lark and Laughing Dove. In October 2011 the group was lucky enough to be at Apostolos Andreas at the same time as the only ever Cyprus record of a House Crow and several were able to take photographs of this, probably ship assisted, vagrant. Common Crane have been seen and heard on autumn migration on several occasions and among the raptors recorded over the years are Bonelli's Eagle, Booted Eagle, Black Kite, Western Marsh, Pallid and Montagu's Harrier, Lesser Kestrel and Red-footed and Peregrine Falcon. Sea watching has produced Scopoli's Shearwater and a Monk Seal. Visits usually start with a trip to Fresh Water Lakes outside Famagusta and over the years the trip has seen the rapid increase of the Cattle Egret colony there. In recent years breeding Glossy Ibis, Little Egret and Squacco Heron has also been observed in the colony.

This autumn's trip was no different from the others – good company, good birds and good weather (the latter is not always a given however!). Meeting at Akhna Dam the group travelled to Fresh Water Lake and then onto Kouklia Dam. Kouklia Dam was probably the highlight of the trip. It had been full of water in the spring 2015 visit and there was still plenty present – maybe due to the recent management plan now put in place by the Turkish Cypriot NGO Kushkor. More than an hour was spent there counting the many Common Snipe (over 70) and watching the birds present which included Greater Flamingo, Glossy Ibis, Whiskered and White-winged Tern, Black-tailed Godwit, Eurasian Golden Plover, thousands of Eurasian Coot, Great Egret, Black-winged Stilt, Ruff, Dunlin and many more. Arriving later than usual at the café at Agios Therissos was probably lucky as suddenly more than 80 Common Crane came in off the sea and heading inland just to the east of the group as they enjoyed their beer or coffee. Another six of that species were flying along the south coast as several of the group were swimming there.

Three more Common Crane were seen the next day during the early morning walk, then again on the Sunday more than fifty were seen over the hotel by those who had decided not to get up for the early morning walk and others flew in off the sea heading south at Agion Phylon later that morning. There were still many late migrants that were seen over the Saturday and Sunday and although – Eurasian Sparrowhawk apart - the ever popular raptors were thin on the ground, the group was really pleased to see two Northern Raven on the south coast in an almost identical location to where they had seen them in the spring. Those who visited the reed-beds outside Galinoporno – always the last stop of the weekend – were treated to the amazing treat of watching 28 Great White Pelican gaining height to the west of the reed-beds and heading SE high above their heads.

A total of 93 different species were seen which are listed below.

Little Grebe, Scopoli's Shearwater, European Shag, Great White Pelican, Black-crowned Night Heron, Squacco Heron, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Great Egret, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Glossy Ibis, Greater Flamingo, Eurasian Teal, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, European Honey Buzzard, Western Marsh Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Common Kestrel, Red-footed Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Chukar, Black Francolin, Common Quail, Water Rail, Common Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Common Crane, Black-winged Stilt, Common Ringed Plover, Kentish Plover, Eurasian Golden Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Northern Lapwing, Little Stint, Dunlin, Ruff, Common Snipe, Black-tailed Godwit, Common Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Audouin's Gull,

Yellow-legged Gull, Whiskered Tern, White-winged Tern, Rock Dove, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Eurasian Turtle Dove, Little Owl, Common Kingfisher, European Bee-eater, Crested Lark, Sand Martin, Barn Swallow, Meadow Pipit, Blue-headed Wagtail, White Wagtail, Common Redstart, Whinchat, Common Stonechat, Isabelline Wheatear, Northern Wheatear, Cyprus Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush, Cetti's Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Sedge Warbler, Spectacled Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Cyprus Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Eurasian Blackcap, Wood Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Spotted Flycatcher, Great Tit, Red-backed Shrike, Masked Shrike, Eurasian Magpie, Western Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Northern Raven, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, European Goldfinch, Common Linnet, Corn Bunting



Participants on the twentieth Karpasia weekend 11th October 2015 including the youngest ever participant – Calypso on the right.

Photograph by Melis Charalambides



The group photo from the tenth trip taken on 10th October 2010 by Melis Charalambides



Left: House Crow at Apostolos Andreas 8th October 2011. Right: Common Crane at Agios Therissos 9th October 2015. Below: Great White Pelican migrating south 11th October 2015. Photographs by Jane Stylianou.



Bottom photograph is of the first Karpasia trip participants and was taken by Melis Charalambides on 16th April 2006

KINGFISHERS IN CYPRUS

Jane Stylianou

Three species of kingfisher occur in Cyprus – one, the White-throated or Smyrna Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrensis* is a rare migrant visitor; the Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* is a scarce and irregular passage migrant and winter visitor; and the third – the Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* – is a common passage migrant especially in autumn and a less common winter visitor.

Members of the kingfisher family (*Alcedinidae*) are found world-wide and are small to medium sized birds which have a long, straight, often dagger-like bill and short legs. They usually have brightly coloured plumage and although those familiar with just the Common Kingfisher associate them with fresh water, many are found in forest or woodland which can even be away from water. The Common Kingfisher is frequently found along rocky coasts here in Cyprus, especially when it is on migration. They can spend the winter here in such habitat and Paphos Headland and Latchi Harbour in the west and Agia Trias and Agia Thekla in the east are ideal coastal locations for the species. Wetland areas such as Zakaki Marsh, Phassouri Reed Beds, Akhna Dam and Athalassa Park are also good places to look for the Common Kingfisher during the winter.

The Common Kingfisher is by far the smallest of the three kingfishers you could come across in Cyprus. It has a large head and disproportionately large bill which is all black on the male bird, while the base of the lower mandible is reddish on the female. Often all you will see is a brilliant flash of iridescent blue and orange as it speeds across open water and it can be surprisingly hard to find when it is perched motionless on reeds, waterside vegetation or rocks. Its throat and a patch on the side of its neck are both bright white. This white throat can occasionally lead to confusion with the much rarer White-throated Kingfisher, which in fact has a white breast as well. Although both Peter Flint and Peter Stewart in their *Birds of Cyprus* 2nd edition 1992 and the Bannermans mention that this species was reported to have bred in Othello Tower in Famagusta in 1929, they conclude that this is likely to have been a misunderstanding of the behaviour of migrants in the area. The Bannermans note in their book of 1971, *Handbook of the Birds of Cyprus and Migrants of the Middle East*, that the reference in their earlier 1958 publication to one breeding at Athalassa was wrongly attributed to that species.

The Pied Kingfisher however has had at least one, albeit failed, breeding attempt in Cyprus. A pair is reported as having bred at Avdellero in 1996 although it does not seem that the young fledged successfully. One of the most widespread and numerous kingfishers in the world, the Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* breeds nearby in Turkey and in Africa and Asia. In Cyprus it is a scarce and irregular passage migrant and winter visitor, although it has been recorded in all months. It is a striking black and white bird which can often be watched hovering over the water before diving down to catch fish. The male has a black crown and crest with a white stripe above the eye. It has a black eye band which extends to the back of its neck and a white throat and collar. Its black upperparts have white edgings and it has a white patch on its wing coverts. Its white underparts have two black breast bands – the lower one being the narrower of the two. The adult female has only a single breast band.

Pied Kingfishers are seen in Cyprus almost every year and a check of the records shows that there are certain locations that are favoured by them. However, what the records also show is that it appears that each year's reports could refer to just a couple of birds that are very mobile and prepared to move between locations. It would seem obvious that a report of a bird seen at Zakaki Marsh and then Lady's Mile within a few days of each other would refer to the same individual. But on closer analysis it is possible that a bird reported from Agia Trias near Paralimni could also be the same individual seen the next day at Akhna Dam and then moving between Akhna and Oroklini. Such was the movement of a bird present in 2012 who was never observed at two locations on the same day. This pattern can be seen in many individuals over the years.

In their 1992 publication Flint and Stewart wrote that the White-throated Kingfisher (also known as Smyrna or White-breasted Kingfisher) was a very scarce visitor, mainly in the winter, 'apparently

becoming more regular with individuals overwintering three winters since 1985'. This has continued in recent years with several long staying birds at Kouklia (Paphos), Bishop's Pool and Phassouri Reed Beds in the winters of 2012 and 2013. Early 2014 saw one at Phassouri Reed Beds in January and then near the Limassol Port in March and as with the Pied Kingfisher it is possible that this species is also mobile between nearby locations. One has been seen this autumn at Kouklia (Paphos) but despite its brilliant colours and distinctive shape it is notoriously hard to find. The White-throated Kingfisher has a dark chestnut head, flanks and belly, a white throat and belly, a blue back, wings and tail. The lesser coverts on the wings are chestnut while the median coverts are dark blue. When it flies the dark tips to its primaries are very noticeable. It has a large, thick, red bill and red feet. Although it likes wet habitats, it also likes wooded surrounds and will often fly into orchards for cover. This was noticeable with the bird that was at Bishop's Pool 2012/2013 and the bird seen recently at Kouklia flew into the citrus orchards there away from the almost dry river bed. It feeds on insects, earthworms, frogs, toads and lizards as well as fish.

In 1971 David and Wendy Bannerman wrote that the old records of this species were not fully substantiated 'but not impossible'. Flint and Stewart report that one probable of this species was found in early April 1957 and late 19th century records were mentioned by naturalists of the time – Lifford and Guillemard. The species breeds in several nearby countries including Turkey, Egypt and Israel so it is not surprising that individuals occur it from time to time.



Photographs:

Left: Common Kingfisher by John East

Below left: White-throated Kingfisher by Neil Alderson

Below right: Pied Kingfisher by Albert Stöcker



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RECENT RED KNOT AT AKROTIRI GRAVEL PITS

*A photogenic and photo-friendly Red Knot *Calidris canutus* was first reported at Akrotiri Gravel Pits by Tony Reeves at the start of September. It was last seen there on 24th. Although not in its striking red breeding plumage it attracted the attention of local bird photographers and the work of three of them, Tony Reeves, John East and Stavros Christodoulides is reproduced below. The Red Knot is a rare and irregular migrant or winter visitor to Cyprus. One other bird was seen at Lady's Mile in the spring of 2015.*



Left: Photograph by Tony Reeves



Right: Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides



Left: Photograph by John East

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

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3935 bird records received

184 species and forms recorded in September 2015, compared to 195 in September 2014. [Please note, the list has been edited for the purposes of this newsletter and contains records that have not been corrected or corroborated.]

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιτς

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 23 5-Sep JN

Athalassa Park 30 20-Sep CP/PPa

Bishop's Pool 44 15-Sep JSta

Larnaca Sewage Works c30 19-Sep JS

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax*

aristotelis Θαλασσοκόρακας

Max count per location:

Kensington Cliffs 2 23-Sep JS

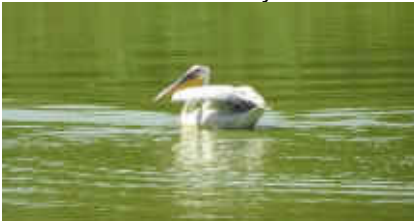
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Flying over sea
24-Sep JS

Mandria 5 29-Sep LDz

Spiros Beach Buoys c6 22-Sep SC with
F Georgiades

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus*

onocrotalus Ροδοπελεκάνος



Great White Pelican, Bishop's Pool, 2nd September. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Akrotiri 3 Heading S over runway. Raptor
count 14-Sep ADT

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 3-Sep TRe/JN

Bishop's Pool 3 2 & 7-Sep MPh/TRe/JN

LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus*

Νανορωδιάς

Paralimni Salt Lake 1 15-Sep FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 female 8-Sep LAC

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron, Kouklia Soakaways, 28th September. Photograph by Dave Walker

Akhna Dam 1 4-Sep AKe

Asprokremmos Dam 2 23-Sep LAC

Athalassa Park 1 20-Sep CP/PPa

Bishop's Pool 2 5-Sep FGe

Kouklia, Paphos 11 Overflying B6 E of

Kouklia 6.45 am 22-Sep IKB

Kouklia Soakaways, Paphos 1 28-Sep

IKB/DJW

Zakaki Marsh 2 6-Sep SC/MGr

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Evretou Dam 1 10-Sep LDz

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields c50 17 & 21-
Sep JS

Aradippou Slurry Pits c35 18-Sep SC with
A P Leventis

Oroklini Marsh 35 In clover fields near/on
watering machine 4-Sep CP/PPa

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Largest counts and interesting records:

Akamas, north coastline c150 12-Sep
LAC

Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 14 flew in together
and 1 separately onto salt lake 6-Sep JN
Bishop's Pool 10 14, 24 & 26-Sep
JE/JN/LAC

Lara, Paphos 12 Flying South 22-Sep DJW
Oroklini Marsh 35 5-Sep JN
Zakaki Marsh 11 24-Sep FM

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Sep SC with L Sergides
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki overflow 26-Sep LAC
Evretou Dam 3 18-Sep LDz
Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 26-Sep FGe /JS
Zakaki Marsh and Pool 2 26-Sep JN

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*
Σταχτοψαροφάς



Grey Heron, Asprokremmos Dam, 21st September. Photograph by Dave Walker

Largest counts and interesting records:
Akamas, north coastline c120 12-Sep LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake c140 26-Sep SC with L Sergides
Evretou Dam c160 Also some Purple Herons present 12-Sep JSta
Zakaki Marsh and Pool 74 25-Sep JN

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*
Πορφυροψαροφάς



Purple Heron, Latchi, 12th September. Photograph by Paul Curry

Akamas, north coastline c110 12-Sep LAC
Asprokremnos Dam 1 14-Sep JS
Bishop's Pool 1 26-Sep JN

Cape Greco 20 9.05am flew up from eucalyptus trees to E of Grecian Park Hotel, returned there and then headed S at 10.05am 2-Sep JS
Cape Greco 50 20 Heading S 8.15am; 4 S (with 11 Grey Heron) 8.55; 12 S (with 2 Grey Heron) 9.20; 14 S 9.35 12-Sep JS
Cape Greco 4 2 with 7 Grey Heron N to SE 10.05; 2 with 9 Grey Heron N to SE 10.08 22-Sep JS
Latchi 41 17-Sep RAT
Mandria 1 7-Sep LAC
Mandria 35 14-Sep DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Sep CP/PPa
Polis Bay c340 Two groups totalling 276 seen heading inland 17.00pm and joined by c70 that had been in Latchi area all day roosting 12-Sep PCu
Polis Campsite 12 5-Sep RAT
Polis Campsite 14 8-Sep RAT

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός



Black Stork juvenile, Phassouri Reed Beds, 27th September. Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides

Akhna Dam 1 photographed 24-Sep PhP
Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 25-Sep ADT
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 Flew in 12.30pm 21-Sep ADT
Phassouri Beehives 1 25-Sep FM
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 juvenile 26-Sep SC with L Sergides
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 0912-1025 1 feeding on water meadow, flew up when approached by photographers in a vehicle, descended and fed for a while longer until the next approach when it took off, flying N over tree line heading towards salt lake and presumed migrated S as no further reports 26-Sep JN

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*
Χαλκόκοτα

Akamas, north coastline 2 12-Sep LAC

Bishop's Pool 2 4-Sep MSS/MGr
 Bishop's Pool 1 16 & 19-Sep MSS/JN
 Lady's Mile 2 3-Sep LDz
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19-Sep JS
 Mandria 1 14-Sep DJW
 Paphos Sewage Plant 3 3 & 5-Sep LAC
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 10-Sep LAC
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 15-Sep RAT
 Spiros Pool 3 12-Sep FGe
 Spiros Pool 1 juvenile 18-Sep SC with A
 P Leventis

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς



Eurasian Spoonbill, Larnaca Sewage Works, 19th September. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 14 & 16-Sep JE/MSS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 6 19-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 26-Sep FGe/JS
 Meneou Beach 1+ Heard calling as flew
 over area 21.00pm 25-Sep JS
 Zakaki Marsh 1 flushed with Grey Heron,
 but returned and was feeding 19-Sep MGr

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1300 includes a
 melanistic bird 1-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake c1000 3, 6, 7 & 13-Sep
 JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 740 Zakaki side 8-Sep
 LAC
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 30 Very hazy and birds
 in distance 12-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 50 13-Sep MSc
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 300 15-Sep JN
 Larnaca Salt Lake 16 15-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 7 12-Sep FGe
 Larnaca Sewage Works 9 15-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 10 19-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c30 22-Sep SC
 with F Georgiades
 Larnaca Sewage Pools 38 26-Sep FGe

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια



Ruddy Shelduck, Larnaca Sewage Works, 26th September. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22-Sep SC
 with F Georgiades
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 26-Sep JS/FGe

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 18-Sep SC
 with A P Leventis

Athalassa Park 1 Bird was asleep and not
 clearly visible, but looked like a female teal
 20-Sep CP/PPa

Bishop's Pool 14 15-Sep JSta
 Bishop's Pool 6 19-Sep JN
 Bishop's Pool 32 26-Sep JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 38 15-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c30 19-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c10 22-Sep SC
 with F Georgiades
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 22-Sep MSS

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοτζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 19 4-Sep MSS
 Kannaviou Dam 28 15-Sep DJW
 Larnaca Sewage Works 149 15-Sep JS
 Spiro's Pool c30 Flew up and towards
 Larnaca Sewage Works. Flooded area. 19-
 Sep JS

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 eclipse 16-Sep MSS
 Bishop's Pool 6 4 female/juveniles 7-Sep
 JN
 Bishop's Pool 3 1 male in eclipse and 2
 females/juveniles 19-Sep JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 in eclipse 26-Sep
 JN/LAC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 15-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 19-Sep JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1+ 22-Sep SC with F Georgiades
Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 26-Sep FGe
Zakaki Marsh 1 23-Sep JS

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής
Asprokremmos Dam 57 photographed
15-Sep PCu
Asprokremmos Dam 41 16-Sep LAC
Asprokremmos Dam 25 24-Sep LAC
Bishop's Pool 7 female 4-Sep MGr
Bishop's Pool 1 16 & 19-Sep MSS/JN
Evretou Dam 20 10-Sep LDz
Evretou Dam c30 15-Sep DJW
Kannaviou Dam 6 15-Sep DJW
Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 22-Sep MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 22 & 23-Sep MGr/JS

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Σαζάνα
Agia Napa Sewage Works c10 18-Sep
SC with A P Leventis
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Sep SC with L
Sergides
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 3-Sep JN
Bishop's Pool 2 in eclipse 26-Sep JN
Bishop's Pool 1+ 26-Sep LAC
Larnaca Sewage Works 66 15-Sep JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c40 19-Sep JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c10 22-Sep SC
with F Georgiades

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιτόπαπια
Bishop's Pool 1 15-Sep JSta
Bishop's Pool 1 16-Sep MSS

Duck spp Akrotiri 12 Flying, only
silhouette. Best bet guess Garganey
22-Sep IKB

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis*

apivorus Μελισσοσίαχينو



European Honey Buzzard, Mandria, 21st
September. Photograph by Dave Walker

Largest counts:

Akrotiri 311 Raptor count 19-Sep ADT
Cape Greco 236 Raptor count 8am and
1pm 12-Sep JS
Drouseia 80 16-Sep RAT
Evretou Dam 23 17-Sep RAT
Mandria 22 07.50 - 13.00 Raptor count
16-Sep JSta
Phassouri Reed Beds c130 8.30 to 10.30
18-Sep JS
Souni 35 17-Sep JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 20 22-Sep MSS

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα

Several observations of single birds. All 2+
reports below:
Akrotiri 5 Raptor count 14-Sep ADT
Akrotiri 3 Raptor count 16-Sep ADT
Akrotiri 2 Raptor count 19-Sep ADT
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 7 & 14-Sep TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 16-Sep MSS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 15-Sep JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 19-Sep JN
Cape Greco 8 Raptor count 8am and 1pm
12-Sep JS
Cape Greco 2 Raptor count 8.00 - 12.00
17-Sep JS
Diarizos Valley 2 18-Sep JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 12-Sep JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 15-Sep JN

EGYPTIAN VULTURE *Neophron*

percnopterus Ασπρόγυπας
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 juv 16-Sep MSS
(Photographed)

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps*

fulvus Γύπας
Kensington Cliffs 2 3-Sep IKB
Kensington Cliffs 1 13-Sep MSc
Kensington Cliffs 7 Around 15.10pm flying
with Eleonora's Falcons 23-Sep JS
Kensington Cliffs 12 Around 15.30pm 26-
Sep JSta
Kensington Cliffs 5 0845 5 seen en route
to field trip around Kensington Cliffs by Kate
and Ian Bloomer 26-Sep JN

SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE *Circaetus*

gallicus Φιδαιτός
Akrotiri 1 photographed 23-Sep
ADT/PAC
Akrotiri 1 juv. Raptor count 30-Sep ADT

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus**aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο

Up to four birds seen regularly throughout month. Double figure counts below:

Akrotiri 14 Raptor count 30-Sep ADT

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 13 16-Sep MSS

Cape Greco 40 Raptor count 8am and

1pm. 11 males 12-Sep JS

Cape Greco c10 30-Sep CP/MH

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Asprokremmos Dam 1 17-Sep LDz

Zakaki Marsh 1 1159-1200 1 male flew

very quick and low from N, circled up and

migrated S 25-Sep JN

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*

Ασπροσιάχινο

Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 14, 16, 21, 23 &

30-Sep ADT

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 16-Sep MSS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1-Sep JN

Cape Greco 1 Juvenile. Raptor count

8am and 1pm 1-Sep JS

Cape Greco 3 2 males 30-Sep CP/MH

Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 22-Sep MSS

Zakaki Marsh 3 25-Sep JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 26-Sep JN

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*

Καμποσιάχινο

*Montagu's Harrier, Mandria, 7th September.**Photograph by Dave Walker*

Akrotiri 1 14, 16 & 19-Sep ADT/BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 12, 16 & 18-Sep
SC/MSS/JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19-Sep JN

Cape Greco 2 Juvenile. Plus another
ringtail prob this species. Raptor count
8am and 1pm 2-Sep JS

Cape Greco 3 Raptor count 8am and

1pm. 1m and 2 ringtails 12-Sep JS

Cape Greco 1 Juvenile 13-Sep JS

Lady's Mile 1 Juvenile 23-Sep JS

Mandria 1 7 & 14-Sep DJW

Spiros Pool 1 Ringtail 24-Sep JS

Zakaki Marsh 2 1347-1353 2 flying quite

low over salt lake, migrating S 26-Sep

JN

'Ring-tailed' Harrier spp. Circus

Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 19-Sep ADT

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki side 8-Sep

LAC

Mandria 1 7, 10 & 28-Sep IKB

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 3-Sep IKB

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο

Sarama, Paphos 1 15-Sep DJW

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter**nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Akhna Dam 1 Being mobbed by Hooded

Crows 21-Sep JS

Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 21-Sep ADT

Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 & 19-Sep JN

Cape Greco 1 12-Sep JS

Mandria 1 Raptor count 28-Sep IKB

LEVANT SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter**brevipes* Σαΐνι

Akrotiri 1 juv maybe. Raptor count 23-

Sep ADT

COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Sep LAC

Kouklia Soakaways 1 23,24 & 28-Sep

LAC/IKB/DJW

Mandria 1 16, 20 & 21-Sep

JSta/LAC/DJW

Mandria 2 Raptor count 28-Sep IKB

STEPPE BUZZARD *B.b.vulpinus*

Στεππογερακίνα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Sep LAC

Kouklia Soakaways 1 23,24 & 28-Sep

LAC/IKB/DJW

Mandria 1 16, 20 & 21-Sep

JSta/LAC/DJW

Mandria 2 Raptor count 28-Sep IKB

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 Seen over

ANSW area 21-Sep JS

Agia Varvara 1 25 & 28-Sep JS

Akoursos 1 15-Sep DJW
 Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 22-Sep LAC
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 11, 21, 22 & 30-Sep IKB/DJW/LDz
 Bishop's Pool 1 7-Sep JN
 Evretou Dam 1 3, 6, 8, 10 & 17-Sep LDz/RAT
 Frenaros 5 21-Sep AKe
 Goudhi 4 Two adults and two juvenile. One adult appeared to be carrying food for a juvenile. 17-Sep RAT
 Kathikas – Arodes 1 16-Sep LDz
 Kato Akourdaleia 1 15-Sep DJW
 Kensington Cliffs 1 23-Sep JS
 Kouklia Soakaways 4 24-Sep LAC
 Kouris Dam 1 18-Sep TRe
 Mandria 4 Raptor count 28-Sep IKB
 Panagia Stazousa 2 19-Sep JS
 Phinikas, Paphos 1 11-Sep DJW
 Stroumbi 2 15-Sep RAT
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 3 13 & 28-Sep MSS/JS

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Aquila*

pomarina Κραυγαετός

Akhna Dam 1 Good views of bird flying low over dam then resting on shore and drinking 12-Sep BB

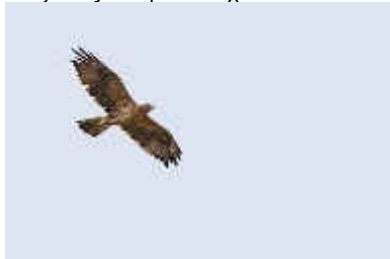
BOOTED EAGLE *Aquila pennata*

Γερακαετός

Akrotiri 1 dark phase. Photographed 24-Sep FM
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 0938 - 0943 1 probable dark morph mobbed by Hooded Crow as migrating to S then diverted to SE to get away from more Crows 7-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1006 - 1011 a dark morph from the SE mobbed by 1 Osprey over Bishop's Pool's fields as both migrated S, with the Eagle migrating to SW after their encounter 15-Sep JN
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 13-Sep MSS

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαιετός – Περτικοσιάχινο



Bonelli's Eagle, Agios Theodoros, 20th September. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Agios Fotios 1 19-Sep JSm
 Agios Theodoros 1 20-Sep AgL
 Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 14, 16 & 30-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri 3 juv. Raptor count 16-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 0944-0948 seen to N with other Eagle spp (probable Booted) mobbed by a 4th Eleonora's Falcon at 0945, migrated to SE 7-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1110 - 1120 1 juvenile flew from N of salt lake to migrate S over view point 3-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 6-Sep JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 1105 - 1107 1 flew over, reported by a couple from Austria 7-Sep JN
 Evretou Dam 1 Juvenile 14-Sep JS
 Koili 1 3-Sep LDz
 Kouklia Soakaways 2 28-Sep IKB/DJW
 Phassouri Reed-beds 2 juvs 16-Sep MSS
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 22-Sep MSS

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός



Osprey, Asprokremmos Dam, 24th September. Photograph by Ian Bloomer

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 18-Sep SC with A P Leventis
 Akhna Dam 1 14, 15, 21, 24 & 30-Sep AKe/FGe/BB/JS/PhP
 Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 16 & 25-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 14-Sep TRE
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 16-Sep MSS
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 13-Sep MSc
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 15-Sep JN
 Akrounta 1 17-Sep HCo
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 In shallows at eastern end of Dam wall 2, 16, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29 & 30-Sep IKB/LAC/DJW/JS/LDz
 Asprokremmos Dam 2 3 & 27-Sep LAC
 Cape Greco 1 Raptor count 8am and 1pm 12-Sep JS
 Mandria 1 7 & 16-Sep IKB/LAC/DJW/JSta

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*

Κίρκινέζι
 Akrotiri 2 Raptor count 21-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri 7 Raptor count 30-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 16-Sep MSS
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 17-Sep LDz
 Asprokremmos Dam 3 29-Sep LDz
 Bishop's Pool 2 1110 2 seen flying over the fields N of the pool, migrating S 26-Sep JN
 Lady's Mile 3 Seen later than those seen by JN 26-Sep JSta
 Lady's Mile 4 1145-1147 2 flying over the salt lake, along the shore, migrating S 1214-1217 2 flying parallel to the shoreline migrating S 26-Sep JN
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1 1133 - 1159 1 heard calling in trees N of viewpoint, then seen in flight gaining height and presumed to be the same bird migrating S at 1359 15-Sep JN
 Zakaki Marsh 3 1201-1203 3 together feeding on the wing over the viewpoint and migrating S, lost in haze 25-Sep JN
 Zakaki Marsh 3 1305 2 migrating S over salt marsh 1345 1 migrating overhead from N to S 26-Sep JN

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίρτσος
 Largest counts:
 Akrotiri Peninsula c8 26-Sep SC with L Sergides
 Cape Greco 7+ 13-Sep JS
 Frenaros 13 30-Sep AKe
 Mandria 6 14 & 21-Sep DJW
 Phassouri Reed-beds 6 13-Sep JN

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

Μαυροπόλακκο



Red-footed Falcon, Mandria, 25th September. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri 12 Raptor count 25-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri 5 30-Sep IKB
 Akrotiri North 1 27-Sep MGr
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 female 26-Sep SC with L Sergides
 Bishop's Pool 1 female 21-Sep NK/GF
 Cape Greco 13+ 30-Sep CP/MH
 Cape Greco c20 Photographed in one tree 30-Sep AgL
 Frenaros 1 30-Sep AKe
 Lady's Mile 1 26-Sep JN
 Lady's Mile 4 28-Sep MSS
 Mandria 1 male. Headed overhead S to sea 23-Sep JSta
 Mandria 1 Male on wires near church 25-Sep JS
 Mandria 2 female 29-Sep LDz
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 One female over high 08.50; one male over 14.20 23-Sep JS
 Phassouri Beehives 2 25-Sep FM
 Phassouri Reed-beds 1 male 26-Sep SC with L Sergides

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοπόλακκο

Kouklia Soakaways, Paphos 1 28-Sep IKB

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Δεντροπόλακκο
 Acheleia 1 17-Sep LDz
 Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 14 & 16-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri 12 Raptor count 25-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri 2 Raptor count 30-Sep ADT
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1017 - 1018 flew from S over orchard towards N 19-Sep JN
 Cape Greco 1 1, 13 & 21-Sep JS
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 11-Sep DJW
 Frenaros 1 30-Sep AKe
 Kamares (Tala) 2 6, 22 & 26-Sep DJW
 Kamares (Tala) 1 Heard only at 06.00 am 14-Sep DJW

Kamares (Tala) 1 27-Sep DJW
Kouklia Soakaways 1 24-Sep LAC
Lady's Mile 1 28-Sep MSS
Mandria 1 Raptor count 16-Sep JSta
Phassouri Beehives 1 25-Sep FM
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 7, 15, 16 & 26-Sep JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 5 possible nesting site 13-Sep MSS
Tsadha Golf Club Track 6 2 juvs 22-Sep MSS

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonorae*

Μαυρομμάτης
Akrotiri 1 Raptor count 16, 21, 22 & 23-Sep ADT/IKB
Akrotiri 2 Raptor count 25 & 28-Sep ADT
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 7-Sep JN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16 & 28-Sep MSS/SC/LS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 Two in aerial display over pool 18-Sep JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1, 7, 9 & 18-Sep JN/LDz/MGr
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3, 13, 15 & 18-Sep TRe/JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 6, 8 & 19-Sep JN/LAC/JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 16-Sep MSS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Zakaki overflow 26-Sep LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake c8 26-Sep SC with L Sergides
Aphrodite's Rock 3+ One dark morph 16-Sep JS
Aphrodite's Rock 4 One juvenile in a tree and three adults flying in same area 25-Sep JS
Asprokremmos Dam 2 25-Sep PH
Anavargos 1 14-Sep MSS
Bishop's Pool 1 4 & 26-Sep MSS/JN
Bishop's Pool 2 16-Sep MSS
Cape Greco 1 Seen hunting over area on several occasions. Raptor count 8 – 12 22-Sep JS
Ezousas Pools 2 18-Sep MSS
Kensington Cliffs 6 3, 6 & 9-Sep IKB/LDz
Kensington Cliffs 10+ 18 & 26-Sep JS
Kensington Cliffs 3 22-Sep IKB
Kensington Cliffs c20 23-Sep JS
Kensington Cliffs 4 28-Sep JE
Kouklia Soakaways 1 28-Sep IKB
Lady's Mile 3 26-Sep JN
Lady's Mile 2 28-Sep MSS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew over then headed for airport area 19-Sep JS

Mandria 1 18 & 23-Sep MSS/JSta
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 1, 13 & 19-Sep JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 26-Sep LAC
Phassouri Reed-beds 6 26-Sep JN
Phinikas, Paphos 8 11-Sep DJW
Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 13-Sep MSS
Zakaki Marsh 2 12-Sep JN
Zakaki Marsh 7 25-Sep JN
Zakaki Marsh 4 26-Sep JN

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάβογ
Akhna Dam 1 12-Sep BB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 0946 1 soaring very high stooped over SE end of salt lake and lost from view (not seen again) 1-Sep JN
Asprokremmos Dam 1 22 & 27-Sep IKB/LAC
Kamares (Tala) 1 6-Sep DJW
Kouklia, Paphos 1 23 & 25-Sep JS/LAC
Mandria 1 23 & 28-Sep JSta/IKB
Spiros Pool 1 22-Sep SC with F Georgiades
Zakaki Marsh 1 1156-1159 1 either hunting above and below the Bee-eater flock of 70 or migrating S 25-Sep JN

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:
Agia Napa Football Fields 14 13-Sep JS
Agia Varvara c30 25-Sep JS
Cape Greco c40 21-Sep JS
Kensington Cliffs 15 18-Sep JS
Panagia Stazousa c30 19-Sep JS
Sarama 28 15-Sep DJW
Souni 30 4 coveys heard calling and 26 seen in 4 family parties including one adult with an injured left leg 2-Sep JN

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus*

francolinus Φραγκολίνα
Agia Varvara 1 18-Sep MSS
Akrotiri Peninsula, Sylvana Track near Bishop's Pool 1 male 12-Sep SC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 9-Sep LDz
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 heard 19-Sep JN
Drouseia 1 16-Sep RAT
Evretou Dam 1 3, 10 & 30-Sep LDz/IKB
Evretou Dam 3 6-Sep RAT
Evretou Dam 6 13-Sep SMM
Ezousas Pools 1 18-Sep MSS
Larnaca Desalination Plant 3 12-Sep FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Female 15-Sep JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 5 & 10-Sep LAC
Paralimni Salt Lake 3 15-Sep FGe
Pera Orinis, Nicosia 2 28-Sep MH
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 8, 19 & 26-Sep LAC/JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 23 & 25-Sep JS/FM
Simou 1 3 & 10-Sep LDz
Tala, Paphos 3 2 male, 1 fem 22-Sep DJW

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορνίτι
Akhna Dam 1 14-Sep AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 at least heard on two occasions 19-Sep JN
Frenaros 10 18-Sep AKe
Frenaros 100 21-Sep AKe
Frenaros 110 23-Sep AKe
Frenaros 200 28-Sep AKe
Frenaros 70 29-Sep AKe
Frenaros 300 30-Sep AKe
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 15 & 16-Sep JN

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*
Μαυροπουλάδα

Agia Varvara 1 Heard 14 & 25-Sep JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 16-Sep MSS
Bishop's Pool 1 4-Sep MSS
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 16-Sep MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 25 & 26-Sep JN/SC

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*
Στικτοπουλάδα
Bishop's Pool 1 7-Sep JE

LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva*
Μικροπουλάδα
Zakaki Marsh 1 walked through clearing 22-Sep MGr

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*
Αρκοπετειναρο
Largest counts:
Athalassa Park 20 20-Sep CP/PPa
Bishop's Pool 14 inc at least two young birds 15-Sep JSta
Oroklini Marsh 6 4-Sep CP/PPa
Zakaki Marsh 7 22-Sep MGr

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς
Largest counts:
Agia Napa Sewage Works c8 18-Sep SC with A P Leventis

Bishop's Pool 10 15-Sep JSta
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 15-Sep JS
Paralimni Salt Lake 26 15-Sep FGe

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Anthropoides virgo*
Νυφογερανός

Akrotiri 11 Lifted off from Salt Lake 10.00am 2-Sep ADT
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 18-Sep TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 0700 1 seen by Lynne D on NE shore of salt lake (not visible from the viewpoint due to the distance and heat haze) 13-Sep JN
Evretou Dam 1 At water's edge 3-Sep LDz
Lady's Mile 3 Watched circling up and gaining height over coast at same time as Marsh Harriers and Honey Buzzards c13.15pm 18-Sep JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 flying west to east and appearing to land at plant 11-Sep IKB

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER
Haematopus ostralegus Στρειδοφάγος
Spiros Beach 1 Seen in pm 10-Sep NK/GF

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 4 & 18-Sep MSS/TRe/MGr/JS/JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 1-Sep JN
Bishop's Pool 17 mixed ages 4-Sep MGr
Evretou Dam 7 10-Sep LDz
Lady's Mile 1 2, 6, 14, 15, 16, 28 & 26-Sep TRe/SC/LAC/RAt/MSS/LS
Larnaca Sewage Works 9 15-Sep JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 one adult and one juvenile 5-Sep JN

EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus oedicnemus* Τρουλλουριά
Asprokremnos Dam 1 14-Sep JS
Mandria 25 25-Sep PH
Mandria 37 27-Sep LAC

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο
Kouklia Soakaways 1 Odd location 28-Sep IKB
Mandria 1 prob this species but ID not certain due to bad light and visibility 20-Sep IKB/LAC

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius**dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Agios Georgios Church 2 5-Sep FGe
 Akhna Dam 10 4 & 14-Sep AKe
 Akhna Dam 3 6-Sep BB
 Akhna Dam 15 7-Sep AKe
 Akhna Dam 28 15-Sep FGe
 Akhna Dam 2 17-Sep BB
 Akhna Dam 1 30-Sep BB
 Evretou Dam 1 18-Sep TRe
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15-Sep JS
 Mandria 2 On the beach 14 & 18-Sep JS/MSS
 Spiros Pool 18 12-Sep FGe
 Spiros Pool 5 In overflow flooded area 15-Sep JS
 Spiros Pool 1+ 18-Sep SC with A P
 Leventis
 Spiros Pool 16 26-Sep FGe

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius**hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Akhna Dam 2 4-Sep AKe
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6 & 18-Sep SC/JS
 Akrotiri Shipwreck Foreshore 2 beach 18-Sep MGr
 Evretou Dam 4 22-Sep RAT
 Lady's Mile 1 9 & 25-Sep TRe/PH
 Larnaca Airport Coast 3 In flight over beach 19-Sep JS
 Larnaca Airport Coast 2 On beach 24-Sep JS
 Larnaca Airport Coast 4 On beach 26-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 15-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c20 19-Sep JS
 Leivadia 2 Drainage channel near JUMBO 21-Sep JS
 Oroklini Marsh 2 5-Sep JN
 Spiros Pool 44 In overflow flooded area 15-Sep JS
 Spiros Pool c3 18-Sep SC with A P
 Leventis
 Spiro's Pool 30+ Flooded area. 19-Sep JS
 Spiros Pool 1+ 22-Sep SC with F
 Georgiades

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius**alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι

Kentish Plover juvenile, Lady's Mile, 14th September. Photograph by John East

Max counts per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12+ Eight on beach 18-Sep JS
 Lady Mile 113 4-Sep MGr
 Larnaca Sewage Works c50 19-Sep JS
 Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Sep CP/PPa
 Spiros Beach c150 18-Sep SC with A P
 Leventis
 Spiros Pool c60 26-Sep FGe

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius**leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Shipwreck Foreshore 1 rocks exposed by tide 18-Sep MGr
 Kermia Beach 2 21-Sep JS
 Macronissos Beach 1 15-Sep FGe
 Paphos Headland 3 16 & 28-Sep JS
 Paphos Headland 2 19-Sep LAC/DJW
 Potamos Liopetriou 1 15-Sep FGe

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis**apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι

European Golden Plover, Meneou, 12th September. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Larnaca Desalination Plant 1 12-Sep FGe
 Spiros Pool 1 In overflow flooded area 15-Sep JS

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus**spinosus* Πελλοκατερίνα

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 22 30-Sep BB

Aradippou Slurry Pits 4 18-Sep SC with A
P Leventis

Bishop's Pool 1 7-Sep JN

Larnaca Sewage Works c40 19 & 26-Sep
JS

Oroklini Marsh 7 5-Sep JN

Paphos Sewage Plant c15 Inc 7 juveniles
14-Sep JS

Paralimni Salt Lake 4 15-Sep FGc

Spiros Pool 9 12-Sep FGc

Zakaki Marsh 3 8-Sep LAC

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής

Akhna Dam 1 18 & 30-Sep SC with A P

Leventis/BB

RED KNOT *Calidris canutus*

Κοκκινόνεραλλίδι



Red Knot, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 21st
September. Photograph by John East

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12,
14, 18, 21, 23 & 24-Sep
TRc/JN/MSS/MGr/FGc/SC/LAC/LDz/JE**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

Λευκονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 1 4, 5, 7 & 18-Sep

MGr/LDz/JE

Spiros Beach 1 juvenile 18-Sep SC with
A P Leventis**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 8 15-Sep FGc

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Sep MSS

Akrotiri Shipwreck Foreshore 1 beach 18-
Sep MGr

Evretou Dam 2 22-Sep RAT

Lady's Mile c40 23-Sep JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 70 15-Sep JS
Leivadia 5 Drainage channel near JUMBO
21-Sep JS
Oroklini Marsh 3 5-Sep JN
Spiros Pool 20+ Flooded area. 19 & 24-
Sep JS**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 1 7-Sep AKe

Leivadia 1+ Drainage channel near
JUMBO 19-Sep JSLeivadia 2 Drainage channel near JUMBO
21-Sep JS**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*

Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 4 & 6-Sep MSS/SC

Lady's Mile 2 2, 3, 9 & 12-Sep TRc/SC

Lady's Mile 1 14, 16, 18 & 19-Sep
TRc/MSS/MGr/BB**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:



Dunlin, Lady's Mile, 2nd September.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 5-Sep JN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits South 5 17-Sep MGr
Bishop's Pool 2 4-Sep MSS
Lady's Mile 8 26-Sep LAC
Larnaca Sewage Works c10 19-Sep JS
Spiros Pool c60 19-Sep JS**BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER** *Limicola**falcinellus* Παβδονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 1 4-Sep MGr

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* ΜαχητήςAkrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv 16-Sep MSS
Cape Greco 15 Seen off shore heading S
to east of view point 13-Sep JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 9 15-Sep JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 19-Sep JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 5 & 19-Sep JN/MH
Spiros Pool 67 In overflow flooded area
15-Sep JS

Spiros Pool c10 18-Sep SC with A P
Leventis
Spiros Pool c50 Flooded area 19-Sep JS
Spiros Pool c20 most feeding on the dry
stuff with Dunlin 22-Sep SC with F
Georgiades
Spiros Pool 18 26-Sep FGe

COMMON SNIBE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόφι
Agia Varvara 1 18 & 28-Sep MSS/JS
Agia Varvara 3 25-Sep JS
Bishop's Pool 1 2, 16 & 24-Sep
TRe/MSS/JE
Bishop's Pool 2 4, 7 & 15-Sep
MSS/JN/JSta
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 Seen in flight 23-
Sep JS
Spiros Pool 4 12-Sep FGe
Spiros Pool 1 16 & 19-Sep JSm/JS
Spiros Pool 3 18 & 24-Sep SC with A P
Leventis/JS

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Φαιομπεκάτσα
Paphos Headland 1 16 & 19-Sep
JS/LAC/DJW
Sirens beach, Sotira 1 15-Sep FGe

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπεκάτσα
Spiros Pool 1 12-Sep FGe

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι
Evretou Dam 1 17-Sep RAT
Larnaca Sewage Pools 4 26-Sep FGe
Oroklini Marsh 1 19-Sep MH

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι
Leivadia 1 Drainage channel near JUMBO
19 & 21-Sep JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 4, 5 & 19-Sep
CP/PPa/JN/PPa
Spiros Pool 3 In overflow flooded area 15-
Sep JS
Spiros Pool 2 19-Sep JS

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι
Bishop's Pool 1 2, 15 & 26-Sep
TRe/JSta/JN/LAC
Oroklini Marsh 1 5-Sep JN
Spiros Pool 1 In overflow flooded area 15
& 18-Sep JS/SC/APL

Spiros's Pool 2 Flooded area 19-Sep JS

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι
Akhna Dam 2 4-Sep AKe
Akhna Dam 4 12-Sep BB
Akhna Dam 6 15-Sep BB
Akhna Dam 1 18 & 21-Sep SC with A P
Leventis/JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Sep MSS
Bishop's Pool 1 7 & 15-Sep JN/JSta
Evretou Dam 1 6, 12, 14, 15, 17 & 18-Sep
RAT/JSta/JS/DJW/LDz
Oroklini Marsh 1 5-Sep JN

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι
Akhna Dam 2 15-Sep FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 photographed 14-
Sep TRe
Bishop's Pool 1 4-Sep MSS
Evretou Dam 2 22-Sep RAT
Lady's Mile 1 16-Sep MSS
Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Sep CP/PPa

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι
Akhna Dam 1 6-Sep BB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15 & 18-Sep
JE/MGr/JS
Bishop's Pool 2 4, 7, 19 & 26-Sep
MGr/JN/LAC
Bishop's Pool 1 15-Sep JSta/RAT
Bishop's Pool 3 16-Sep MSS
Evretou Dam 1 6-Sep RAT
Leivadia 1 19-Sep JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 5-Sep JN
Spiros Pool 4 12-Sep FGe
Spiros Pool 1+ 18-Sep SC with A P
Leventis
Spiros Pool 2 Flooded area 19-Sep JS

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακρίτης
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1+ 18-Sep SC
with A P Leventis
Akhna Dam 1 6-Sep BB
Akhna Dam 3 7-Sep AKe
Akhna Dam 2 14-Sep AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 23-Sep TRe/JS
Bishop's Pool 2 14 & 15-Sep JE/JSta
Evretou Dam 2 3-Sep LDz
Evretou Dam 1 12, 15, 16 & 17-Sep
JSta/DJW/LDz/Rat
Kermia Beach 1 15-Sep FGe

Leivadia 1 Drainage channel near JUMBO
19-Sep JS
Macronissos Beach 1 15 & 21-Sep
FGe/JS
Paphos Headland 2 19-Sep LAC
Paphos Headland 1 28-Sep JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Χαλικονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Pervolia, 26th September.
Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 23-Sep TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 15-Sep JS
Pervolia 1 26-Sep FGe

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE *Phalaropus*

lobatus Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας

Bishop's Pool 1 2, 4 & 5-Sep
MPh/TRe/MSS/MGr/FGe

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus*

melanocephalus Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος
Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 26-Sep FGe /JS
Spiros Beach 1 immature 22-Sep SC
with F Georgiades

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



Slender-billed Gull, Spiros Beach, 26th
September. Photograph by Filippos
Georgiades

Spiros Beach 7 26-Sep FGe

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγαρος Βαλτικής
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3-Sep JN
Lady's Mile 1 28-Sep MSS

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus*

michahellis Ασημόγαρος



Yellow-legged Gull, Spiros Beach, 12th
September. Photograph by Filippos
Georgiades

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 4-Sep MSS
Aphrodite's Rock 1 16-Sep JS
Kensington Cliffs 6 23-Sep JS
Lady's Mile 6 28-Sep MSS
Larnaca Airport Coast 7 19-Sep JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 32 12-Sep FGe
Mandria 2 18-Sep MSS
Oroklini Coast 2 30-Sep BB
Spiros Beach 21 26-Sep FGe

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος

Κασπίας

Spiros Beach c4 incl some that looked like
hybrids 22-Sep SC with F Georgiades

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*

Αρμενικός Γλάρος

Spiros Beach c10 22-Sep SC with F
Georgiades
Spiros Beach 2 26-Sep FGe

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Γελογάρονο

Akhna Dam 1 4, 7, 14 & 15-Sep AKe/FGe
Akhna Dam 2 21-Sep JS

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida*

Λιμνογλάρονο



Whiskered Tern, Asprokremmos Dam, 21st September. Photograph by Dave Walker

Akhna Dam 1 4, 14 & 15-Sep AKe/BB
 Akhna Dam 2 7-Sep AKe
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 5, 16, 17 & 21-Sep RA/LAC/DJW
 Asprokremmos Dam 3 Observed both in flight and perched 25-Sep LAC
 Asprokremmos Dam 4 on handrail to tower 27 & 28-Sep IKB/LAC/JS
 Bishop's Pool 1 19 & 26-Sep JN/LAC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 juvenile 22-Sep SC with F Georgiades
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 25-Sep BB
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 One juvenile 26-Sep JS
 Phinikas 1 11-Sep DJW

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias**leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρονο

Akhna Dam 1 4 & 18-Sep AKe/SC/APL
 Asprokremmos Dam 8 3-Sep IKB
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 juv 11, 14 & 25-Sep IKB/JS/PH
 Evretou Dam 1 15 & 16-Sep DJW/LDz
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 15-Sep JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19, 22 & 26-Sep JS/SC/FGe

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1-Sep JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 4-Sep MGr
 Bishop's Pool 2 19-Sep JN
 Evretou Dam 1 30-Sep IKB

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba**palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara c25 14-Sep JS
 Athalassa Park 100 20-Sep CP/PPa
 Mandria c200 7-Sep DJW
 Paphos Sewage Plant c50 14-Sep JS
 Sarama c30 15-Sep DJW

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνη

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 15 13-Sep JS
 Frenaros 40 21-Sep AKe
 Paphos Sewage Plant c20 14-Sep JS
 Vrysoulles 30 10-Sep AKe

EURASIAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia**turtur* Τρυγόνι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works c10 18-Sep SC with A P Leventis
 Akhna Dam 12 4-Sep AKe
 Cape Greco 12 Flying E to W 1-Sep JS
 Phassouri Reed Beds c20 23-Sep JS
 Spiros Pool 22 15-Sep JS

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia**senegalensis* Φοινικοτρυγόνιο

Laughing Dove, Aradippou, 19th September. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Aradippou, Larnaca c50 Large flock around house with barn/outhouse. Some young birds so look as if bred there. 21-Sep JS

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος

Asprokremmos Dam 1 16-Sep JS
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 Rufous phase female 28-Sep JS

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι

Agia Napa 1 Across motorway 23.20pm 1-Sep JS
 Oroklini Marsh 1 dead on the hard shoulder 5-Sep JN

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουρί
 Nicosia, Paedagogical Academy Park 1
 heard only 3-Sep SC
 Souni 1 22, 23, 27, 28 & 29-Sep JN

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Κουκκουφκιάς
 Anarita Park 1 1-Sep LAC
 Kantou 1 dead on the side of the road 8-
 Sep JN
 Souni 1 1, 2, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 29 &
 30-Sep JN
 Souni 2 6, 7, 11 & 22-Sep JN
 Souni 3 8-Sep JN
 Znadja 1 dead on the road to Sotira 29-
 Sep JN

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus*

europaeus Νυκτοπούλλι
 Kolossi 1 flushed from garden, flew to
 nearby field 10-Sep MGr
 Mandria 1 2, 3, 4 & 10-Sep LAC

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*

Πετροχελίδονο
 Agia Napa 3 5-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 4-Sep MSS
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 6 & 7-Sep JN
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 15-Sep JN
 Cape Greco 1 17-Sep JS
 Evretou Dam PRESENT Several among
 Alpine Swifts 6-Sep RAT
 Goudi 2 24-Sep PH
 Perivolia 1 19-Sep JS
 Zakaki Marsh 50 12-Sep JN

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχελίδονο
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits c15 6-Sep SC
 Panagia Stazousa 1 19-Sep JS

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχελίδονο



Alpine Swift, Evretou Dam, 17th September.
 Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Agia Napa 1 5-Sep JN
 Aglantzia, Nicosia 25 20-Sep CP/PPa
 Cape Greco 1 5-Sep MH
 Evretou Dam 50 6-Sep RAT
 Evretou Dam 80 17-Sep RAT
 Goudhi c20 Seen flying over, heading
 roughly south. 4-Sep RAT
 Goudhi 30 May have been same flock as
 seen three hours previously, although the
 earlier ones did seem to be flying through.
 4-Sep RAT
 Protaras, Famagusta 8 High over Fig Tree
 Bay 15.30pm 13-Sep JS

LITTLE SWIFT *Apus affinis*

Μικροπετροχελίδονο
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4-Sep MSS
 (further details requested)

WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER *Halcyon*

swymensis Συμυρνακκούνα
 Kouklia Soakaways 1 Seen perched on
 wires stretched over road. Flew into orchard
 nearby. Seen briefly flying between trees
 but not relocated for another view 23-Sep
 JS
 Kouklia Soakaways 1 photographed 29-
 Sep CRH

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκούνη
 Single birds recorded at suitable locations.
 Records of two birds below:
 Agios Georgios pond, Athalassa forest 2
 2-Sep FGe
 Akhna Dam 2 15-Sep FGe
 Larnaca Airport Coast 2 One looking very
 tatty 19-Sep JS
 Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 2 15-Sep
 FGe
 Potamos Liopetriou 2 15-Sep FGe
 Sirens beach, Sotira 2 15-Sep FGe
 Zakaki Marsh 2 18 & 19-Sep MGr

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος
 193 records of this species received this
 month. Largest counts below:
 Frenaros 200 9 & 24-Sep AKe
 Lower Ezousas c150 3-Sep IKB
 Mandria 180 In 4 flocks 14-Sep DJW
 Meneou Beach 400+ Passing over all day
 towards Cape Kiti 20-Sep JS
 Phassouri Reed Beds 200+ 18-Sep JS
 Zakaki Marsh 270 25-Sep JN

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 1 15-Sep FGe

Agia Napa 1 5-Sep JN

Akhna Dam 4 4-Sep AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 22 & 26-Sep

IKB/SC/LS

Cape Greco IBA 4 12-Sep JS

Diarizos Valley 1 18-Sep JN

Evretou Dam 1 8-Sep LDz

Kalo Chorio, Larnaca 1 26-Sep FGe

Kathikas 3 inc 1 juv 3-Sep LDz

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 2-Sep JS

Mandria 8 14-Sep JS

Meneou Pool 1 19-Sep JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 25-Sep PH

Perivolia 1 26-Sep JS

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 6 & 15-Sep JN

Spiros Pool 1 18 & 22-Sep SC/APL/FGe

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουύξιος



Eurasian Hoopoe, Agia Napa Football Fields, 13th September. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 10 2-Sep JS

Akhna Dam 3 4 & 7-Sep AKe

Aspro Dam Car Park 5 23-Sep IKB

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι

Asprokremmos Dam 1 possibly 2 2-Sep

LAC

Bishop's Pool 1 4-Sep MSS

Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 28-Sep MH

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha**calandra* Μαυροτράσηλος

Mandria 1 2-Sep LAC

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK*Calandrella brachydactyla* Τρασηλούδα

Cape Greco 4 2-Sep JS

Mandria c20 16-Sep JS

Mandria 2 18-Sep MSS

Mandria 15 20, 21 & 27-Sep IKB/DJW

Mandria 16 25-Sep PH

Mandria 10+ 25-Sep JS

Paphos Headland 1 16-Sep JS

Paralimni Salt Lake 22 15-Sep FGe

Perivolia 3 Seen and heard 26-Sep JS

Spiros Pool 24 12-Sep FGe

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 60 7-Sep AKe

Frenaros 200 28, 29 & 30-Sep AKe

Larnaca Sewage Works c30 26-Sep FGe

Paralimni Salt Lake c45 15-Sep FGe

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Οχθοχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields c30 21-Sep JS

Cape Greco c200 Migrating over area.

Raptor count 8.00 - 12.00 17-Sep JS

Larnaca Airport Coast c50 19-Sep JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c20 26-Sep JS

Perivolia 20+ 19-Sep JS

Phassouri Reed Bed 100+ 18-Sep JS

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Largest counts:

Cape Greco c400 Passing over 10.40am -

12.00pm 1-Sep JS

Frenaros 800 24 & 30-Sep AKe

Mandria 100+ 10-Sep IKB

Phassouri Reed-beds 280 7-Sep JN

Zakaki Marsh 683 25-Sep JN

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo**daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο

Red-rumped Swallow, Meneou Beach. 13th September. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 10+ 21-Sep JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 14 1-Sep JN

Cape Greco 44 8am and 1pm 12-Sep JS
Larnaca Airport Coast 10+ 19-Sep JS
Meneou Beach 50+ On wires 06.55 am
13-Sep JS
Phassouri Reed-beds 36 13-Sep JN
Spiros Pool c40 19-Sep JS
Zakaki Marsh 14 18-Sep MGr

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum* Ασπροχελίδοιο

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 21 15-Sep JN
Evretou Dam 40+ 12-Sep JStA
Mandria c40 14-Sep DJW
Phassouri Reed-beds 62 1-Sep JN
Zakaki Marsh 200 25-Sep JN

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

Ωχρογαλούδι

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 13-Sep JS
Asprokremnos Dam 4 16-Sep JS
Cape Greco 1 21 & 22-Sep JS
Curium 1 15-Sep JE
Larnaca Airport Coast 2 19-Sep JS
Mandria 2 18-Sep MSS
Mandria 3 20 & 28-Sep IKB/DJW
Mandria 10+ In a field with Greater Short-
toed Larks 25-Sep JS
Mandria 1 27-Sep IKB
Trimithoussa 1 22-Sep RAT

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 18-Sep SC
with A P Leventis
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 23-Sep JS
Cape Greco 2 2-Sep JS

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Λιβαδογαλούδι

Anarita Park 1 17-Sep LDz
(Very early record of this species. Needs
confirmation)

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινογαλούδι

Frenaros 3 30-Sep AKe
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Heard as flew
over 15-Sep JS

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields c50 21-Sep JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c60 18-Sep JS
Mandria 300+ 300 - 400 on freshly cut
grass 27-Sep IKB

Paphos Sewage Plant c200 10-Sep LAC

BLUE-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla f.flava*

Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 male 26-Sep SC
with L Sergides

BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla*

f.feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 3-Sep JN
Zakaki Marsh 5 Five juveniles 23-Sep JS

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Kakopetria 2 30-Sep LAC
Kouklia, Paphos 1 25-Sep JS
Macronissos Beach 1 flying in from sea
15-Sep FGE
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1 23-
Sep FGE

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης

Meneou Beach 1 Heard flying over 20-
Sep JS
Paphos Headland 1 Flew over and out to
sea SW 28-Sep JS

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus*

phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης

Agios Athanasίου 1 1-Sep MGr
Athalassa Park 2 20-Sep CP/PPa
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 1 28-Sep LAC
Neo Horio 1 13-Sep BCRS
Paphos Headland 1 19-Sep LAC/DJW

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι



Whinchat, Akrotiri, 15th September.
Photograph by John East

Largest counts and interesting record:

Asprokremnos Dam 8 16-Sep JS
Frenaros 95 30-Sep AKe
Mandria c12 16-Sep JS
Mandria 10 Flew out over sea 20-Sep
IKB

Paphos Sewage Plant 8 16-Sep JS

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 1, 17 & 21-Sep JS

Agia Napa Football Fields 3 13-Sep JS

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 5-Sep BB

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 9-Sep BB

Agia Varvara 1 25-Sep JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6, 7, 14 & 17-Sep SC/TRe/JE/MGr

Akrotiri Pits 2 18-Sep JE

Cape Greco 1 1-Sep JS

Frenaros 1 15-Sep AKe

Frenaros 2 18-Sep AKe

Frenaros 3 29-Sep AKe

Frenaros 4 30-Sep AKe

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 15-Sep JS

Mandria 1 7-Sep LAC

Mandria 1 10, 16, 17 & 20-Sep

IKB/JS/LAC

Paphos Sewage Plant 2 14-Sep JS

Perivolia 1 19-Sep JS

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα



Northern Wheatear, Cape Greco, 30th September. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Akrotiri Peninsula c10+ 26-Sep SC with L Sergides

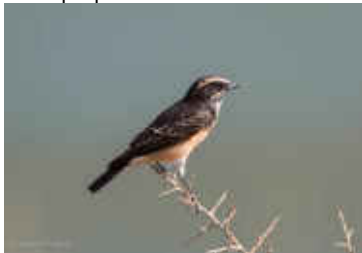
Larnaca Sewage Works 13 26-Sep FGe

Mandria 7 25-Sep LAC

Larnaca Airport Coast 4 26-Sep JS

Perivolia 4 26-Sep FGe

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica* Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Mavrokolympo Dam, 15th September. Photograph by Dave Walker

Largest counts:

Panagia Stazousa 5 One adult and 4 juveniles 19-Sep JS

Road between Palaichori and Agros 10 7-Sep CP/PPa

Souni 9 16-Sep JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 4 28-Sep JS

EASTERN BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR

Oenanthe melanoleuca Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα



Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, Cape Greco, 23rd September. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 male 18-Sep SC with A P Leventis

Akrotiri Pits 3 18-Sep JE

Cape Greco 1 Male 23-Sep AgL

Evretou Dam 1 14-Sep JS

Frenaros 2 15-Sep AKe

Mandria 1 7, 20 & 25-Sep LAC/IKB/JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 16-Sep JS

Souni 1 Chased off by a male Cyprus

Warbler 17-Sep JN

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* Γαλαζοκόσσυφος

Cape Greco 1 Male 1-Sep JS

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
Livadi tou Pashia 2 28-Sep LAC

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνη

Largest counts:

Achna Dam 3 15-Sep FGe
Athalassa Park 15 20-Sep CP/PPa
Paralimni Salt Lake 6 15-Sep FGe
Pera Orinis 4 28-Sep MH
Zakaki Marsh 4 great views of two birds
'arguing' from reed tops 27-Sep MGR

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 10 4-Sep AKe
Frenaros 20 17-Sep AKe
Phassouri Reed-beds 10 16-Sep MSS

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

schoenobaenus Σχοινομουγιανούδι

Agia Varvara 1 14-Sep JS
Ezousas Pools 1 18-Sep MSS
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5 & 16-Sep
LDz/MSS

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus

Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 14-Sep JS
Partenitis Dam 2+ heard only 18-Sep SC
with A P Leventis
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 4-Sep BCRS
Phassouri Reed Beds 2+ 18-Sep JS
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 25-Sep FM
Zakaki Marsh 3 13, 18, 19 & 25-Sep
MGr/JN
Zakaki Marsh 2 22 & 27-Sep MGr
Zakaki Marsh c4 26-Sep SC with L
Sergides

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

arundinaceus Τζικλομουγιανούδι

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5-Sep LDz
Spiros Pool 1 Heard then seen in reeds
near outflow 24-Sep JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 22 & 27-Sep MGr
Zakaki Marsh 2 At base of reeds and
flying between stands where cutting had
taken place 23-Sep JS

EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER

Iduna pallida Τρυβητούρα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 7 5-Sep JN

Agia Varvara 2 5-Sep LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1-Sep JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3 & 6-Sep JN
Bishop's Pool 2 19-Sep JN
Cape Greco 3 5-Sep MH
Kokkines 2 5-Sep JN
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 5-Sep LAC
Souni 15 2-Sep JN
Souni 3 11 & 16-Sep JN
Souni 2 14 & 17-Sep JN

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia*

conspicillata Κοτσινοφτέρι

Max count per location:

Agia Napa 1 5-Sep JN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 2, 14 & 16-Sep
TRe/MSS
Asprokremnos Dam 2 25-Sep JS
Cape Greco 5 30-Sep CP/MH
Frenaros 30 18-Sep AKe
Kokkines 1 5-Sep JN
Lady's Mile 1 18-Sep JS
Larnaca Airport Coast 3 24-Sep JS
Larnaca Desalination Plant 4 12-Sep FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 1+ 19-Sep JS
Spiros Pool 4+ 19-Sep JS
Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 13-Sep MSS

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia*

melanocephala Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts and ringing record:

Athalassa Park 10 20-Sep CP/PPa
Neo Horio 5 11-Sep BCRS
Souni 18 14 & 16-Sep JN
Tsadha Golf Club Track 11 13-Sep MSS

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης

Agios Athanasiou 6 1-Sep MGr
Asprokremnos Dam 2 14 & 16-Sep JS
Asprokremnos Dam 3 1m, 1f and 1 juv 28-
Sep JS
Cape Greco 3 Female seen well. Two
males seen briefly 21-Sep JS
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard
area 5 2 males on bushes 18-Sep JN
Panagia Stazousa 2 1 heard and another
seen briefly 19-Sep JS
Souni 22 One singing male heard and
another male seen in flight. 8 heard calling
2-Sep JN
Souni 1 8 & 13-Sep JN
Souni 3 heard calling 14-Sep JN
Souni 9 16-Sep JN
Souni 19 one juvenile eventually seen
singing his sub-song 17-Sep JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 3 juvs 13-Sep
MSS
Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 22-Sep MSS
Zanadja 1 29-Sep JN

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia crassirostris* Θαμνογιαλλούρα
Cape Greco 3 Juveniles 1-Sep JS
Cape Greco 1 5-Sep MH

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*
Συκαλλίδι

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works c4 18-Sep SC
with A P Leventis
Agios Theodoros 1 26-Sep AgL
Akrotiri 1 22-Sep IKB
Asprokremmos Dam 1 29-Sep MGr
Cape Greco 5 5-Sep MH
Episkopi, Paphos 1 11-Sep DJW
Frenaros 3 18-Sep AKe
Livadi tou Pashia 2 28-Sep LAC
Nata, Paphos 1 11-Sep DJW
Neo Chorio 6 Probably a significant
undercount 14-Sep LAC
Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 28-Sep MH
Sarama, Paphos 1 15-Sep DJW
Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 22-Sep MSS
Vrysoulles 3 10-Sep AKe

COMMON WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 5-Sep JN
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 18-Sep SC
with A P Leventis
Agios Theodoros 1 5-Sep AgL
Cape Greco 1 1 & 2-Sep JS
Cape Greco 3 5-Sep MH
Diarizos Valley 1 18-Sep JN
Kokkines 1 5-Sep JN
Neo Chorio 2 14-Sep LAC

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*
Κηποσυκαλλίδι
Neo Horio 2 13-Sep BCBS

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*
Αμπελοπούλλι



European Blackcap, Agios Theodoros, 5th September. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Agia Napa Sewage Works c20 18-Sep SC
with A P Leventis
Agios Theodoros 1 male 5-Sep AgL
Cape Greco 1 Male 13-Sep JS
Cape Greco c3 30-Sep CP/MH
Frenaros 150 28-Sep AKe
Kokkines 1 5-Sep JN
Neo Chorio 6 2m and 4f 14-Sep LAC
Neo Horio 9 13-Sep BCBS
Pedhoulas 1 male 30-Sep LAC

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Δασογιαννούδι
Kolossi 1 preening under the sprinkler
27-Sep MGr

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* Μουγιαννούδι
Akhna Dam 4 30-Sep BB
Asprokremmos Dam 1 29-Sep MGr
(very early reports of this species)

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι



Willow Warbler, Kouklia, 24th September. Photograph by Dave Walker

Largest counts and ringing record:
Agia Varvara c20 28-Sep JS

Evretou Dam 21 30-Sep IKB
Frenaros 120 30-Sep AKE
Kouklia Soakaways 14+ 23-Sep LAC
Neo Horio 3 13-Sep BCRS
Smygies Picnic Site 12 13-Sep LAC

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata* Μουγινοφάς

Largest counts and ringing record:
Aspro Dam Car Park 4 9-Sep IKB
Cape Greco 6 5-Sep MH
Frenaros 10 18-Sep AKE
Neo Chorio 7 30-Sep IKB
Neo Horio 1 13-Sep BCRS

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula parva* Κοκκινομουγιοχάφτης
Mandria 1 Possibly this species but not
relocated 22-Sep LAC
(Further details requested)

EURASIAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομουγιοχάφτης
Aspro Dam Car Park 1 5-Sep IKB
(Further details requested)

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπτεσος
Livadi tou Pashia 2 28-Sep LAC
Troodos 12 Family party 25-Sep PH

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι
Largest counts and ringing record:
Athalassa Park 5 20-Sep CP/PPA
Neo Horio 8 13-Sep BCRS
Pera Orinis 6 28-Sep MH
Souni 20 17-Sep JN

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβιάτης
Livadi tou Pashia 1 28-Sep LAC

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός



Eurasian Golden Oriole, Sarama, 15th September. Photograph by Dave Walker

Anadiou, Paphos 1 15-Sep DJW

Evretou Dam 1 female 12-Sep JSta
Frenaros 1 18-Sep AKE
Goudhi 1 11-Sep RAT
Kouklia Soakaways 1 17, 23, 24 & 28-Sep
IKB/LAC/DJW
Neo Chorio 5 13-Sep LAC
Neo Chorio 12 14-Sep LAC
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 16-Sep MSS
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 1m and 1f 23-
Sep JS
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 26-Sep LAC/JN
Sarama, Paphos 3 15-Sep DJW

ISABELLINE SHRIKE *Lanius isabellinus*
Ξανθοκεφαλός



Isabelline Shrike, Meneou, 7th September. Photograph by George Constantinou

Meneou Beach 1 juvenile 7-Sep GKO
Photographed

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*
Κεφαλός
140 records of this species received for
September.

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 36 5-Sep BB
Akhna Dam 15 7-Sep AKE
Frenaros 40 16, 18 & 29-Sep AKE
Paralimni Salt Lake 7 15-Sep FGE

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*
Σταχτοκεφαλός
Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 3 17-Sep JS
Agia Napa Sewage Works 7 5-Sep BB
Agia Napa 4 5-Sep JN
Agia Varvara 3 1-Sep LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 1, 4 & 7-Sep JN/MSS
Anarita Park 5 2-Sep LAC
Kokkines 5 5-Sep JN
Mandria 3 7-Sep IKB

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*
Κοκκινοκεφαλός
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 5-Sep BB

Kokkines 1 male 5-Sep JN

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκανούρα

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 9 9-Sep BB

Akhna Dam 20 7-Sep AKe

Cape Greco 10 5-Sep MH

Frenaros 30 16-Sep AKe

Panagia Stazousa 6 One juvenile and five adults 19-Sep JS

Souni 13 3 heard, 4 juveniles seen, 2 females and a male - the others in flight 2-Sep JN

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίτσα

Livadi tou Pashia 5 28-Sep LAC

Platania 6 29-Sep LAC

Sarama 6 15-Sep DJW

Troodos 1 25-Sep PH

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατσικορώνα

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 6 14-Sep JS

Asprokremnos Dam 6 14-Sep JS

Diarizos Valley 11 18-Sep JN

Evretou Dam 12 14-Sep JS

Kivisili 8 19-Sep JS

Panagia Stazousa 12 19-Sep JS

Souni 6 14 & 17-Sep JN

WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Armou, Paphos c200 11-Sep DJW

Panagia Stazousa c50 19-Sep JS

Partenitis Dam c150 18-Sep SC with A P

Leventis

Phinikas c50 11-Sep DJW

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Achna Dam 26 15-Sep FGe

Agia Varvara 50+ 25-Sep JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 24 15-Sep JN

Paphos Sewage Plant c40 14-Sep JS

NORTHERN RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

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

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Agios Georgios pond, Athalassa forest 50 2-Sep FGe

Athalassa Park 50 20-Sep CP/PPa

Frenaros 1200 30-Sep AKe

Souni 43 16-Sep JN

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer*

hispaniolensis Αρκόστρουθος

Cape Greco c40 21-Sep JS

Evretou Dam PRESENT 17-Sep RAT

Kouklia Soakaways 12 23-Sep IKB

Kouklia Soakaways c100 25-Sep LAC

Kouklia Soakaways 11 27-Sep IKB

Panagia Stazousa 1+ 19-Sep JS

Paphos Sewage Plant c10 14-Sep JS

Perivolia c20 26-Sep JS

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίνογ

Agios Georgios Church, Akrotiri 1 19-Sep BB

Livadi tou Pashia 2 28-Sep LAC

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 at least heard calling 12-Sep JN

Platania 9 29-Sep LAC

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis*

chloris Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 10 includes 2 juveniles 5-Sep JN

Cape Greco c20 21-Sep JS

Frenaros 120 28 & 30-Sep AKe

Mandria 11 10-Sep IKB

Souni 17 2-Sep JN

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis*

carduelis Σγαπίλι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 25 5-Sep JN

Asprokremnos Dam 50+ 2-Sep IKB

Cape Greco 30+ 21-Sep JS

Frenaros 200 29-Sep AKe

Paphos Headland c20 16-Sep JS

Sarama c30 15-Sep DJW

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 7-Sep JN

Evretou Dam 1 17-Sep RAT

Kouklia, Paphos 6 25-Sep JS

Souni 11 16-Sep JN

Tsadha Golf Club Track 1 28-Sep JS

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*
 Τσακροπιτίλλα
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 male 18-Sep
 SC with A P Leventis
 Cape Greco 1 1-Sep JS
 Cape Greco 4 13-Sep JS
 Frenaros 1 18-Sep AKe
 Neo Chorio 1 13-Sep LAC
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Flew and perched
 on one of trees at entrance to area and
 then flew off again. 18-Sep JS
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 2 13 & 22-Sep
 MSS

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CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza caesia* Σιταροπούλλι
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6-Sep LDz
 Cape Greco 6 1-Sep JS
 Smygies Picnic Site 3 13-Sep LAC
 Souni 2 2-Sep JN
 Souni 1 heard calling 11-Sep JN

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*
 Τσακρόστρουθος
 Akhna Dam 40 4-Sep AKe
 Akhna Dam 1 in song 7-Sep AKe
 Evretou Dam PRESENT 17-Sep RAT
 Panagia Stazousa c50 19-Sep JS
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 6 13-Sep MSS
 Tsadha Golf Club Track 3 28-Sep JS

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

September 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 35 sites were covered in September 2015 and 53 species were recorded with a total of 6,389 water birds, almost four times higher than last month's count. The most common bird sighted was the Common Coot (2,758 counted – 50% of which were sighted at Kouklia Dam). The Little Grebe follows in numbers (686) of which 210 were sighted at Kouklia Dam and third comes the Mallard (416), most of which were sighted at Larnaka Sewage Works. Also numerous was the Garganey (268) and the Kentish Plover (212).

The area holding the highest waterbird counts was Kouklia Dam with 2,434 in total and 37 species, followed by Mia Milia Sewage Works with 1,444 in total and 19 species and third Agia Eirini Dam with 821 individuals and 13 species in total.

Water levels are still low and some of the sites visited were completely dry with only some pools in some cases. As seen in the Table below, 8 sites held no water birds in September.

Site coverage for the September 2015 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Phassouri Reed Bed	Martin Hellicar	17 September 2015	Only 1 pool
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Martin Hellicar	17 September 2015	0%, some pools
Bishop's Pool	Martin Hellicar	17 September 2015	80%
Zakaki Pond	Martin Hellicar	17 September 2015	Some water in pool
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15 September 2015	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15 September 2015	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	19 September 2015	0% at top part - some in the canals at the bottom area
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	15 September 2015	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	Filippos Georgiades	15 September 2015	
Paralimni Lake	Filippos Georgiades	15 September 2015	60% less than July
Mia Milia Sewage Works	Nick Pegler	06 September 2015	
Agios Loukas Lake South	Nick Pegler	05 September 2015	
<i>Silversands marsh</i>	<i>Nick Pegler</i>	<i>05 September 2015</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Klapsides marsh</i>	<i>Nick Pegler</i>	<i>05 September 2015</i>	<i>Stagnant water</i>
<i>Klapsides Pool</i>	<i>Nick Pegler</i>	<i>05 September 2015</i>	<i>0%</i>
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 September 2015	64%
Paphos Sewage Farm	Peter Evans	16 September 2015	
<i>Asprokremnos Dam & Pools</i>	<i>Peter Evans</i>	<i>16 September 2015</i>	
Athalassa Dam	Martin Hellicar	22 September 2015	80-90%
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	S. Christodoulides & A.P. Leventis	18 September 2015	
Agia Eirini Dam	Nick Pegler	04 September 2015	
Kanli Dam	Nick Pegler	31 August 2015	
Kioneli Dam	Nick Pegler	31 August 2015	
Kouklia Dam	Nick Pegler	09 September 2015	
Lymbia Dam	Martin Hellicar	17 September 2015	50%
Mavrolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 September 2015	56%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15 September 2015	65%
<i>Lower Ezousas soakaways</i>	<i>Peter Evans</i>	<i>16 September 2015</i>	
Ezousas motorway soakaways	Peter Evans	16 September 2015	0%
<i>Agia Varvara soakaways</i>	<i>Peter Evans</i>	<i>16 September 2015</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Kouklia soakaways</i>	<i>Peter Evans</i>	<i>16 September 2015</i>	<i>0%</i>
Panagra Dam	Nick Pegler	04 September 2015	
Klepini E Dam	Nick Pegler	02 September 2015	
<i>Trachoni Pools</i>	<i>Nick Pegler</i>	<i>05 September 2015</i>	<i>0%</i>
Sygkrasis Dam	Nick Pegler	05 September 2015	

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

WETLAND BIRD COUNT SEPTEMBER 2015	Little Grebe	Great White Pelican	Little Bittern	Black-crowned Night	Cattle Egret	Squacco Heron	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Purple Heron
Phassouri Reed Bed					3					
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile									150	
Bishop's Pool	42									
Zakaki Pond									1	
Larnaka Salt Lake										
Larnaka Sewage Works	12				2				4	
Oroklini Marsh										
Achna Dam										
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast										
Paralimni Lake	14		1		3					
Mia Milia Sewage Works	190				135				1	
Agios Loukas Lake South	20			2	20	35	25		6	
Silversands marsh										
Klapsides marsh										
Klapsides Pool										
Evretou Dam									1	
Paphos Sewage Farm										
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools										
Athalassa Dam	9		1	1	3	1	15		3	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam										
Agia Eirini Dam	140						6	1	1	
Kanli Dam	10								5	
Kioneli Dam	10								2	
Kouklia Dam	210	3			6	10	40		15	6
Lymbia Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam	3									
Kannaviou Dam	2								1	
Lower Ezousas soakaways										
Ezousas motorway soakaways							2		2	
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways										
Panagra Dam	15									
Klepini E Dam									1	
Trachoni Pools										
Sygkrasis Dam	9						2			
TOTAL	686	3	2	3	172	46	90	1	193	6

WETLAND BIRD COUNT SEPTEMBER 2015	Glossy Ibis	Spoonbill	Greater Flamingo	Eurasian Teal	Mallard	Garganey	Northern Shoveler	Common Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	western Marsh Harrier
Phassouri Reed Bed										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile			8							
Bishop's Pool				26	18		4			
Zakaki Pond										
Larnaka Salt Lake					3					2
Larnaka Sewage Works			9	38	149	4	66			
Oroklini Marsh										
Achna Dam										
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast										
Paralimni Lake										
Mia Milia Sewage Works	1			66	90	65	25		8	
Agios Loukas Lake South	2									1
Silversands marsh										
Klapsides marsh										
Klapsides Pool										
Evretou Dam						30				
Paphos Sewage Farm										
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools										
Athalassa Dam										
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam										
Agia Eirini Dam					28	1	2	5	75	1
Kanli Dam				3	70	1	2			
Kioneli Dam										
Kouklia Dam	10	24	43	30	30	160	75		39	3
Lymbia Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam					28	6				
Lower Ezousas soakaways										
Ezousas motorway soakaways										
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways										
Panagra Dam										
Klepini E Dam										
Trachoni Pools										
Sygkrasis Dam	1			1		1				
TOTAL	14	24	60	164	416	268	174	5	122	7

WETLAND BIRD COUNT SEPTEMBER 2015	Osprey	Common Moorhen	Common Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Northern Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Grey Plover	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover
Phassouri Reed Bed									
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile								69	
Bishop's Pool		4	7	1					
Zakaki Pond		2							
Larnaka Salt Lake						2	1	138	
Larnaka Sewage Works			8	9		14		5	
Oroklini Marsh		1							
Achna Dam	1		1			8			
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast									2
Paralimni Lake		5	27			5			
Mia Milia Sewage Works		85	700	9		25			
Agios Loukas Lake South		10	15			16			
Silversands marsh									
Klapsides marsh									
Klapsides Pool									
Evretou Dam									
Paphos Sewage Farm						7			
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools									
Athalassa Dam		7	5						
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam						12			
Agia Eirini Dam		6	550						
Kanli Dam			10	1		10			
Kioneli Dam		3	10			3			
Kouklia Dam		15	1400	130		20		2	
Lymbia Dam		1							
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Kannaviou Dam			4						
Lower Ezousas soakaways									
Ezousas motorway soakaways	1								
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways									
Panagra Dam			20						
Klepini E Dam									
Trachoni Pools									
Sygkrasis Dam			1		2				
TOTAL	2	139	2758	150	2	122	1	214	2

WETLAND BIRD COUNT SEPTEMBER 2015	Little Ringed Plover	Common Ringed Plover	Little Stint	Temminck's Stint	Curlew Sandpiper	Dunlin	Broad-billed Sandpiper	Ruff	Common Snipe	Whimbrel
Phassouri Reed Bed										
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile			20		1	3				
Bishop's Pool									1	
Zakaki Pond										
Larnaka Salt Lake	5	44	5			7		67		
Larnaka Sewage Works	1	5	71			4		9		
Oroklini Marsh								1		
Achna Dam	5									
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast										1
Paralimni Lake										
Mia Milia Sewage Works		1	1							
Agios Loukas Lake South										
Silversands marsh										
Klapsides marsh										
Klapsides Pool										
Evretou Dam										
Paphos Sewage Farm										
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools										
Athalassa Dam										
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam										
Agia Eirini Dam										
Kanli Dam									2	
Kioneli Dam										
Kouklia Dam		4	40	5		4	2	15	6	
Lymbia Dam										
Mavrokolymbos Dam										
Kannaviou Dam										
Lower Ezousas soakaways										
Ezousas motorway soakaways										
Agia Varvara soakaways										
Kouklia soakaways										
Panagra Dam										
Klepini E Dam										
Trachoni Pools										
Sygkrasis Dam	2							1		
TOTAL	13	54	137	5	1	18	2	93	9	1

WETLAND BIRD COUNT SEPTEMBER 2015	Spotted Redshank	Common Redshank	Common Greenshank	Marsh Sandpiper	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Ruddy Turnstone
Phassouri Reed Bed								
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile								
Bishop's Pool				1		3		
Zakaki Pond								
Larnaka Salt Lake		3		1				
Larnaka Sewage Works								4
Oroklini Marsh	1	1						
Achna Dam			6					
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast							2	
Paralimni Lake								
Mia Milia Sewage Works			1		1	20		
Agios Loukas Lake South								
Silversands marsh								
Klapsides marsh								
Klapsides Pool								
Evretou Dam			1				1	
Paphos Sewage Farm								
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools								
Athalassa Dam								
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam								
Agia Eirini Dam					5			
Kanli Dam					1			
Kioneli Dam								
Kouklia Dam	3			3	2	25	2	
Lymbia Dam								
Mavrokolymbos Dam								
Kannaviou Dam								
Lower Ezousas soakaways								
Ezousas motorway soakaways								
Agia Varvara soakaways								
Kouklia soakaways								
Panagra Dam					1			
Klepini E Dam								
Trachoni Pools								
Sygkrasis Dam			3		5	10		
TOTAL	4	4	11	5	15	58	5	4

WETLAND BIRD COUNT SEPTEMBER 2015	Yellow-legged Gull	Whiskered Tern	White-winged Black Tern	Common Kingfisher	Yellow Wagtail	Reed Warbler	TOTAL	Species count
Phassouri Reed Bed							3	1
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile							251	6
Bishop's Pool							107	10
Zakaki Pond							3	2
Larnaka Salt Lake	5				3		286	14
Larnaka Sewage Works			2				416	19
Oroklini Marsh							4	4
Achna Dam		1					22	6
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast				6			11	4
Paralimni Lake							55	6
Mia Milia Sewage Works					20		1444	19
Agios Loukas Lake South			6				158	12
Silversands marsh							0	0
Klapsides marsh							0	0
Klapsides Pool							0	0
Evretou Dam			1				34	5
Paphos Sewage Farm							7	1
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools							0	0
Athalassa Dam				1			46	10
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam						2	14	2
Agia Eirini Dam							821	13
Kanli Dam			1				116	12
Kioneli Dam						2	30	6
Kouklia Dam		2	6		40	4	2434	37
Lymbia Dam				1			2	2
Mavrokolymbos Dam							3	1
Kannaviou Dam				1			42	6
Lower Ezousas soakaways							0	0
Ezousas motorway soakaways							5	3
Agia Varvara soakaways							0	0
Kouklia soakaways							0	0
Panagra Dam							36	3
Klepini E Dam							1	1
Trachoni Pools							0	0
Sygkrasis Dam							38	12
TOTAL	5	3	16	9	63	8	6389	53



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3. Τρόποι πληρωμής

i. Απευθείας πληρωμή στο λογαριασμό του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου Κύπρου

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS

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

IBAN No: CY 980020 0148 0000000 10081 0100

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

IBAN No: CY 730080 0103 0000000 00116 1054

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

IBAN No: CY75 0090 0206 0002 0622 0011 0140

ii. Πληρωμή με πιστωτική κάρτα μέσω διαδικτύου www.birdlifecyprus.org
(Ημερομηνία της πληρωμής __/__/__)

iii. Επιταγή σε ευρώ πληρωτέα στον Πτηνολογικό Σύνδεσμο Κύπρου

Πληρωτέο ποσό: € _____ Συνδρομή

€ _____ Εισφορά

€ _____ **Σύνολο**

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