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

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

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

Please send to [janesty@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janesty@yaho.co.uk). Telephone: 99558953

Cover photograph: *A regular but rare visitor, the Pied Kingfisher Ceryle rudis, seems to find the area around Zakaki Marsh and the nearby Lady's Mile to its liking. At least one has been present there during recent winters. During January 2016 a female was present and at times was seen sitting in the open in the pools at the start of Lady's Mile. Tony Reeves was able to take advantage of one of these moments and took this photograph on 28th January 2016.*

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
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.

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 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.

March 2016

Saturday 5th March: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Tel: 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. Tel: Home: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665

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. Tel: 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: Oroklini Marsh & Paralimni Lake – Note change of venue (*This corresponds to the UK Easter weekend.*)

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Tel: Mobile: 99907893.

Late spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am Oroklini Marsh Information Kiosk Hide

April 2016

Friday 8th - Sunday 10th April: Karpasia Peninsula

Spring migrants and rare residents

Details will follow

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

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

Saturday 16th April: Cape Greco

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. Tel: Mobile: 99425050

Saturday 23rd April: Neo Chorio Ringing Demonstration

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

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

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

May 2016

Saturday 7th May: Kannaviou Dam & Paphos Forest

Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds.

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

Leaders Dave and Jan Walker, Tel: Mobile: 99915907

Saturday 14th May: Akrotiri Peninsula.

Late spring migrants and water birds.

Meet 9.30 am, Akrotiri Marsh (Phassouri Reed-beds)

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

Saturday 21st May: End of Season Get Together Lunch

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou.

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

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

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COULD YOU WRITE ARTICLES FOR THE MONTHLY CHECKLIST?

We would love to hear from members and friends who would like to provide bird and bird watching related articles in future editions of the Monthly Checklist. Get in touch and let us know your ideas. Suggestions for topics could include ID pointers, great locations to visit, birding walks or drives, interesting personal birding experiences and others that you feel fellow readers of the Checklist would enjoy. Please contact Jane Stylianou janestycy@yahoo.co.uk, John Stapley johnstapley8@gmail.com or Dave Walker davidwalker@cytanet.com.cy

BIRDTRACK UPDATE: CYPRUS PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE

Since February 25th 2016 users can now access the BirdTrack bird recording system via the Cyprus Portal. Instead of entering the system via the Global Portal as you had been doing please use the following link blc.birdtrack.net and remember to update your bookmark.

Through the Cyprus portal, there is now a Gazeteer of the most frequently used birding sites in Cyprus which new users will find especially useful. More features will be added over the coming months.

Any problems or for further details please contact Jane Stylianou janestycy@yahoo.co.uk mobile: 99558953

KEEP UP TO DATE AND SHARE RECENT SIGHTINGS WITH THE BIRDLIFE CYPRUS 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. Visit the settings option to ensure that you get emails if you want to. 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](#) or email the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder, Jane Stylianou janestycy@yahoo.co.uk

REMINDER: BIRDLIFE CYPRUS AGM Sunday 20th March 2016

As you have already been informed this year's Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 20th March 2016 at the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre in the village of Akrotiri, Limassol. If you need instructions on how to get there please contact the BirdLife Cyprus office. The AGM will start at 10.00am. If there is no quorum at 10am the official start of the AGM will be 10.30am. There will be welcome coffee/tea from 9.30am.

The Agenda for the AGM has been circulated to all members as have the Minutes of the 2015 AGM which will be approved at this year's AGM.

Please note that there will be interpretation at the AGM from Greek to English and vice versa.

After the AGM those who wish may meet for lunch at 2pm on the day at the Oasis Restaurant on Lady's Mile (where the New Year's lunch was held, the restaurant nearest to the port). Fish meze or meat platter have been arranged and BirdLife Cyprus has negotiated a price of €17 per person without drinks. If you are interested in joining and benefiting from the offer, you will need to book in advance with the office. In order to guarantee a place for lunch, please book before 11th March 2016. You will need to find your own way to the restaurant after the AGM.

For bookings and more information, please contact the office at 22355072 or email Romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy

**LARNACA SEWAGE WORKS AND SALT LAKE FIELD MEETING REPORT, 23rd January
2016**

Martin Hellicar

We started at the Sewage Works hide, where, among the flocks of hundreds of **Northern Shovelers, Mallard, Eurasian Teal and Eurasian Coot**, we picked out nine **Eurasian Wigeon**, eight **Gadwall**, four **Ferruginous Duck** and seven **Greater White-fronted Geese**. There were also around 20 **Black-necked Grebes** among the tens of **Little Grebes**. A **Western Marsh Harrier** patrolled the ponds, spreading panic among the other birds. A couple of **Ruff** and half a dozen **Common Redshank** were the only waders we saw, but water levels in the ponds were too high for big numbers of such birds. The wintering gulls provided an interesting challenge once more, with the nine field trip participants working hard at picking out **Armenian Gulls, Yellow-legged Gulls** and **Caspian Gulls**. The **Common Black-headed Gulls** posed no such identification challenges!

Other species in the area around the hide were **Hooded Crow, Sardinian Warbler, Chiff-chaff, Crested Lark** and **Black Francolin**.

Down the road at Spiros Pool, there was an impressive flock of **Eurasian Golden Plover** to be had, about 300 birds strong. Near the Golden Plovers was a group of nine **Northern Lapwings** and 16 **Common Redshank**. **Little Stint** (2), **White Wagtail** and **Spanish Sparrow** were also seen in the same patch. There was a small flock of 20 **Greater Flamingo** in the middle of the pool and a number of other species were seen in the surrounding fields: **Eurasian Skylark, House Sparrow, European Goldfinch, Cetti's Warbler, Zitting Cisticola** and **Common Kestrel**. We picked out 3 **Mediterranean Shags** on the yellow off-shore buoys.

At the main Salt Lake, and just before rain brought a halt to proceedings at around 1pm, we enjoyed thousands of **Greater Flamingos**, about 200 **Common Shelduck**, over 100 **Northern Shoveler** and **Common Black-headed Gulls** and both **Kentish Plover** and **Little Stint** in the shallows behind the Tekke Mosque. **Common Linnets, Common Stonechats** and **Eurasian Magpie** were added to the day's list, bringing the field trip total to 39.

PAPHOS FOOTHILLS FIELD MEETING REPORT, 13th February 2016

John Stapley

Seventeen members and friends gathered at the lay-by near the motorway roundabout on a bright sunny morning. It was soon established that most of those present had been with the previous week's field trip, when strong winds near the coast had driven the party inland, and visited the Ezousas Valley upstream of Episkopi Village. As this has been the usual final stop and lunch venue on recent previous Foothills trips, Plan "B" had to be put into operation and a revised second half of this trip was agreed.

Initially we headed into Armou, where turning towards the village centre, a **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** was seen perched in a nearby tree. Looking over the valley from either side of the school, we saw or heard **Common Kestrel, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, European Robin, Song Thrush, Cetti's Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Great Tit, Eurasian Magpie, Hooded Crow, House Sparrow** and **European Greenfinch**. For some, the beginning of summer was marked by the sight of a **Barn Swallow** overhead. A small flock of **Eurasian Siskin** were feeding on a slope below but not visible to us until they obligingly flew up into a bare tree where the sunlight caught the bright yellow of the males. A possible **Winter Wren** was also spotted.

On the drive up through the village and onto the Tsada road, we added **Western Black Redstart**, **Common Stonechat**, **Eurasian Blackbird**, **Zitting Cisticola** and **European Goldfinch** to our list.

Having parked, we set off on a walk into the valley and back. In the field adjacent to where we parked were a number of **Woodlark** busily feeding on the ground but difficult to see as they were frequently lost in the ploughed furrows. A **Common Buzzard** appeared to the east of us and a little further down the hill we saw two distant **Long-legged Buzzards** unfortunately flying away from us towards the Marathounta hills. A flock of ten or so **European Serin** settled briefly in a bush, but colouration and markings were hard to make out as the sun was behind them. Eurasian Magpies and Hooded Crows were frequent sightings. We found **Common Chaffinch** and **Spanish Sparrow** in the bushes and fields and a third Long-legged Buzzard appeared. Overlooking the ravine, we spotted a pair of Eurasian Blackbird, Common Stonechat, plus several Song Thrushes and Sardinian Warblers. As we emerged from the orchard looking forward to a coffee break, a male **European Blackcap** was observed.

On returning back to the Armou to Episkopi road is where Plan B came into being. Instead of turning left towards Episkopi, we turned right and then left into Marathounta where a **White Wagtail** was searching for tasty insects on the verge. We passed through the village heading for the hills to the south east. Most of the group had not been in this direction before and must have wondered where the leader was taking them. After a lengthy uphill climb, we reached a convenient parking place and set off on another walk. The views towards the coast and Paphos Airport and towards Anarita from this location are stunning and made up for the concern of some about the wisdom of taking this route. Hidden in the long vegetation near to some rocks we found a lone **Chukar Partridge**. In the same area, were more Common Stonechat, Sardinian Warbler, Western Black Redstart and Zitting Cisticola. Common Kestrels were also seen hovering in the distance. We had just been talking about the possibility of finding one of our target birds, a **Finsch's Wheatear**, when one was spotted on an outcrop ahead of us, but it quickly disappeared before most of the group could get a view. We tried to follow and find it again, but found instead another target species, as Jan saw a **Little Owl**, perched among and blending superbly with some small stones/rocks. The Finsch's Wheatear did reappear a few minutes later as did its mate, giving everyone the opportunity to get a good view of this regular winter visitor. There was some discussion amongst members as to whether in fact we had seen two males and one female – the area was certainly large enough to have supported more than one pair. Before returning to the cars for a picnic lunch, we caught a brief glimpse of a male **Spectacled Warbler**.



Left: A male Peregrine Falcon seen by the group on a ledge at Episkopi Cliffs. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

After lunch, we followed another new, steep and occasionally rough, track towards Episkopi to take us past a rocky outcrop where Ann and John had found a pair of Blue Rock Thrushes only a couple of days earlier. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful on this occasion, so we headed for the cliffs at Episkopi. As usual, we were “serenaded” by the two hundred or so **Western Jackdaws**. Among the Feral Pigeons which also live on the rocky ledges were some **Rock Doves**. Perched unusually high up as far as most of us were concerned, Kate spotted one of the resident Peregrine Falcons. In its spring, breeding plumage with dark blue-grey back and large eye and yellow eye-ring, it looked spectacular. It took to the air for a couple of circuits and then disappeared into a hole in the cliff face where it is believed it will nest again. Just as everyone was ready to depart, John heard a male **Blue Rock Thrush** singing in the trees below the cliff, but we were unable to tempt it into the open for a view.

All in all, it was a successful day, if only because everyone left with their sumps intact. A total of thirty-seven species was observed by the group.

Cyprus Bird Report 2014



The Cyprus Bird Report 2014 will soon be available.

The report contains 38 colour photos, the 2014 Systematic List of 295 observed species or recognised forms which was compiled from nearly 74,000 records, the 2014 Ringing report, papers on the first Striated Heron in Cyprus, the first breeding records of Eurasian Hobby in the Paphos area, the BirdLife Cyprus 2014 monitoring programmes, the status of the Laughing Dove in Cyprus, Chiffchaffs at Lower Ezousas in November 2014 and migrants at inland sites in Western Paphos. The Report includes species charts and tables and a full Cyprus bird List. The front cover features the first Striated Heron in Cyprus found at Zakaki Marsh in October 2014.

The Report will be sent automatically to those BirdLife Cyprus members whose subscription includes it. Extra copies can be purchased from birdlifecyprus@birdlifecyprus.org.cy

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 36



Last Month's Quiz answer

January's mystery bird has a plump, greyish body, small head and short legs, identifying it as a species of Pigeon/Dove. There are seven species on the Cyprus list. Three; Collared Dove, Turtle Dove and Laughing Dove belong to the genus *Streptopelia* (with the latter sometimes placed in a closely related genus *Spilopelia*). They are quite distinctive and different from our bird as they are much slimmer, longer tailed and with an overall different (not grey) body colouration. A fourth species, Namaqua Dove is even more distinctive, tiny with a long tail, nothing like our mystery bird.

Our bird is one of three species belonging to the genus *Columba*; Rock Dove (or Rock Pigeon), the ancestor of our familiar feral pigeons, Stock Dove or Woodpigeon. Woodpigeons are larger and can be identified by their white sides to the neck and wings, white eye colour and buff coloured breast. Young birds are more confusing as they lack the obvious white neck sides but still show a light coloured eye and buff coloured breast. In fact the eye colour of our bird is key to its identification. Feral Rock Doves are extremely variable in colour and pattern but always show an orange eye. Our bird has a dark eye, a characteristic of just one *Columba* species, **Stock Dove**. Its identification is confirmed by the characteristic wing pattern which shows two restricted wing bars (much more obvious larger wing bars on Rock Dove) and a grey rump (white on wild and most varieties of grey feral Rock Doves).

RESULTS OF THE 2015/16 WINTER EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE CENSUS

Martin Hellicar

The winter 2015/16 census of the Eurasian Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* took place on January 28th, with 15 observers covering look-out points spread across the birds' feeding range and known breeding and roosting cliffs. The overall count estimate for the day was 23-28 vultures, but the absence of breeding evidence at the traditional Zapalo (Kensington) cliffs nesting site and the recent bad news of seven vulture deaths near Paramali, is cause for renewed concern for our most threatened breeding bird of prey.

Access to the Tunnel beach cliffs was blocked by works on the day, so six look-out points were covered (see map below), ranging from Zapalo cliffs (point 1) on the south coast to Oreites (7) above the Ha Potami valley, up to the Ay.Yiannis cliffs (6) and vulture feeding station at the top end of the Xeros valley and E to Limnatis (3), above the Kouris dam. The census began at 09:00 and ended at 15:00, while the vulture feeding station in the Limnatis area was also covered by cameras set up by the Game & Fauna service.



A number of tagged birds were spotted during the day, and the twelve tags that could be read were CAJ, CMA, AAM, CJA, CCL, ACA, CAM, AAO, CAA, ANA, CCW, and AAJ. These are all rescued vultures from Crete released under the 2011-2014 'Cyprus-Greece Cooperation' programme GYPAS, for reinforcement of the local *Gyps fulvus* population.

In the early part of the census day (09:00-11:00), vultures were seen at Zapalo, where the highest count was 11 birds, at Ay.Yiannis, where there were 5 birds seen. Around the Paoura and Mousere points (mostly around Dora village, at the top of the Diarizos valley), 8-9 birds were seen, while 3 were seen heading NE from Oreites. The timings of the sightings and the vulture tags spotted during this period suggest these vulture flocks were probably distinct, leading to a total count estimate of 27-28 vultures.

During the middle period of the census (11:00-13:00), 8-9 vultures were seen arriving from the N at Zapalo, and 15 vultures were seen in the area of the Limnatis feeding station (the maximum

count recorded by the vulture restaurant camera set up by the Game & Fauna Service during this period was 8 vultures). This suggests 23-24 birds as a total estimate for this time period. The vulture with wing tag CAJ was photographed at Zapalo at 11:07, only a matter of minutes after it was seen in a flock above Dora from Mousere look-out point some 17 km away, showing how swiftly the birds can glide between locations.

The final period of the census (13:00-15:00) saw 4 vultures moving E from the Oreites area, while a maximum of 13 vultures were moving in the Dora area and 5 were around the feeding station at Ay.Yiannis. Limnatis was quiet during this period, while a maximum of 5 vultures were seen in the air at Zapalo, with 2-3 more birds sitting on the cliffs. Timings of the sightings and wing tags overlaps between flocks seen in different areas make it difficult to estimate total numbers during this period with any degree of certainty.

Overall, the census data suggests a count of 23-28 vultures for the day, based on the sightings during the early and middle parts of the survey, which were the most reliable on the basis of the exact timings of the sightings and the vulture tags spotted in flocks. It should be noted however that this might be an over-estimate, given the speed with which vultures can move around their range (as shown by bird CAJ!). Equally, it is possible that some vultures were missed by the count, if they were hidden on remote cliffs or in the Tunnel beach area, which could not be covered on the day of the census. Worryingly, no evidence of nesting activity was seen at the vultures' Zapalo stronghold. The winter 2015/16 census count estimate is similar to last Spring's, when the same number of adult vultures (23-28) was identical, but there were also three active nests with a total of 2 or 3 chicks recorded at Zapalo and Tunnel beach.

Of even greater concern is the recent terrible news of a total of six vultures found dead over the last few weeks in Paramali area of Limassol, plus one more in November 2015. The cause of death has not been established yet, although all indications point to poisoning, and the birds have been sent to the Veterinary Services for post-mortem examinations. BirdLife Cyprus has sounded the alarm and is asking the Game & Fauna Service to take all necessary measures to prevent the death of more Vultures. BirdLife Cyprus is committed to work with authorities to combat use of poisons.

Thanks are due to this winter's observers: Ian & Kate Bloomer, Cal Callaby, Yiannis Christodoulides, Pete Evans, Keith & Raija Howard, Martin Hellicar, June Neal, Claire Papazoglou, John & Ann Stapley, Alan Turtle and Dave & Jan Walker.

Below: 'Speedy' Griffon vulture CAJ, photographed from Mousere look-out point by Dave Walker



VULTURE ONE CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF – A PARTICIPANT'S EXPERIENCES AT THE VULTURE CENSUS

John Stapley

The Eurasian Griffon Vulture census on 28th January 2016 proved a fairly quiet day for Ann and me. On arrival at 09.00 and parking on the hillside opposite the Agios Ioannis cages, we spotted four vultures – two were perched on the roof of the upper cage while the other two were on the ground. There was very little action for the next hour or so, although the area was shared by a large flock of Western Jackdaws.

Finally, we noticed that the vultures were becoming a little restless – wandering about, occasionally flapping their wings a couple of times. The sun began to shine a little brighter and a light breeze sprung up. Many years ago, Ann and I had witnessed vultures taking off from the plains of Kenya having gorged themselves on a recent kill. Often the birds struggled to get airborne, but the warm air close to the arid surface proved a great boost. We wondered what would happen here where the temperature was several degrees lower than in Kenya.

Suddenly we saw that all four had gathered on the roof of the cage, as if forming a queue. Then the first one made its way to the rear of the cage, roughly at the eastern corner, turned and with a combination of running and frantic wing flapping launched itself off the opposite (western) corner of the cage.

This cage overlooks a small cliff face. Initially the vulture lost altitude but as it gained speed, it also began to gain uplift on its huge wings. At this moment the second vulture went through the same routine followed at similar intervals by the third and fourth birds. A few minutes later a fifth bird appeared from somewhere and also took off in the same manner. It was as if an invisible control tower had instructed, "Vulture V1, Runway 09/27, you are cleared for takeoff.....etc". It was certainly the highlight of our day.

At around 12.30, a ranger drove to the cages. He provided food for the two birds in the lower cage and the single bird in the upper cage. He also laid out food and a carcass on the ground near the upper cage. We wondered if the vultures would return soon. In the event one arrived around 14.30 gliding majestically from over the mountain top landing on top of the cage. The other four followed within the next half-hour. Only one went down to the carcass to feed and none took any notice of the more than eighty Jackdaws that had descended onto the food. Perhaps they had been very smart and fed well at other feeding stations during the day so that they might enjoy a leisurely breakfast at their own roost the following morning?

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER V EURASIAN COOTS AT LARNACA SEWAGE WORKS –
ONLY ONE WINNER!**

Cal Callaby and Jane Stylianou

A few weeks ago visitors to the hide overlooking the Larnaca Sewage Works pools were treated to the sight of one of the Western Marsh Harriers that overwinter in the area harassing a flock of Eurasian Coot feeding there. The harrier was obviously hoping to tire or separate the Coots with a view to then picking out one of them as its next meal. Time and time again it flew low over the Coots which were forced to the centre of the pool and tried to hold in a tight group together. Once tired the harrier flew off and was seen roosting and gathering its strength on nearby Spiros Pool.

Cal Callaby was in the area for several hours and his patience was finally rewarded as he witnessed the harrier making its kill at last. One of the exhausted coots was separated from its fellows and held under water by the harrier until it drowned and was taken off by the harrier who was finally able to enjoy a hard earned meal.

Photographs below are by Cal and Jane Stylianou.



Above: As the Western Marsh Harrier appears from the left the group of Eurasian Coot start panicking. (Cal Callaby). Below: The harrier on one of its many sorties over the coots (Jane Stylianou)





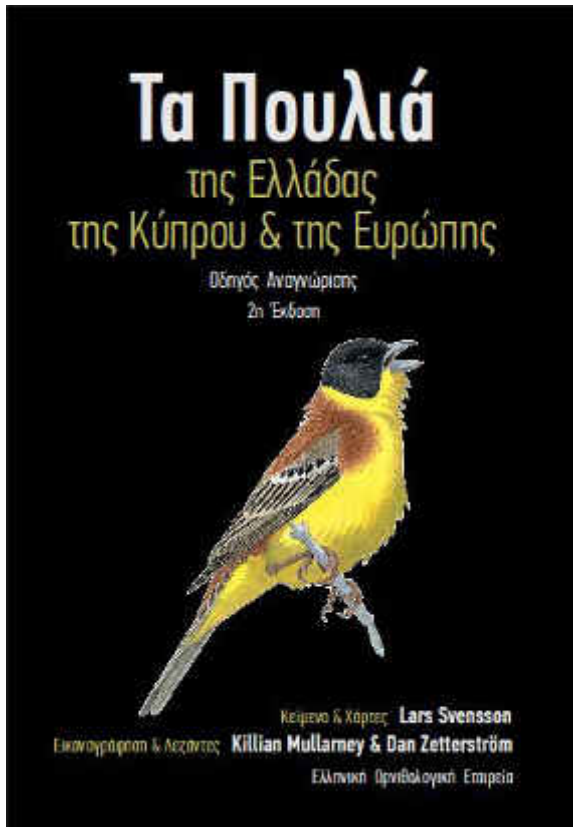
Above and below: The harrier isolates one of the coots (Cal Callaby)





Finally the Marsh Harrier rests on the water as it drowns the Coot below. (Cal Callaby)

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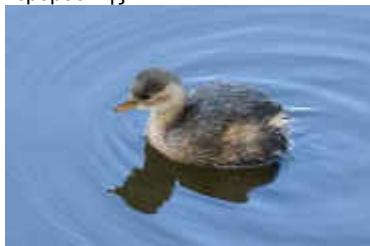
Jane Stylianou

3445 records received

155 species and forms recorded in January 2016, compared to 153 in January 2015.

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

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* Νεροβούτιης



Little Grebe, Athalassa Dam, 27th January.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:

Athalassa Dam 50+ 18-Jan JS
Kouklia Dam 50 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Larnaca Sewage Works 38 16-Jan JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 30 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Oroklini Marsh 33 16-Jan CP/PPa

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιης Asprokremmos Dam 2 19-Jan WAS

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*
Μαυροβούτιης
Larnaca Sewage Works 13 2 & 18-Jan FGe/PBe
Larnaca Sewage Works 20+ 5-Jan STI
Larnaca Sewage Works 25 A few acquiring breeding plumage 16-Jan JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 27 22-Jan KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 18 23-Jan LAC
Larnaca Sewage Works 26 26-Jan KSa
Larnaca Sewage Works c40 27-Jan AWh
Larnaca Sewage Works 29 28-Jan CDL
Larnaca Sewage Works 15 31-Jan KSa

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Κορμοράνος
Largest counts and interesting reports:
Aglantzia University of Cyprus campus 26
Flying over in late afternoon, coming from north west and heading towards Athalassa forest 28-Jan FGe
Asprokremmos Dam 50 6-Jan SMM

Athalassa Lake 56 flocks coming to roost in eucalypts on west side of main pond; many in breeding plumage 22-Jan MGr
Nicosia, Egkomi c80 flying in formation from west to east 22-Jan SC

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*
Θαλασσοκόρακας
Cape Drepanum 2 25-Jan DJW
Cape Pyla 2 20-Jan BB
Cape Pyla 4 24-Jan BB
Dhekelia 3 20-Jan BB
Dhekelia 8 22-Jan JS
Dhekelia 10 24-Jan BB
Dhekelia 2 31-Jan BB
Kensington Cliffs 6 3 & 28-Jan KH/JN
Kensington Cliffs 2 19 & 23-Jan CDL/JN
Kensington Cliffs 3 30-Jan AWh
Mandria 1 7, 12, 15 & 26-Jan DJW/LAC/IKB
Paphos Lighthouse Coast 1 fishing in waves 2-Jan MGr
Paphos Headland 1 7-Jan DJW
Paphos Headland 2 Heading N offshore 30-Jan JS
Spiros Beach 2 16-Jan JS
Spiros Beach 3 23-Jan LAC

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*
Βουρωδιός
Episkopi, Paphos 1 14-Jan CDL
Limassol Port Canal 1 30-Jan AWh

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON
Nycticorax nycticorax
Νυχτοκόρακας
Aglantzia University of Cyprus campus, Nicosia 1 Flying over in late afternoon, coming from north west and heading towards Athalassa forest 28-Jan FGe
Athalassa Dam 5 6 & 18-Jan STI/JS
Athalassa Dam 2 adult and 2CY 27-Jan JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 19-Jan CDL

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*
Γελαδάρης
Max count per location:
Athalassa Lake 7 22-Jan MGr
Clapsides 4 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

Ezousa Reed-beds & Soakaway 4 14-Jan SMM
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 26-Jan KSA
Nicosia, opposite Kykkos Church 3 20-Jan SC
Oroklini Marsh c120 8-Jan JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 6 7-Jan DJW
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 14, 23 & 27-Jan PBe/JN/CDL
Pyla 5 29-Jan BB
Zakaki Marsh 3 23-Jan LAC

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Max count per location:
Akrounta 2 2-Jan KH
Asprokremos Dam 1 23-Jan DJW
Cape Pyla 1 20-Jan BB
Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Germasogeia Dam 1 1 & 2-Jan MPh/KH
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Limassol Harbour 1 31-Jan SC
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 1 16-Jan FGe
Oroklini Marsh 2 22 & 28-Jan LAC/WAS
Paralimni Lake 2 3-Jan AKe
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 2 28-Jan FGe
Potamos Liopetriou 1 22-Jan JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 8, 9, 13, 14, 16 & 23-Jan TRe/JN/KH/WAS/LAC

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα

Athalassa Dam 1 6 & 22-Jan STi/MGr
Athalassa Dam 5 Maybe 6 18-Jan JS
Athalassa Dam 2 27-Jan JS
Kannaviou Dam 2 16-Jan DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 30 & 31-Jan KH/KSa
Paralimni Lake 1 10, 12, 14 & 16-Jan AKe/FGe

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Σταχτοψαροφάς
Max count per location:
Achelia Dam 1 22-Jan IKB
Akhna Dam 2 17-Jan BB
Arminou Dam 1 12-Jan DJW
Asprokremos Dam 2 5-Jan DJW
Athalassa Dam 7 27-Jan JS
Cha Potami Valley 1 1-Jan DJW
Germasogeia Dam 1 1, 9 & 14-Jan MPh/JS/PBe
Kannaviou Dam 2 16-Jan DJW
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

Kouklia to Petra tou Romiou 1 28-Jan LAC
Lady's Mile c50 27-Jan AWh
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 16-Jan JS
Manglis dam 1 6-Jan JS
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 16-Jan DJW
Oroklini Marsh 2 16, 22 & 24-Jan JS/LAC
Paralimni Lake 4 14-Jan AKe
Protaras 1 Flying over 8-Jan JS
Zakaki Marsh 3 flying towards Akrotiri
Lake 5-Jan MGr

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός

Πελαργός
Zakaki Marsh 1 Flew over 28-Jan MPh

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Akrotiri Salt Lake South 50 mainly pale juveniles; +10,000 in main lake 2-Jan MGr
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5000 Possibly as many as 8000 packed close together in many areas of the salt lake 9-Jan JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake c2000 24, 29 & 30-Jan KSa/JS/JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2600 27-Jan JN
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 127 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Lady's Mile 3 18-Jan TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools South 738 16-Jan JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 974 31-Jan KSa
Larnaca Salt Lake 11496 16-Jan JS
Meneou Pool 48 16-Jan JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 both juv 6-Jan STi
Oroklini Marsh 3 8-Jan JS
Oroklini Marsh 4 13-Jan PBe
Oroklini Marsh 7 14-Jan MGr
Oroklini Marsh c40 16-Jan SC with A Kirschel
Oroklini Marsh 38 22-Jan LAC
Oroklini Marsh 31 24-Jan LAC
Oroklini Marsh 32 26-Jan LAC
Oroklini Marsh 46 28-Jan WAS
Oroklini Marsh 56 31-Jan KSa
Zakaki Marsh 1 Juvenile 28, 29 & 30-Jan KSa/JS/JN

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

Anser albifrons Αρκόσιγνα



Greater White-fronted Geese, Larnaca Sewage Works, 27th January. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Larnaca Sewage Works 7 2, 16, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 31-Jan
FGe/SC/AKir/JS/KH/LAC/KSa/CDL/AWh

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια

Larnaca Airport Pools South 6 later seen with four others on Sewage Pools 27-Jan CDL

Larnaca Sewage Works 35 then spooked and flew off with just ten remaining 26-Jan KSa

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 inc the six seen earlier 27-Jan CDL

Larnaca Sewage Works 9 28-Jan WAS

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 29 & 31-Jan AWh

Oroklini Marsh 2 2-Jan FGe

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος

Akrotiri Salt Lake c36 30-Jan JN

Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 5-Jan STI

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 27-Jan CDL

Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 31-Jan KSa

Larnaca Salt Lake 541 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Salt Lake c300 Tekke Mosque area 18-Jan PBe

Larnaca Salt Lake 352 31-Jan AWh

Meneou Pool 2 28-Jan AWh

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope*

Αρμαπάσσης

Akrotiri Salt Lake South 2 2-Jan MGr

Bishop's Pool 3 2-Jan MGr

Bishop's Pool 1 male 30-Jan JN

Larnaca Salt Lake 2 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 2-Jan FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 2+ 'several' 5-Jan STI

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 6+ 23-Jan LAC

Larnaca Sewage Works 9 26-Jan LAC

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 27-Jan CDL

Larnaca Sewage Works 13 28-Jan CDL

Larnaca Sewage Works 12 31-Jan KSa

Mia Milia (Small pond) 1 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 16-

Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

GADWALL *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 2-Jan FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 3m and 3f 9-Jan KH

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 16 & 28-Jan JS/CDL

Larnaca Sewage Works 7+ 18-Jan PBe

Larnaca Sewage Works 11 6m and 5f 22-Jan KH

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 23, 26 & 27-Jan LAC/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 27 & 31-Jan CDL/AWh

Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 1

female 21-Jan WAS

Zakaki Marsh 1 5-Jan MGr

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Largest counts:

Athalassa Dam 100+ 18-Jan JS

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 700 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Larnaca Salt Lake 269 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1327 16-Jan JS

Oroklini Marsh 254 16-Jan CP/PPa

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινотζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Athalassa Dam c50 18-Jan JS

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 50 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Larnaca Sewage Works 483 16-Jan JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 200 16-

Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 6 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Larnaca Sewage Works 12+ 5-Jan STI

Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Jan FGe

Oroklini Marsh 10 8-Jan JS

Oroklini Marsh 8 9-Jan KH

Oroklini Marsh 6 4m 13-Jan PBe

Oroklini Marsh c20 + 16-Jan SC with A Kirschel
 Oroklini Marsh 14 16 & 28-Jan CP/PPa/CDL
 Oroklini Marsh 7 22 & 31-Jan LAC/KSa
 Oroklini Marsh 12 9m 24-Jan LAC
 Oroklini Marsh 1 26-Jan LAC
 Oroklini Marsh 3 27-Jan CDL
 Oroklini Marsh 4 2m and 2f 30-Jan KH

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*
 Σαξάνα

Largest counts:
 Athalassa Dam c200 18-Jan JS
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 100 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Larnaca Airport Pools 900+ 26-Jan LAC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 676 16-Jan JS
 Oroklini Marsh 250+ 31-Jan KSa

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*
 Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 female 27, 29 & 31-Jan CDL/AWh/KSa
 Oroklini Marsh 3 2m and 1f 27-Jan CDL/STi
 Oroklini Marsh 3 1 male and 2 females 28-Jan WAS
 Oroklini Marsh 4 2m and 2f 30-Jan KH
 Spiros Pool 1 Female 27 & 28-Jan JS/WAS

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Κουντούρα
 Athalassa Dam 1 Male 27-Jan JS
 Bishop's Pool 1 female 12, 19, 21 & 30-Jan KH/CDL/JN/LAC
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 50 30m and 20f 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Oroklini Marsh 2 1m and 1f 9 & 13-Jan KH/PBe
 Oroklini Marsh 3 16-Jan CP/PPa
 Oroklini Marsh 2 2m 19-Jan STi
 Oroklini Marsh 3 2m and 1f 22 & 24-Jan KH/LAC
 Oroklini Marsh 2 26 & 28-Jan LAC/WAS/AWh
 Oroklini Marsh 3+ 2m and at least 1f 27-Jan STi

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλόπαπια



Ferruginous Duck, Athalassa Dam, 18th January. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Athalassa Dam 4 6-Jan STi
 Athalassa Dam 14+ 18-Jan JS
 Athalassa Lake 1 22-Jan MGR
 Athalassa Dam 18+ 27-Jan JS
 Bishop's Pool 6 2-Jan MGR
 Bishop's Pool 12 7-Jan KH
 Bishop's Pool 1 9-Jan JN
 Bishop's Pool 9 19-Jan CDL
 Bishop's Pool 3 21-Jan KH
 Germasogeia Dam 3 25-Jan KH
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16-Jan JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 22, 23 & 27-Jan KH/LAC/AWh
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 26 & 28-Jan LAC/CDL
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 29-Jan AWh
 Larnaca Sewage Works 10 31-Jan AWh
 Mia Milia (Small pond) 2 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 15 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 1 female 21 & 24-Jan WAS/CDL
 Zakaki Marsh 3 23-Jan WAS/LAC
 Zakaki Marsh 2 24-Jan KSa

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια
 Athalassa treated sewage water pond 3 17, 18, 22, 27 & 28-Jan FGe/JS/MGR

WHITE-HEADED DUCK *Oxyura leucocephala*

Κεφαλόπαπια
 Oroklini Marsh 3 2, 9, 13, 16, 19, 22, 27, 28 & 30-Jan FGe/KH/PBe/CP/PPa/JS/STi/CDL
 Oroklini Marsh 2 24, 26 & 31-Jan LAC/KSa

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα

Limassol Port Canal 1 30-Jan AWh
 (Confirmation requested)

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps**fulvus* ΓύπαζKensington Cliffs 8 includes a mating pair
1-Jan JN

Kensington Cliffs 11 3-Jan KH

Kensington Cliffs 12 10-Jan KH

Kensington Cliffs 16-Jan WAS

Kensington Cliffs 2 seen mating on cliff,
favoured breeding ledge 23-Jan JN

Kensington Cliffs 16 16 in the morning and

15 in the afternoon 28-Jan JN

Kensington Cliffs 1 30-Jan AWh

Mousere, Paphos 9 Tagged birds seen

CAJ, CJA, FAF and AAO 28-Jan DJW

Paoura Hill 13 28-Jan KH

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus**aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο

Largest count per location:

Achelia 1 female 29-Jan KSa

Akhna Dam 1 17-Jan BB

Athalassa Dam 1 female 6-Jan STI

Bishop's Pool 1 2 & 30-Jan MGr/LAC

Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Lady's Mile 1 18 & 26-Jan TRe

Larnaca Airport Pools South 3 31-Jan

KSa

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 female 5 & 16-Jan

STI/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 5-Jan STI

Mia Milia (Small pond) 1 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 16-

Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

Oroklini Marsh 2 6, 13, 14 & 24-Jan

STI/PBe/MGr/LAC

Paralimni Lake 7 14-Jan AKe

Phassouri Reed-beds 6 6 together at one
time includes 1 immature (2nd C) male,

others female 1-Jan JN

Zakaki Marsh 7 30-Jan JN

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Agios Sozomenos 1 Male 21-Jan JS

Bishop's Pool 1 female 7-Jan KH

Kensington Cliffs 1 female 10-Jan KH

Lady's Mile 1 male 26-Jan TRe

Lady's Mile 1 Female 29-Jan JS

Paoura Hill 1 ringtail 28-Jan KH

Spiros Pool 1 Ring tail 16 & 18-Jan JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 ringtail 20, 25 & 30-Jan

KH/TRe/LAC/JN

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*

Ασπροσιάχινο

Cape Greco 1 male – photograph confirms

10-Jan JL/AM

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Near aerals 30-Jan

LAC/JN

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter**nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Akrounta 1 2-Jan KH

Almirolivado, Troodos 1 female 16-Jan

PBe

Anarita Park 1 female 29-Jan KSa

East Pissouri Bay 1 female 28-Jan KSa

Germasogeia Dam 1 2-Jan KH

Kamares (Tala) 1 6-Jan DJW

Kensington Cliffs 2 10-Jan KH

Mandria 1 12 & 13-Jan LAC

Phasouri 1 27-Jan JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Jan TRe

COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα



Common Buzzard, Kensington Cliffs, 31st
January. Photograph by Raija Howard

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 14 rising from Akrotiri Lake

just before 1000. At one point 9 in single

thermal. 2-Jan MGr

Kensington Cliffs 7 10-Jan KH

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 6 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Phasouri Reed Beds 5 13 & 30-Jan

KH/LAC

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο



*Long-legged Buzzard, Agios Sozomenos.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Singles reported at several location.
Records of 2+ birds below:
Agios Sozomenos 3 A pair seen together - one with nesting material in talons and another seen separately closer to Nicosia 15-Jan JS
Anarita Park 2 15-Jan LAC
Germasogeia Dam 2 25-Jan KH
Kensington Cliffs 2 ad 3-Jan KH
Kouklia, Paphos 2 5-Jan DJW
Madari Trail (Chandria) 3 16-Jan PBe
Panagia Stazousa 3 One over Pyrga village and pair near Klavdia end of valley 21-Jan JS
Paoura Hill 2 28-Jan KH
Theletra 2 pair 9-Jan DJW

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαιτός – Περτικοσίχινο



*Bonelli's Eagle, Arodes, 9th January.
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Arodes 3 2 adult and 1 Imm 9-Jan DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 19-Jan WAS
Bishop's Pool 1 juv 12-Jan KH
Cha Potami Valley 1 adult 1-Jan DJW
Germasogeia Dam 1 ad 2 & 14-Jan KH/PBe
Mousere 2 adult and imm 28-Jan DJW

Pissouri Bay 1 flew over 25-Jan KSA

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίτρος

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 5 15 & 21-Jan JS/PBe

Kiti Dam 5 23-Jan FGE

Phassouri Reed-beds 6 27-Jan JN

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο

Mandria 1 male 13-Jan LAC

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάνος

Episkopi Cliffs, Paphos 1 19-Jan WAS

Kensington Cliffs 2 3-Jan KH

Kensington Cliffs 2 10-Jan KH

Kensington Cliffs 1 19 & 30-Jan

CDL/AWh

Kourris Cliffs Kantou 2 16-Jan ADT

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 28-Jan CDL

Paoura Hill 1 28-Jan KH

Timi Beach 1 31-Jan LAC

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:

Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 16

Together in a field 22-Jan JS

Mavrokolympos Dam 20 25-Jan DJW

Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 16 31-Jan FGE

Stavrovouni 19 1-Jan FGE

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus*

francolinus Φραγκολίνα

Bishop's Pool 4 males 7-Jan KH

Kofinou area by Motorway 1 31-Jan SC

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 female 5-Jan STi

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 males 9-Jan KH

Larnaca Sewage Works surroundings c8

16-Jan SC with A Kirschel

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 23 & 31-Jan LAC/AWh

Mandria 1 5, 22 & 27-Jan DJW/LAC

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

Oroklini Marsh 1 female 16-Jan SC with A Kirschel

Oroklini Marsh 1 male 31-Jan KSA

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 fem 5-Jan DJW

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 30-Jan JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 9-Jan JN

Zakaki Marsh 4 14-Jan PBe

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορνίθκι
Lower Xeros 1 Access road to
desalination Plant 26-Jan CDL

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα
Athalassa Dam 1 Heard 18 & 27-Jan JS
Germasogeia Dam 1 27-Jan KH
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 28-Jan CDL
Lower Ezousas 2 15-Jan CDL
Lower Ezousas 1 26-Jan CDL
Oroklini Marsh 1 16, 22 & 24-Jan
CP/PPa/JS/LAC
Oroklini Marsh 2 28-Jan CDL
Paralimni Lake 1 10, 16 & 26-Jan
AKe/FGe
Polis Reedbeds 1 17-Jan BCRS
Zakaki Marsh 2 heard 5-Jan MGr
Zakaki Marsh 1 9, 20, 22, 23, 28 & 30-Jan
JN/KH/TR

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετεινάρο
Largest counts:
Fresh Water Lake (South) 15 16-Jan
AP/LS/MC/CC
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 10 16-Jan
AP/LS/MC/CC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 53 16-
Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Paralimni Lake 20 24, 28 & 30-Jan AKe

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς

Largest counts:
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 150 16-
Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Oroklini Marsh 100 14 & 16-Jan
MGr/SC/AKir
Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 138
21-Jan WAS

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus*

himantopus Καλαμοκαννός
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 5-Jan STI
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 22, 26 & 31-Jan
KH/LAC/AWh
Oroklini Marsh 5 8-Jan JS
Oroklini Marsh 6 13 & 31-Jan PBe/KSa
Oroklini Marsh 3 14-Jan MGr
Oroklini Marsh 2 16-Jan SC with A
Kirschel
Oroklini Marsh c5 19-Jan STI
Oroklini Marsh 10 22 & 28-Jan KH/WAS
Oroklini Marsh 9 24 & 26-Jan LAC
Oroklini Marsh 8 27-Jan STI
Paralimni Lake 1 14-Jan AKe

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβροκέτα



Pied Avocet, Lady's Mile, 26th January.
Photograph by Raija Howard.

Lady's Mile 1 26, 27, 29 & 30-Jan
KH/TRe/CDL/AWh/JS/JN/LAC
Lady's Mile 2 31-Jan SC
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 27-Jan
STI
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 28-Jan WAS

EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus*

oediconemus Τρουλλουρία
Mandria 63 13-Jan LAC
Mandria 61 15-Jan LAC
Mandria 20 21-Jan WAS
Mandria 36+ 27-Jan LAC
Meneou Pool 5 22-Jan KH
Meneou Pool 10 29-Jan AWh

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

dubius Λιμνοπλουμίδι
Larnaca Salt Lake 5 16-Jan JS
Oroklini JUMBO Drainage channel 7 22-
Jan KH

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι
Larnaca Salt Lake 7 16-Jan JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 5 18-Jan PBe
Larnaca Salt Lake 13 26-Jan LAC
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 28-Jan WAS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Jan CDL
Paralimni Lake 12 19-Jan AKe
Spiros Pool 6 28-Jan WAS

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius*

alexandrinus Νανοπλουμίδι
Agia Trias, Famagusta 2 8-Jan JS
Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 16-Jan
AP/LS/MC/CC
Lady's Mile 7 26-Jan KH
Lady's Mile 8 29-Jan JS
Lady's Mile 10+ 30-Jan LAC
Larnaca Airport Pools South 12 16-Jan JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 151 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 6 18-Jan PBe
 Larnaca Salt Lake c30 23-Jan LAC
 Larnaca Salt Lake 40+ 26-Jan KSa
 Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 9 16-Jan
 FGe
 Paralimni Lake 100 8, 14 & 19-Jan AKe
 Paralimni Lake 70 12-Jan AKe
 Paralimni Lake 34 16-Jan FGe
 Paralimni Lake 80 28-Jan AKe
 Zakaki Marsh c15 20-Jan KH

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius*

leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμιδι
 Agia Trias, Famagusta 3 8-Jan JS
 Agia Trias, Famagusta 2 22-Jan JS
 Kermia Beach 6 9-Jan KH
 Kermia Beach 2 22-Jan JS
 Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 2 16-Jan
 FGe
 Paphos Headland 4 2, 6, 15, 17, 20 & 25-
 Jan MGr/KH/WAS/LAC/DJW/CDL
 Paphos Headland 5 21-Jan IKB
 Paphos Headland 3 27 & 29-Jan
 IKB/DJW

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis*
apricaria Χρυσοπλουμιδι



Eurasian Golden Plover, Mandria, 5th January.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 16-Jan KH
 Clapsides 200 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 320 31-Jan
 KSa
 Larnaca Desalination Fields c130 18-Jan
 PBe
 Larnaca Sewage Works 14 Flew over 27-
 Jan JS
 Mandria 114+ Two flocks 76 and 38+ 15-
 Jan LAC
 Paphos Headland 99 29-Jan DJW
 Spiros Pool c400 22-Jan KH

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*
 Στακτοπλουμιδι



Grey Plover, Paphos Headland, 27th January.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Agia Trias, Famagusta 5 8-Jan JS
 Agia Trias, Famagusta 4 22-Jan JS
 Kermia Beach 1 9, 22, 25 & 28-Jan
 KH/JS/LAC/WAS
 Paphos Headland 1 15 & 27-Jan
 WAS/IKB

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus*
spinus Πελλοκατερίνα

Max count per location:
 Fresh Water Lake (South) 8 16-Jan
 AP/LS/MC/CC
 Leivadia Roundabout 3 21-Jan BB
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 6 16-Jan
 AP/LS/MC/CC
 Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 7 At
 Neofytou Bros Pig Farm 31-Jan FGe
 Oroklini Marsh 28 24-Jan LAC
 Paphos Sewage Plant 14 21-Jan WAS
 Partenitis Dam 18 16-Jan SC with A
 Kirschel

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*
 Γιαννής



Northern Lapwing, Paphos Sewage Works, 5th January.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agios Sozomenos 8 21-Jan JS
 Agios Sozomenos 6 27-Jan JS
 Bishop's Pool 1 29-Jan KH
 Clapsides 8 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 150 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Larnaca Airport Fields c15 18-Jan PBe
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 5-Jan STi
 Larnaca Sewage Works 11 23-Jan LAC
 Oroklini Marsh c15 5-Jan STi
 Oroklini Marsh 6+ 8-Jan JS
 Oroklini Marsh 35 13-Jan PBe
 Oroklini Marsh 18 flying overhead 14-Jan MGr
 Oroklini Marsh 83 flock of 44 set down next to other flock already in distant pond 14-Jan MGr
 Oroklini Marsh 36 16-Jan CP/PPA
 Oroklini Marsh 59 27-Jan CDL
 Paphos Sewage Plant 14 5-Jan DJW
 Paphos Sewage Plant 5 29-Jan KSA
 Paralimni Lake 1 10-Jan AKe
 Phassouri Reed-beds 148 1-Jan JN
 Phassouri Reed-beds 33 9-Jan JN
 Spiros Pool 4 16-Jan JS
 Spiros Pool 6 28-Jan WAS

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι
 Lady's Mile c40 26-Jan KH
 Lady's Mile 12 26-Jan TRe
 Lady's Mile 11 27-Jan CDL
 Lady's Mile 20 29-Jan JS
 Lady's Mile 10 30-Jan AWh
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 32 27-Jan CDL
 Larnaca Salt Lake 58 16-Jan JS
 Larnaca Salt Lake 30+ 18-Jan PBe
 Larnaca Salt Lake c280 in one group near main road 23-Jan LAC
 Larnaca Salt Lake 95 28-Jan WAS
 Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 3 16-Jan FGe
 Paralimni Lake 2 16-Jan FGe
 Paralimni Lake 10 28-Jan AKe
 Zakaki Marsh c35 20-Jan KH

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλίδι
 Larnaca Salt Lake 1 16-Jan JS
 Oroklini JUMBO Drainage channel 4 22-Jan KH
 Oroklini Marsh 2 22-Jan KH
 Paralimni Lake 1 8-Jan AKe

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι



Dunlin, Paphos Headland, 17th January. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Clapsides 20 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 6 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
 Lady's Mile 10 26-Jan KH
 Lady's Mile 2 26-Jan TRe
 Lady's Mile 1 27-Jan CDL
 Lady's Mile 12 29-Jan JS
 Lady's Mile 10 30-Jan AWh
 Larnaca Salt Lake 268 16-Jan JS
 Larnaca Salt Lake 11 18-Jan PBe
 Larnaca Salt Lake 67 28-Jan WAS
 Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 3 16-Jan FGe
 Paphos Lighthouse Coast 1 2-Jan MGr
 Paphos Headland 1 6, 15, 17 & 29-Jan KH/WAS/LAC/DJW
 Paphos Headland 3 17 & 20-Jan DJW/CDL
 Paralimni Lake 1 8-Jan AKe
 Paralimni Lake 10 28-Jan AKe

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής

Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 27-Jan CDL
 Larnaca Salt Lake 2 31-Jan AWh
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 23-Jan LAC

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Κουφοπικάτσονο



Jack Snipe, Germasogeia Dam, January 4th. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Germasogeia Dam 1 1-Jan MPH

Germasogeia Dam 4 2 & 9-Jan TRe/JS
Germasogeia Dam 2 4-Jan TRe

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόνι

Largest counts:

Germasogeia Dam 7+ 1-Jan MPH

Larnaca Salt Lake 7 16-Jan JS

Phassouri Reed Beds 4 12-Jan KH

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Λιμόζα

Larnaca Salt Lake 2 26-Jan KSa

Oroklini Marsh 2 19-Jan STi

Oroklini Marsh 1 22, 24, 26, 27, 28 & 31-

Jan JS/LAC/CDL/STi/WAS/AWh/KSa

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Φαιομπεκάτσα

Paphos Headland 1 7, 15, 21, 26, 27, 29 &

30-Jan DJW/WAS/IKB/MGr/JS

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπεκάτσα

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 Heard 16-

Jan JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 6 27-Jan STi

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 28-Jan WAS

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Paralimni Lake 1 16-Jan FGe

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Clapsides 1 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Lady's Mile 15 25 & 26-Jan TRe

Larnaca Airport Pools North 7 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 8 31-Jan

KSa

Larnaca Salt Lake 15 28-Jan WAS

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 31-Jan KSa

Oroklini JUMBO Drainage channel 1 22-

Jan KH

Oroklini Marsh 3 31-Jan KSa

Paralimni Lake 3 30-Jan AKe

Spiros Pool 31 16-Jan JS

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 9-Jan KH

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 27-Jan

CDL

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι



Green Sandpiper, Zakaki Marsh, 29th January.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Aradippou Slurry Pits 1 16-Jan SC with A
Kirschel

Lady's Mile 1 18-Jan TRe

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 16 & 28-Jan JS

Limassol Port Canal 1 30-Jan LAC/AWh

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 16-

Jan AP/LS/MC/CC

Oroklini Marsh 1 16-Jan SC with A

Kirschel

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 21 & 29-Jan

CDL/KSa

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 30-Jan JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 8, 11, 14, 22, 23, 24 & 27-

Jan TRe/KD/KSa/CDL

Zakaki Marsh 2 25, 28 & 29-Jan TRe

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακτίτης

Agia Thekla 2 22-Jan JS

Agia Trias, Famagusta 1 8-Jan JS

Kannaviou Dam 1 16-Jan DJW

Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 1 16 & 22-

Jan FGe/JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Jan

AP/LS/MC/CC

Oroklini JUMBO Drainage channel 1 22-

Jan KH

Paphos Headland 1 2, 6, 7, 17, 20, 21 &

29-Jan MGr/JH/DJW/LAC/CDL/IKB

Paphos Headland 2 26 & 27-Jan

MGr/IKB

Potamos Liopetriou 1 16-Jan FGe

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*
Χαλικονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 29th January. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland 1 6, 7, 27 & 29-Jan
KH/DJW/IKB

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*
Γερακοληστόγλαρος
Cape Pyla 1 dark phase close to shore
24-Jan BB

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος
Larnaca Salt Lake 2+ 27-Jan STi
Oroklini Beach 1 first winter 6-Jan STi
Oroklini Marsh 1 9 & 16-Jan KH/JS

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*
Νανόγλαρος
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 immature 18 & 27-
Jan PBe
Meneou Pool 1 Immature 16-Jan
JS/SC/AKIr

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus* Χωραφόγλαρος
Largest counts:
Lady's Mile c800 29-Jan JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 200 near Tekke
mosque 18-Jan PBe
Meneou Pool, Larnaca 260 16-Jan JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*
Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



Slender-billed Gull, Paphos Headland, 29th January. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Kensington Cliffs 3 30-Jan AWh
Lady's Mile 1+ 24-Jan KSA
Lady's Mile 1 26 & 27-Jan TRe/CDL
Lady's Mile 2+ 31-Jan SC
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 5-Jan STi
Larnaca Salt Lake 5 3 ads, 2 imm 18-Jan
PBe
Larnaca Salt Lake 2+ 27-Jan STi
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 31-Jan AWh
Paphos Headland 1 Immature 17, 26, 29
& 30-Jan DJW/MGr/JS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*
Νησόγλαρος
Agia Trias, Famagusta 2 8-Jan JS
Cape Greco 1 Floating offshore 22-Jan
JS
Potamos Liopetriou 1 22-Jan JS

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*
Θυελλόγλαρος
Lady's Mile 1 28-Jan TRe

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus heuglini/intermedius* Μελανόγλαρος
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 27-Jan STi

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*
Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Dheklia 1 20-Jan BB
Oroklini Beach 1 25-Jan LAC

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus heuglini*
Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 28-Jan WAS

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis* Ασημόγλαρος
Agia Trias, Famagusta 1 8-Jan JS
Asprokremnos Dam 24 22-Jan IKB
Baths of Aphrodite Caravan Park 2 27-Jan
KSa
Cape Drepanum c50 25-Jan DJW
Cape Greco 12 8-Jan JS
Coral Bay 2 25-Jan DJW
Kensington Cliffs 2 1-Jan JN
Lady's Mile 2 30-Jan JN
Larnaca Airport Coast 14 Flying offshore
16-Jan JS
Mandria c70 5-Jan DJW
Mandria 2 26-Jan IKB
Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Jan FGe
Paphos Headland 4 17 & 21-Jan
DJW/IKB

Potamos Liopetriou 4 22-Jan JS

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος Κασπίας

Kensington Cliffs 1 23-Jan JN

Lady's Mile 2 19, 23 & 27-Jan CDL/WAS

Lady's Mile 3 30-Jan JN

Larnaca Airport Pools South 6+ 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c150 large flock flew in from Airport Pools where maybe had been roosting? 27-Jan JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 31-Jan AWh

Oroklini Marsh 2 13-Jan PBe

Paphos Headland 1 2-Jan JN

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*

Γλάρος Αρμενίας

Lady's Mile 5 9-Jan JN

Lady's Mile 8+ 16 & 30-Jan LAC/JN

Lady's Mile 15 19-Jan CDL

Lady's Mile 10+ 23 & 27-Jan WAS/CDL

Lady's Mile 6+ 29-Jan JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 4+ 16-Jan JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 6+ 23-Jan LAC

Larnaca Sewage Works 25 27-Jan JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 31-Jan AWh

Oroklini Beach 6 8-Jan JS

Oroklini Beach 4+ 25-Jan LAC

Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Jan LAC

Zakaki Marsh 9 22-Jan LAC

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Χειμωνογλάρονο



Sandwich Tern, Paphos Headland, 17th January. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Trias, Famagusta 1 8-Jan JS

Akrotiri Fish Farm 2 29-Jan KH

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 14 & 23-Jan PBe/JN

Lady's Mile 1 8 & 18-Jan TRe

Oroklini Beach 2 6, 22, 26 & 31-Jan

STI/JS/BB

Oroklini Beach 1 24-Jan LAC

Paphos Headland 1 17-Jan DJW

Spiros Beach 2 Fishing offshore 16-Jan JS

Spiros Beach 1 28-Jan AWh

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο

Kensington Cliffs 9 1-Jan JN

Kensington Cliffs 2 23-Jan JN

Kensington Cliffs 4 28-Jan JN

Madari Trail (Chandria) 5 16-Jan PBe

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Aglantzia University of Cyprus campus

c200 28-Jan FGe

Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c250 31-Jan FGe

Phassouri Reed-bed 156 1-Jan JN

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

Streptopelia decaocto Φιλικουτούνη

Largest counts:

Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 13 31-Jan FGe

Phassouri 11 together 1-Jan JN

Souni 14 together near old goat farm in village 22-Jan JN

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia senegalensis* Φοινικοτρύγωνα



Laughing Dove, Mouttagiaka, 27th January. Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Limassol Port 1 27-Jan CDL

Mandria 2 31-Jan LAC

Mouttagiaka 4 27-Jan KH

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουμί

Armou 4 Heard calling 28-Jan WAS

Empa 1 17-Jan CDL

Kalo Chorio Klirou 2 At least calling at night throughout month around house 31-Jan MC

Nicosia, Paedagogical Academy Park 1
heard only 9-Jan SC
Pissouri 1 heard 22-Jan KSA

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*
Κουκουφικιάς



Little Owl, Avakas Coast, 25th January.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Agios Sozomenos 1 15, 21 & 27-Jan JS
Anarita park 1 26-Jan IKB
Asprokremnos Dam 1 23-Jan KSA
Avagas Coast 1 25-Jan DJW
Kensington Cliffs 1 16 & 19-Jan
WAS/CDL
Kensington Cliffs 2 23-Jan KH
Kidhasi 1 13-Jan JS
Mamonia 2 Together on rocks by roadside
13-Jan JS
Souni 1 5, 7, 11, 20 & 26-Jan JN
Vrysoulles 2 (pair) 21 & 27-Jan AKe

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*
Πετροχειλίδοιο
Athalassa Dam 1 27-Jan JS

WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER *Halcyon
smyrnenensis* Συμρναλκυόνα
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 13 & 27-Jan
KH/CDL

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*
Αλκυόνη
Agias Trias 1 25-Jan LAC
Asprokremnos Dam 1 22-Jan IKB
Fresh Water Lake (South) 3 16-Jan
AP/LS/MC/CC
Germasogeia Dam 1 16-Jan ADT
Kermia Beach 1 25-Jan LAC
Lady's Mile 1 18 & 26-Jan TR
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 1 16-Jan
FGe
Paphos Headland 1 7, 15, 17, 21 & 30-Jan
DJW/WAS/IKB/JS
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1 28-
Jan FGe

Polis Reedbeds 1 17, 22 & 24-Jan BCRS
Potamos Liopetriou 1 8, 16 & 22-Jan
JS/FGe
Zakaki Marsh 3 8-Jan TR
Zakaki Marsh 2 11 & 19-Jan TR
Zakaki Marsh 1 14, 22 & 30-Jan
TR/LAC/JN

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος



Pied Kingfisher, Lady's Mile, 29th January.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Lady's Mile 1 28 & 29-Jan TR
Zakaki Marsh 1 8, 19, 22, 23, 25 & 31-Jan
TR/LAC/WAS/KH

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*
Πουπουίσιος
Strakka (Nicosia) 1 19-Jan MAP

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*
Σκορταλλός
Largest counts:
Agios Minas, Neo Chorio 8 27-Jan KSA
Cape Greco 20 22-Jan JS
Kermia Beach 10+ 22-Jan JS
Larnaca Sewage Works surroundings c30
16-Jan SC with A Kirschel

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*
Πευκοτρασιήλα
Largest counts:
Agia Marinas, Famagusta 20+ 24-Jan
LAC
Bishop's Pool 18 19-Jan CDL
Curium 10 30-Jan AWWh
Kermia Beach 16 9-Jan KH
Lower Ezousas 12 By water tanks 13-Jan
CDL
Phassouri Reed Beds 14 10-Jan KH
Souni 16 25-Jan JN

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*
Τρασιήλα
Largest counts:
Larnaca Airport Coast c30 16-Jan JS

Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa c120 8-Jan JS
Mandria c50 5 & 7-Jan DJW
Paralimni Lake 30 24-Jan AKE

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελιθόνο

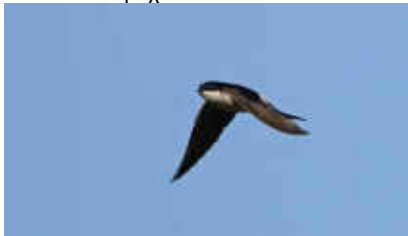


Eurasian Crag Martin, Germasogeia Dam, 25th January. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Akrounta 11 2-Jan KH
Cha Potami Valley c25 1-Jan DJW
Cha Potami Valley c20 23-Jan DJW
Germasogeia Dam 7 2-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam 12 4-Jan TRe
Germasogeia Dam 6 19-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam 13 25-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam c10 29-Jan KH
Kouklia to Petra tou Romiou 42+ 28-Jan LAC
Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 46 flying very low 21-Jan WAS
Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 65 24-Jan CDL

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι
Athalassa Dam 5 27-Jan JS
Germasogeia Dam 1 very red 2-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam 1 19, 25 & 29-Jan KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 27-Jan JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 29-Jan AWh
Oroklini Marsh 1 31-Jan KSA

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum* Ασπροχελιθόνο



Common House Martin, Germasogeia Dam, 19th January. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Athalassa Dam 2 27-Jan JS
Germasogeia Dam 1 19-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam 2 25-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam 3 29-Jan KH

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*
Ωχρογαλούδι
Elysium Hotel, Paphos 1 on grassy area 25-Jan WAS

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*
Λιβαδογαλούδι
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam c100+ 16-Jan SC with A Kirschel
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 48 29-Jan JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 40+ 31-Jan KSA
Paphos Headland c150 20-Jan CDL

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*
Κοτσινογαλούδι



Red-throated Pipit, Larnaca Salt Lake, 3rd January. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Mandria 2 5-Jan DJW
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 10 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Paphos Headland 1 2 & 30-Jan JN/JS
Paphos Headland 2 17-Jan DJW
Paphos Headland 3 single group of 1st winter birds 26-Jan MGR

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*
Νερογαλούδι
Akrounta 1 2-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam 2 1-Jan MPH
Germasogeia Dam 1 2, 16 & 30-Jan KH/ADT/JS
Germasogeia Dam 3 9-Jan JS
Lady's Mile 1 26-Jan TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 16-Jan JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 28-Jan CDL
Mandria 5 6-Jan SMM
Mandria 3 15-Jan CDL
Oroklini Marsh 2 16-Jan CP/PPA
Oroklini Marsh 1 28-Jan CDL

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 19-Jan CDL
Zakaki Marsh 1 8, 16, 28 & 30-Jan
TRe/WAS/JN
Zakaki Marsh 7 9-Jan JN
Zakaki Marsh 2 29-Jan JS

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης
Akrounta 2 2-Jan KH
Arminou Dam 1 12 & 14-Jan DJW/CDL
Asprokremos Dam 1 23 & 26-Jan
DJW/IKB
Athalassa Dam 2 6 & 18-Jan STI/JS
Athalassa Dam 3 27-Jan JS
Avagas Gorge 1 25-Jan DJW
Bishop's Pool 1 30-Jan JN
Diarizos Valley 1 13-Jan JS
Episkopi, Paphos 1 19 & 20-Jan
WAS/LAC
Germasogeia Dam 1 1, 4, 14 & 16-Jan
MPh/TRe/PBe/ADT
Germasogeia Dam 2 2, 9 & 30-Jan
TRe/JS
Kelephos Bridge 1 12-Jan DJW
Kouklia to Petra tou Romiou 1 28-Jan
LAC
Nicosia, Egkomi 1 all-Jan SC
Paphos Headland 1 27-Jan LAC
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 21-Jan WAS
Polis Reedbeds 1 19 & 22-Jan BCRS
Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 1 21 &
24-Jan WAS/CDL
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Jan TRe
Zakaki Marsh 3 11-Jan TRe

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης
Largest counts:
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 36 6-Jan FGe
Oroklini Marsh c1000 Coming into roost at
dusk. Reed beds full of them. 8-Jan
JS
Paralimni Lake 400 30-Jan AKe

WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάρυδο
Kelephos Bridge 1 12-Jan DJW

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

Θαμνοψάλτης
Anarita Park 1 16-Jan CDL

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

Κοσινολαίμης
Largest counts and ringing records:
Cape Greco 12 22-Jan JS

Curium 13 1-Jan JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 10 3 seen 30-Jan
JN
Polis Reedbeds 2 17 & 24-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 6 19-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 1 26-Jan BCRS
Souni 53 12-Jan JN

BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica*

Γαλαζολαίμης
Agios Sozomenos 1 Singing briefly twice
on top of bush near church 15 & 21-Jan
JS/PBe
Akrounta 1 juv 2-Jan KH
Germasogeia Dam 1 1, 4, 9, 14, 16, 15 &
30-Jan MPh/TRe/JS/PBe/ADT/KH
Germasogeia Dam 2 2-Jan TRe
Lower Xeros 2 Access road to
desalination Plant 26-Jan CDL
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 20-Jan CDL
Polis Reedbeds 2 17-Jan BCRS
Zakaki Marsh 1 9, 14, 23, 28 & 30-Jan
JN/PBe/KH/TRe/AWh

WESTERN BLACK REDSTART

Phoenicurus ochrurus Καρβουνιάρης



Western Black Redstart, Avakas Gorge, 25th January. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 6 15-Jan PBe
Asprokremnos Dam 6 30-Jan JS
Cape Greco 6+ 9-Jan KH
Paphos Headland 11 20-Jan CDL
Pissouri Bay 10 30-Jan KSA
Souni 9 22-Jan JN

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*

Παπαθικά



Common Stonechat, Paphos Headland, 27th January. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts and ringing record:

Agios Sozomenos 30+ 15-Jan JS

Asprokremnos Dam 20+ 30-Jan JS

Cape Greco 22 22-Jan JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 20+ 31-Jan KSA

Paphos Headland 21 20-Jan CDL

Polis Reedbeds 3 17-Jan BCRS

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*

Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Kalopangiotis, 5th January. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.

Kalopanagiotis 1 Adult male 5 & 9-Jan

FGe

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii*

Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα



Finch's Wheatear female, Cape Greco, 30th January. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Agia Varvara 1 male 13-Jan CDL

Agios Sozomenos 3 2m and 1 light-throated female (in different location to female seen on other visits in 2015 15-Jan JS/PBe

Agios Sozomenos 1 male 19-Jan STi

Agios Sozomenos 3 2m and 1 dark throated female. (One male near Vathi Gonia) 21-Jan JS

Agios Sozomenos 1 Dark-throated female 27-Jan JS

Anarita Park 1 male 13, 15 & 20-Jan CDL/LAC

Anarita Park 2 19 & 26-Jan WAS/CDL

Arodhes 2 male 9-Jan DJW

Cape Greco 3 2f and 1m 9-Jan KH

Cape Greco 2 1m and 1f 30-Jan KH

Finikas, Asprokremnos Dam 1 male 24-Jan CDL

Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 3 male 12-Jan DJW

Kidhasi, Paphos 2 Both males 13-Jan JS

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 16 & 25-Jan DJW

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκόσσυφος

Agios Sozomenos 1 21-Jan JS

Anarita Park 1 20-Jan LAC

Cape Greco 2+ 7-Jan STi

Cape Greco 1 Male 8 & 9-Jan JS/KH

Cape Greco 2 Males 22 & 30-Jan JS/KH

Kamares (Tala) 1 male 26 & 30-Jan DJW

Kensington Cliffs 1 3, 13, 16, 19 & 23-Jan KH/WAS/CDL

Kouklia to Petra tou Romiou 1 28-Jan LAC

Kourris Cliffs Kantou 1 16-Jan ADT

Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 1 male 21-Jan WAS

White River, Paphos 1 male 27-Jan DJW

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζίκλα)

Largest counts and ringing records:

Avagas Gorge 5 25-Jan DJW

Bishop's Pool 5 21-Jan KH

Kalopanagiotis 5 9-Jan FGE

Polis Reedbeds 1 19-Jan BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 2 24-Jan BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 3 29-Jan BCRS

Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 6 21-Jan WAS

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris* Τρυονότζηκλα

Troodos Visitor Centre 1 Flew and

perched on top of pine. Photographed 17-Jan JS

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

Τζίηκλα

Largest counts and ringing records:

Bishop's Pool 20+ 21-Jan KH

Cape Greco 15+ 30-Jan KH

Frenaros 30 24-Jan AKE

Polis Reedbeds 6 19-Jan BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 3 24-Jan BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 2 29-Jan BCRS

Secret Valley Golf Course reservoir 12 21-Jan WAS

Souni 23 12-Jan JN

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνη

Largest counts and ringing records:

Agios Sozomenos 6+ Heard 21-Jan JS

Germasogeia Dam 6+ 30-Jan JS

Phassouri Reed-beds 12 23 & 30-Jan JN

Polis Reedbeds 2 17 & 22-Jan BCRS

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts and ringing record:

Asprokremnos Dam 5 30-Jan JS

Germasogeia Dam 5 All singing 30-Jan JS

Phassouri Reed-beds 9 23-Jan JN

Polis Reedbeds 1 22-Jan BCRS

MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

melanorogon Μουστακομουγιανούδι

Germasogeia Dam 2 30-Jan JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 16-Jan CP/PPa

Partenitis Dam 2 heard only 16-Jan SC with A Kirschel

Phassouri Reed Beds 4 10-Jan KH

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 12-Jan KH

Polis Reedbeds 1 17, 19 & 24-Jan BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 3 22-Jan BCRS

Zakaki Marsh 1 13, 23 & 28-Jan

KH/WAS/KSa/MGr

Zakaki Marsh 2 30-Jan JN

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia*

conspicillata Κοτσινοφτέρι



Spectacled Warbler, Cape Greco, 20th January. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 4 Singing males 15-Jan JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 29-Jan JS

Cape Greco 9+ 25-Jan LAC

Curium 4 30-Jan AWh

Larnaca Sewage Works surroundings 3+ 16-Jan SC with A Kirschel

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia*

melanocephala Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts and ringing records:

Agios Sozomenos 6 15-Jan PBE

Cape Greco 7 22-Jan JS

Curium 13 1-Jan JN

Kalopanagiotis 6 9-Jan FGE

Pissouri Bay 15 30-Jan KSa

Polis Reedbeds 1 19-Jan BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 2 22-Jan BCRS

Souni 15 22-Jan JN

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης



Tail-less Cyprus Warbler, Zakaki Marsh, 14th January. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Cape Greco 4+ Three males seen and at least one other heard 22-Jan JS
Kofinou Abattoir recycled water ponds 6
30-Jan FGe
Souni 12 12 & 22-Jan JN

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Αμπελοπούλι

Largest counts and ringing records:

Evretou Dam 6 3 male, 3 fem 16-Jan
DJW
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 5 28-
Jan FGe
Polis Reedbeds 10 17-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 47 19-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 4 22-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 13 24-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 5 26-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 11 29-Jan BCRS
Souni 5 13 & 15-Jan JN

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus*

collybita Μουγιαννούδι

Largest counts and ringing records:

Athalassa Dam 30+ 18 & 27-Jan JS
Germasogeia Dam c30 Especially in the
reeds 9 & 30-Jan JS
Mandria c20 26-Jan IKB
Polis Reedbeds 29 17-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 49 19-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 21 22-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 14 24-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 8 26-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 16 29-Jan BCRS

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπτετσος

Argaka Dam 8 16-Jan DJW
Arminou Dam 6 12-Jan DJW
Artemis Trail, Troodos 20+ 16-Jan PBe
Germasogeia Dam 2 2-Jan KH
Kalo Chorio 2 Present throughout month
around house 31-Jan MC
Kannaviou Dam 1 16-Jan DJW
Kelephos Bridge 2 12-Jan DJW
Livadi tou Pashia 10 16-Jan PBe
Madari Trail (Chandria) 18 16-Jan PBe
Troodos Visitor Centre 22+ Two seen and
20 heard 17-Jan JS

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts and ringing record:
Asprokremnos Dam 8 30-Jan JS
Kalo Chorio Klirou 5 Going into nest
boxes. Present around house throughout
month 31-Jan MC

Phassouri Reed-beds 7 30-Jan JN

Polis Reedbeds 1 22-Jan BCRS

Souni 29 22-Jan JN

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria*

Τοιχοδρόμος



Wallcreeper, Avakas Gorge, 25th January.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Avagas Gorge 1 25-Jan DJW
Avagas Gorge 2 27-Jan DJW
Kensington Cliffs 1 13-Jan KH

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia*

brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης

Almirolivado, Troodos 3 16-Jan PBe
Livadi tou Pashia 2 16-Jan PBe

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz*

pendulinus Υφάντρα

Limassol Port Canal 1 30-Jan AWWh
Phasouri Reed Beds 2 10 & 19-Jan
KH/CDL
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 12-Jan KH
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 24 & 27-Jan
KSa/CDL
Polis Reedbeds 9 17-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 2 22-Jan BCRS
Zakaki Marsh 3 13-Jan KH
Zakaki Marsh 1+ Several 23-Jan WAS
Zakaki Marsh 2 29 & 31-Jan JS/KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 30-Jan LAC/JN

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Almirolivado, Troodos 1 16-Jan PBe
Arminou Dam 2 12-Jan DJW
Livadi tou Pashia 2 16-Jan PBe
Troodos Visitor Centre 1 17-Jan JS

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατακορώνω

Largest counts:

Arodhes 16 9-Jan DJW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 26 25-Jan DJW

Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 26 10-Jan FGe
Souni 13 15-Jan JN

WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 150+ Several paired off and in and out of nest holes 15-Jan JS
Cape Drepanum c130 25-Jan DJW
Diarizos Valley c120 13-Jan JS
Evretou Dam c200 16-Jan DJW
Paphos Sewage Works 100+ 14-Jan SMM

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοπάζινο

Largest counts:

Athalassa Park 34 26-Jan FGe
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c90 31-Jan FGe
Paphos Sewage Plant c70 5-Jan DJW
Souni 69 includes a flock of c60 25-Jan JN
Zakaki Marsh 36 includes 31 together 30-Jan JN

NORTHERN RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκαρος

Athalassa Park 1 flew over. Photographed 25-Jan SH per FGe
Lythrodontas 2 East of village, flying south. Heard first then 2 seen. One making dive-bombing flight 5-Jan CS

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Largest counts:

Frenaros 100 12, 21 & 27-Jan AKe
Paralimni Lake 2000 16-Jan AKe
Sotira 400 28-Jan AKe

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Anthoupolis, Nicosia c150 6-Jan FGe
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c100 31-Jan FGe
Phassouri Reed-beds 89 23-Jan JN

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer*

hispaniolensis Αρκόστρουθος

Agios Sozomenos 3 15-Jan JS
Agios Sozomenos 1+ 21-Jan JS
Argaka 1 male 27-Jan KSa
Asprokremmos Dam 5 22-Jan IKB
Asprokremmos Dam 10+ 30-Jan JS

Cape Greco 100+ 8-Jan JS
Cape Greco c200 22-Jan JS
Coral Bay c20 25-Jan DJW
Germasogeia Dam c8 9-Jan JS
Kermia Beach c100 22-Jan JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 16-Jan JS
Manglis dam 4 18-Jan JS
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c30 31-Jan FGe
Oroklini Marsh 100 16-Jan CP/PPa
Paphos Headland 12 both sexes 26-Jan MGr
Phasouri 1 23-Jan JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 6 23-Jan JN
Tsada 50+ 2-Jan SI
Zakaki Marsh 3 9-Jan JN

ROCK SPARROW *Petronia petronia*

Πετρόστρουθος

Cape Greco 1 30-Jan KH (Rare bird report requested)

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίνο

Largest counts and ringing records:

Evretou Dam c140 16-Jan DJW
Kofinou Abattoir recycled water ponds c40 30-Jan FGe
Phassouri Reed-beds 75 30-Jan JN
Polis Reedbeds 2 19-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 3 24 & 29-Jan BCRS
Polis Reedbeds 1 26-Jan BCRS
Souni 75 11 & 25-Jan JN

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

Largest counts and ringing record:

Arothes c60 2 flocks of c40 and 20 9-Jan DJW
Kofinou Abattoir recycled water ponds c45 30-Jan FGe
Polis Reedbeds 1 19-Jan BCRS
Soleas Dam c50 10-Jan FGe
Souni 146 25-Jan JN

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris* Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος



European Greenfinch, Tala, 11th January.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Arodhes 10 11-Jan DJW
Cape Greco 20+ 8-Jan JS
Mandria c15 7-Jan DJW
Paphos Headland 12 both sexes 26-Jan
MGr
Souni 46 9-Jan JN
Spyros Coast area c10 16-Jan SC with A
Kirschel

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis* Σγαρίλι



European Goldfinch, Larnaca Salt Lake, 3rd January.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Largest counts and ringing record:

Asprokremos Dam Carpark c60 23-Jan
DJW
Germasogeia Dam 200 14-Jan PBe
Larnaca Salt Lake c50 16-Jan JS
Polis Reedbeds 1 19-Jan BCRS
Souni 115 22-Jan JN

EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*
Θκιολαρούδι



Eurasian Siskin, Tala, 11th January.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Arminou Dam 2 heard 14-Jan CDL
Bishop's Pool 1 19-Jan CDL
Bishop's Pool c10 21-Jan KH
Bishop's Pool 5+ 29-Jan KH
Bishop's Pool 2 30-Jan JN/LAC
Diarizos Valley, Paphos 1+ 13-Jan JS
Empa 1 21-Jan CDL
Episkopi, Paphos 15 in alders 19-Jan
WAS
Episkopi, Paphos 8+ 20-Jan LAC
Evretou Dam c20 16-Jan DJW
Kamares (Tala) 8 10 & 11-Jan DJW
Kamares (Tala) 12 13-Jan DJW
Kamares (Tala) 6 probably more 15-Jan
DJW
Orkontas 12 9 & 10-Jan FGe

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο

Largest counts:

Achelia 30 29-Jan KSa
Avagas Coast c20 25-Jan DJW
Mandria c20 7-Jan DJW
Zakaki Marsh 25 24-Jan KSa

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττης

Almirolivado, Troodos 9 16-Jan PBe
Artemis Trail, Troodos 5 16-Jan PBe
Livadi tou Pashia 4 16-Jan PBe
Troodos Visitor Centre 1+ Heard flying
over area 17-Jan JS

TRUMPETER FINCH *Bucanetes githagineus* Ερημόσπινος



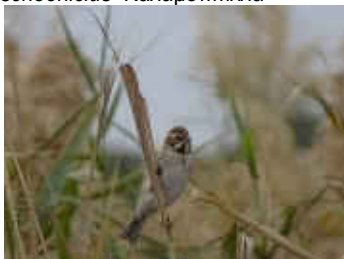
Trumpeter Finch, Cape Greco, 30th January. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Cape Greco 3 30-Jan KH (Rare bird report requested)

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* Τζιεφαλόσπινος
Polis Reedbeds 1 24-Jan BCRS

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*
Χρυσοπιτίλλα
Asgata, Limassol 1 Photographed 15-Jan YM

COMMON REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus* Καλαμοπιτίλλα



Common Reed Bunting, Zakaki Marsh, 22nd January. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 28-Jan CDL
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 6 16-Jan AP/LS/MC/CC
Oroklini Marsh 2 8-Jan JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 28 & 31-Jan CDL/KSa
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 12 & 16-Jan KH/WAS
Phassouri Reed-beds 3 30-Jan JN
Zakaki Marsh 2 5, 13, 14 & 23-Jan MGr/KH/ PBe/WAS
Zakaki Marsh 3 9, 25, 28 & 29-Jan JN/TRe
Zakaki Marsh 1 19 & 20-Jan CDL/KH
Zakaki Marsh 6 22-Jan TRe

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος
Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos c15 21-Jan JS
Asprokremnos Dam 13 Three singing 30-Jan JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 12 near Tekke mosque 18-Jan PBe
Mavrokolymbos Dam c20 16-Jan DJW
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 23 10-Jan FGe
Souni 12 21-Jan JN

Escapees:
Ring-necked Parakeet Oroklini Marsh 2 31-Jan KSa

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

Martin Hellicar

January 2016 – Mid-Winter count

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

For January, some 20 recorders covered 36 wetlands (and two coastal sites) across the island as BirdLife Cyprus took part in the 50th International Waterbirds Census (IWC) mid-winter count, which has been organised by Wetlands International since 1967. Some 25,453 birds, of 56 different species were recorded over the weekend of January 16th/17th.

By far the most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo, with just under 15,000 individuals counted (over 12,000 at Larnaca Salt Lake). Three duck species (Teal, Mallard and Shoveler) were recorded in numbers exceeding 1,000, while unusual sightings included White-headed Duck at Oroklini and Tufted Duck at Athalassa Dam. The wetlands holding the most birds were the two salt lakes, and Kouklia Dam, while the most species-rich sites were Larnaca Salt Lake, Oroklini Marsh and Athalassa Dam.

The IWC mid-winter count can be seen as the pinnacle of our year-round monitoring programme covering all the main waterbird sites in Cyprus, which has been running since 2005, though BirdLife Cyprus has been participating in the IWC for much longer than that.

Site coverage for the January 2016 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Paphos Lighthouse	Dave & Jan Walker	17th January 2016	coastal site
Phassouri Reed Bed	Martin Hellicar, Keith & Raija Howard	16th January 2016	10%
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Martin Hellicar, Keith & Raija Howard	16th January 2016	90%
Bishop's Pool	John & Ann Stapley	16th January 2016	75%
Zakaki Pond	Keith & Raija Howard, Martin Hellicar	16th January 2016	25%
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou & Patrick Callaby	16th January 2016	90%
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou & Patrick Callaby	16th January 2016	40%
Oroklini Marsh	Clairie Papazoglou & Panicos Panayides	16th January 2016	
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	16th January 2016	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	Philippos Georgiades	16th January 2016	coastal site
Paralimni Lake	Philippos Georgiades	16th January 2016	80%
Mia Milia Sewage Works	Melis & Christakis Charalambides, Lefkios Sergides & Athina Papatheodoulou	16th January 2016	
Ayios Loukas Lake South	Melis & Christakis Charalambides, Lefkios Sergides & Athina Papatheodoulou	16th January 2016	
Klapsides marsh	Melis & Christakis Charalambides, Lefkios Sergides & Athina Papatheodoulou	16th January 2016	
Klapsides Pool	Melis & Christakis Charalambides, Lefkios Sergides & Athina Papatheodoulou	16th January 2016	
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	16th January 2016	57%
Pafos Sewage Farm	Pete Evans	16th January 2016	
Athalassa Dam	Martin Hellicar, Peter Beckenham, Keith & Raija Howard	17th January 2016	50%
Kiti dam	Jane Stylianou	16th January 2016	3%
Kanli Dam	Martin Hellicar, Peter Beckenham, Keith & Raija Howard	17th January 2016	50%
Kioneli Dam	Martin Hellicar, Peter Beckenham, Keith & Raija Howard	17th January 2016	90%
Kouklia Dam	Melis & Christakis Charalambides, Lefkios Sergides & Athina Papatheodoulou	16th January 2016	
Galatia marsh	Melis & Christakis Charalambides, Lefkios Sergides & Athina Papatheodoulou	16th January 2016	Dry
Polemida Dam	Alan Turtle	16th January 2016	32%
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	16th January 2016	47%
Argaka Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	16th January 2016	26%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	16th January 2016	47%
Lower Ezousas soakaways	Pete Evans	16th January 2016	Dry
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal	Pete Evans	16th January 2016	
Ezousas motorway soakaways	Pete Evans	16th January 2016	Dry
Agia Varvara soakaways	Pete Evans	16th January 2016	Dry
Kouklia soakaways	Pete Evans	16th January 2016	Dense reeds
Kourris Dam	Alan Turtle	16th January 2016	18%
Germasogeia Dam	Alan Turtle	16th January 2016	41%
Tamassos Dam	Mark Hellicar	17th January 2016	50%
Manglis Dam	Jane Stylianou	18th January 2016	
Acheleia Dam	Pete Evans	20th January 2016	
Arminou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	12th January 2015	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JANUARY 2016	Little Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Cormorant	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Greater Flamingo
Paphos Lighthouse			2						
Phassouri Reed Bed					2				
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	2							130	2500
Bishop's Pool	46								
Zakaki Pond	1							1	
Larnaka Salt Lake	8		1					1	12282
Larnaka Sewage Works	38	25							
Oroklini Marsh	33				107				16
Achna Dam			4					2	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast						1			
Paralimni Lake	20					1	1		
Mia Milia Sewage Works	40								
Ayios Loukas Lake South	10		4			1			
Klapsides marsh					4				
Klapsides Pool									
Evretou Dam			8						
Pafos Sewage Farm						9			
Athalassa Dam	42		44	9	16	1	3	3	
Kiti dam									
Kanli Dam	2		90					3	
Kioneli Dam	12								
Kouklia Dam	50					2		1	127
Galatia marsh									
Polemida Dam	63		25					2	
Mavrokolymbos Dam	3		10					1	
Argaka Dam									
Kannaviou Dam			5				2	2	
Lower Ezousas soakaways									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal	4		12			2		1	
Ezousas motorway soakaways									
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways									
Kourris Dam			3						
Germasogeia Dam	3		50			1		28	
Tamassos Dam	24							1	
Manglis Dam	5								
Acheleia Dam	1					1		1	
Arminou Dam	1		3					1	
TOTAL	408	25	261	9	129	19	6	178	14925

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JANUARY 2016	White-fronted Goose	Common Shelduck	Wigeon	Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Pintail	Shoveler	Pochard
Paphos Lighthouse									
Phassouri Reed Bed									
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile		40	8					31	
Bishop's Pool				114					1
Zakaki Pond									
Larnaka Salt Lake		541		269				468	
Larnaka Sewage Works	7		8	1327	483	3		673	
Oroklini Marsh				254	47		14	129	3
Achna Dam									
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast									
Paralimni Lake					5				
Mia Milia Sewage Works			5	60	210			70	50
Ayios Loukas Lake South				27					
Klapsides marsh									
Klapsides Pool				100	32			100	
Evretou Dam					19				
Pafos Sewage Farm									
Athalassa Dam				44	23			220	
Kiti dam									
Kanli Dam				12	88				12
Kioneli Dam				1	7				
Kouklia Dam				700	50		6	100	
Galatia marsh									
Polemida Dam									
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Argaka Dam									
Kannaviou Dam				4	20				
Lower Ezousas soakaways									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal					4				
Ezousas motorway soakaways									
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways									
Kourris Dam				12	9				
Germasogeia Dam				1	43				
Tamassos Dam									
Manglis Dam									
Acheleia Dam					1				
Arminou Dam									
TOTAL	7	581	21	2925	1041	3	20	1791	66

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JANUARY 2016	Ferruginous Duck	Tufted Duck	White-headed Duck	Marsh Harrier	Hen Harrier	Water Rail	Moorhen	Coot	Black-winged Stilt
Paphos Lighthouse									
Phassouri Reed Bed									
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile				3					
Bishop's Pool	4			1			2	41	
Zakaki Pond				2		1	6	2	
Larnaka Salt Lake				3	1				
Larnaka Sewage Works	1							57	
Oroklini Marsh			3	1		1	3	92	
Achna Dam				1				80	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast									
Paralimni Lake				2		1	17	16	
Mia Milia Sewage Works	17			3			53	150	
Ayios Loukas Lake South				1			15	4	
Klapsides marsh									
Klapsides Pool								40	6
Evretou Dam								51	
Pafos Sewage Farm									4
Athalassa Dam	14	3					20	32	
Kiti dam									
Kanli Dam				1				40	
Kioneli Dam							3	35	
Kouklia Dam				2			10	40	
Galatia marsh									
Polemida Dam							2	47	
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Argaka Dam									
Kannaviou Dam								14	
Lower Ezousas soakaways									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal									
Ezousas motorway soakaways									
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways									
Kourris Dam									
Germasogeia Dam							1	27	
Tamassos Dam								11	
Manglis Dam									
Acheleia Dam								1	
Arminou Dam								1	
TOTAL	36	3	3	20	1	3	132	781	10

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JANUARY 2016	Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Golden Plover	Grey Plover	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Ringed Plover
Paphos Lighthouse			81			4		
Phassouri Reed Bed								
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile			11		5			
Bishop's Pool								
Zakaki Pond								
Larnaka Salt Lake			26	163			5	7
Larnaka Sewage Works								
Oroklini Marsh	36							
Achna Dam								
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast					9	2		
Paralimni Lake					34			
Mia Milia Sewage Works		6						
Ayios Loukas Lake South		8			1			
Klapsides marsh	8		200					
Klapsides Pool		6						
Evretou Dam								
Pafos Sewage Farm		13						
Athalassa Dam								
Kiti dam								
Kanli Dam		6						
Kioneli Dam								
Kouklia Dam	150							
Galatia marsh								
Polemida Dam								
Mavrokolymbos Dam								
Argaka Dam								
Kannaviou Dam								
Lower Ezousas soakaways								
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal								
Ezousas motorway soakaways								
Agia Varvara soakaways								
Kouklia soakaways								
Kourris Dam								
Germasogeia Dam								
Tamassos Dam								
Manglis Dam								
Acheleia Dam								
Arminou Dam								
TOTAL	194	39	318	163	49	6	5	7

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JANUARY 2016	Little Stint	Temminck's Stint	Dunlin	Snipe	Curlew	Spotted Redshank	Redshank	Green Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper
Paphos Lighthouse			3						1
Phassouri Reed Bed									
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	14		12						
Bishop's Pool									
Zakaki Pond									
Larnaka Salt Lake	58	1	223	7	1		44	1	
Larnaka Sewage Works									
Oroklini Marsh				3		1			
Achna Dam									
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	3		3						2
Paralimni Lake	2					1			
Mia Milia Sewage Works								2	1
Ayios Loukas Lake South							1		
Klapsides marsh			20				1		
Klapsides Pool							2		
Evretou Dam									
Pafos Sewage Farm									
Athalassa Dam				2					
Kiti dam									
Kanli Dam						1	2		
Kioneli Dam				1					
Kouklia Dam									
Galatia marsh									
Polemida Dam				3					
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Argaka Dam									
Kannaviou Dam									1
Lower Ezousas soakaways									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal									
Ezousas motorway soakaways									
Agia Varvara soakaways								2	
Kouklia soakaways									
Kourris Dam									
Germasogeia Dam				2					
Tamassos Dam									
Manglis Dam									
Acheleia Dam									
Arminou Dam									
	77	1	261	18	1	3	50	5	5

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JANUARY 2016	Mediterranean Gull	Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Caspian Gull	Armenian Gull	Sandwich Tern
Paphos Lighthouse			1	4			1
Phassouri Reed Bed							
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile		350				16	
Bishop's Pool							
Zakaki Pond							
Larnaka Salt Lake	1	394		6	6	4	2
Larnaka Sewage Works							
Oroklini Marsh		22					
Achna Dam							
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast							
Paralimni Lake							
Mia Milia Sewage Works							
Ayios Loukas Lake South		11					
Klapsides marsh							
Klapsides Pool						3	
Evretou Dam							
Pafos Sewage Farm							
Athalassa Dam							
Kiti dam							
Kanli Dam							
Kioneli Dam							
Kouklia Dam							
Galatia marsh							
Polemida Dam							
Mavrokolymbos Dam							
Argaka Dam							
Kannaviou Dam							
Lower Ezousas soakaways							
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal					6		
Ezousas motorway soakaways							
Agia Varvara soakaways							
Kouklia soakaways							
Kourris Dam							
Germasogeia Dam							
Tamassos Dam							
Manglis Dam							
Acheleia Dam							
Arminou Dam							
	1	777	1	10	12	23	3

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JANUARY 2016	Kingfisher	Grey Wagtail	Water pipit	Bluethroat	Reed Bunting	TOTAL	species count
Paphos Lighthouse	1					98	9
Phassouri Reed Bed						2	1
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile						3122	13
Bishop's Pool						209	7
Zakaki Pond	1				1	15	8
Larnaka Salt Lake						14523	26
Larnaka Sewage Works						2622	10
Oroklini Marsh						765	17
Achna Dam						87	4
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	2					22	7
Paralimni Lake						100	11
Mia Milia Sewage Works					6	673	14
Ayios Loukas Lake South	3					86	12
Klapsides marsh						233	5
Klapsides Pool						289	8
Evretou Dam						78	3
Pafos Sewage Farm						26	3
Athalassa Dam		1				477	16
Kiti dam						0	0
Kanli Dam						257	11
Kioneli Dam						59	6
Kouklia Dam						1238	12
Galatia marsh						0	0
Polemida Dam						142	6
Mavrokolymbos Dam						14	3
Argaka Dam						0	0
Kannaviou Dam						48	7
Lower Ezousas soakaways						0	0
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal						29	6
Ezousas motorway soakaways						0	0
Agia Varvara soakaways						2	1
Kouklia soakaways						0	0
Kourris Dam						24	3
Germasogeia Dam	1	1	1	1		160	13
Tamassos Dam						36	3
Manglis Dam						5	1
Acheleia Dam						5	5
Arminou Dam		1				7	5
	8	3	1	1	7	25453	56



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