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

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

*The Monthly Checklist and Society News is compiled by John Stapley and Dave Walker.*

*Any suggestions concerning subjects for future inclusion gratefully received, as are photographs of any recent sightings. Photographs of recent sightings for inclusion in the Systematic List should be sent to Jane Stylianou by 18<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please send to [janestyacy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janestyacy@yahoo.co.uk)*

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Cover photograph: *The eighth White-crowned Wheatear for Cyprus was found at Cape Greco on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and remained for several days feeding on rocks and posing for photographs. It was a first winter bird. The last record of this species in Cyprus was in 2008.*

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## **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.*

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> May: Kannaviou Dam & Paphos Forest**

Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds.

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

Leaders Dave and Jan Walker, Tel: Mobile: 99915907

#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Akrotiri Peninsula.**

Late spring migrants and water birds.

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

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

## **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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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### **CHANGES TO COMPILATION OF 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 John Stapley [johnstapley8@gmail.com](mailto:johnstapley8@gmail.com) 26652223 or 99554561 or Dave Walker 99 915907 [davidwalker@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:davidwalker@cytanet.com.cy)

If you are sending photographs for inclusion in the Systematic List please send them by 18<sup>th</sup> of the month to Jane Stylianou – photographs taken in March should be sent by 18<sup>th</sup> April. 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 [janestyacy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janestyacy@yahoo.co.uk). Telephone: 99558953

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### **BIRDTRACK UPDATE: CYPRUS PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE**

Since February 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 now use the following link [bc.birdtrack.net](http://bc.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 [janestyacy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janestyacy@yahoo.co.uk) mobile: 99558953

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:janestycy@yahoo.co.uk)

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## **FIELD MEETING REPORT – LARNACA AND OROKLINI MARSH, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

*Stavros Christodoulides*

A group of 8 members and friends met at the usual time of 9.30 am at the Larnaca Sewage Works hide for our customary end of February Field Trip to Larnaca Sewage Works and the surrounding area. The plan was to spend as long as necessary in Larnaca and time permitting move over to Oroklini Marsh where some interesting birds had recently been seen.

At Larnaca Sewage Works there was the usual good selection of water birds, including several species of waterfowl; hundreds of **Mallard**, **Eurasian Teal** and **Northern Shoveler** and smaller numbers of **Eurasian Wigeon**, **Common Pochard** and **Gadwall**. A group of a dozen or so **Ferruginous Duck** was unusual as was a female **Red-crested Pochard**. Other birds included many **Little Grebe**, a few **Black-necked Grebe** one or two in breeding plumage, **Black-headed**, **Yellow-legged**, **Caspian** and **Armenian Gulls**, **Green Sandpiper**, **Common Redshank** and **Spur-winged Lapwing**. A couple of **Western Marsh Harrier** patrolled the pools causing many of the waterbirds to take flight while the flock of **Eurasian Coot** swam in a tight group, a classic defence against these marauding predators.

After an hour or so at the Sewage Works we moved on to Spiros Pool. Here we hoped to see the flock of Lesser Short-toed Lark that had been seen on and off in the past couple of months. Unfortunately, despite some search there was no sign of them but instead saw plenty of **Crested Lark**, **Eurasian Skylark**, **Meadow Pipit** and **White Wagtail**. A couple of **Zitting Cisticola** displayed overhead giving their very characteristic "zit zit zit" call while a male **Spectacled Warbler** briefly posed on top of a salicornia bush giving brilliant views of this often hard to see well species. On the pool itself was a sizeable flock of 100+ **Greater Flamingo** as well as several Teal. A scan of the Spiros Beach Buoys revealed a couple of **European Shag** as well as one or two gulls which were too far to identify to species.

Our next stop was Larnaca Airport Pools South. At first glance little was in evidence but good numbers of Greater Flamingo. On closer inspection however we made out several **Common Shelduck** swimming between them. Some orange birds on the far bank turned out to be a group of 10 **Ruddy Shelduck** while even further back was a large flock of 200 or so gulls, unfortunately way too far to identify. Another surprise was two swimming **Pied Avocet**, their colour and behaviour perfectly camouflaging them amongst the surprisingly similar Common Shelduck!

With time still available we decided to head off to Oroklini Marsh. Our main target was White-headed Duck. Three birds had over-wintered there and although often elusive they were well worth looking for. Despite the poor winter rains, there was enough water on the main lake to support a good selection of species including Marsh Harrier, Flamingo, Little Grebe, Coot, Spur-winged Lapwing, **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Black-winged Stilt**, Armenian and Black-headed Gulls and various species of duck including Mallard, Teal, Shoveler, Pochard, **Northern Pintail** and a brilliant male Red-crested Pochard. After searching in the right area for a few minutes we eventually managed to spot a **White-headed Duck**. Its behaviour of constantly diving and only surfacing for a few brief moments made seeing it well a challenge but after a few frustrating minutes the bird decided to become more cooperative and we managed to get good scope views as it swam and rested amongst the other ducks and Coots. Its small size, large swollen bill and stiff tail made it easily stand out amongst the surrounding species.

On that note we ended our trip which once again proved to be very successful with pleasant sunny weather, good company and a fine selection of birds.

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**FIELD MEETING REPORT - ASPROKREMMOS DAM, MANDRIA & ANARITA 27th February 2016**

*Dave and Jan Walker*

A total of 27 members and visitors met at the Asprokremmos Dam car park for this field meeting. A walk through the wooded area towards the weather station, **Great Tit**, **Western Black Redstart** both a male and female and a number of **Common Chiffchaff** were seen. Around the weather station there were a number of **House Sparrow**, **Corn Bunting**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **European Greenfinch**, **Common Chaffinch**, **Common Stonechat** and a **Great Spotted Cuckoo** was heard. On the water there were a number of **Yellow Legged Gull**, and a **Grey Heron**. In the distance beyond Foinikas at the shallow end at least 10 **Great Cormorant** were seen. There were also **Common Wood Pigeon**, **Eurasian Collared Dove**, **Common Kestrel** and **Hooded Crow** in the area.

We moved onto Mandria leaving the village via a different route hoping to see the recently seen Namaqua Dove, if this bird is classed as a wild bird as opposed to an escapee it would only be the 4<sup>th</sup> record for Cyprus. Despite a walk along the area where it was known to frequent we were unable to find it although **White Wagtail**, **Sardinian Warbler**, **Song Thrush**, **Barn Swallow** were seen and a **Black Francolin** was calling. We moved down to the coast where noticed a **European shag** sitting on the rocky islets. A walk towards the picnic area a **Red Throated Pipit** was seen then there were close views of an **Isabelline Wheatear**. A number of **Crested Lark** were seen and 2 **Eurasian Golden Plover** were still remaining in a nearby field. There were Greenfinch, Stonechat, Great Tit and a male Western Black Redstart showed well, while 2 Great Cormorant were flying overhead in a northerly direction. There were numerous **Skylark** observed on the walk around.

As we entered Anarita Park we stopped the convoy to observe a **Bonelli's Eagle** hunting over a nearby hill, this was then joined by a Common Kestrel. Moving onto the area below the goat farm we were hoping to see Great Spotted Cuckoo on the way, a favourite area for this species, but none were seen or heard on the drive in, although plenty of **Eurasian Magpie** were observed which is the favoured host for this bird. A **Little Owl** greeted us on arrival then a short walk gave us good views of a male **Finsch's Wheatear** that still remained in the area. On returning to the cars a male **Blue Rock Thrush** was viewed on nearby rocks. There were also **Common House Martin** and Barn Swallow feeding in the area.

A total of 34 species were observed.

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**FIELD MEETING REPORT- AKROTIRI PENINSULA, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2016**

*June Neal*

After 3 days of storms and heavy rain the sky cleared and although a bit windy at times it was a pleasant day when 25 of us met at Zakaki Hide. People arriving early were also treated to the sight of six **Glossy Ibis** and a **Little Egret** in flight as two female **Western Marsh Harriers** quartered the reed-bed.

There were too many people to fit into the hide together so a group walked along the roadside looking into the reeds with the earlier people seeing a **Water Pipit** then most of us a **Common Snipe** or two that took flight. Two **Spur-winged Lapwing** on the ground on the opposite side of the road showed well for quite a while, moving away from us. Although a **Eurasian Penduline Tit** or two were heard calling none appeared.

From the hide **Mallard**, **Common Teal**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Little Grebe**, **Eurasian Coot** and **Common Moorhen** were around the island. Four **Ferruginous Duck** emerged from the reeds and came into view briefly as did **Common Chiffchaff** and **Eurasian Reed Warblers**. Two juvenile **Greater Flamingo** flew from a pool on Lady's Mile, with one landing on the island.



Hirundines overhead included **Common Swift**, **Common House Martin** and **Barn Swallow**. At least two **Common Kestrel** flew around with one landing on the mast across the road from the hide and a handful of **Common Black-headed Gulls** circled the pool. A calling **Black Francolin** was not seen but **Crested Larks** and **White Wagtails** were spotted and **Cetti's Warblers** were heard calling before we moved on to the pool near the Oasis Restaurant on Lady's Mile.

There another juvenile Greater Flamingo was feeding close to seven **Common Redshank**. On the next pool **Caspian** and **Armenian Gulls** were identified and compared to the Common Black-headed Gulls, then a **Heughlin's Gull** was seen. On the sea, in front of the restaurant, was a flock of 23+ **Slender-billed Gull** with at least one, possibly two, second year **Mediterranean Gull**. The **Sandwich Terns** seen earlier had vanished, although two were seen later in the morning by a few of us who returned to the same area.

Overflying was a Little Egret and over the sea two **European Shag** flew west. As we were leaving five ducks flew in, against the sun, settling on the sea in the distance which turned out to be **Garganey** and not Teal.

Most of us took the long route to the Akrotiri Environmental Centre. The few people who braved the Mile and the salt lake crossing saw a few **Kentish Plover** and **Little Stints**. As the convoy passed the hide another Marsh Harrier was quartering the reed-bed close to the hide.

From the Environmental Centre around 120 Greater Flamingo were seen in the distance on the salt lake, mainly adult birds, then a group of probable Caspian Gull were on the shore with a very probable **Baltic Gull**. A Western Marsh Harrier put in a brief appearance over the orchards.

Those of us who parked outside Bishop's Pool Centre saw at least three **Cretzschmar's Bunting** in the recently pollarded olive grove. **Sardinian Warbler**, **Eurasian Blackcap**, Cetti's Warbler, **Common Chaffinch** were heard in this area, some seen briefly. Water levels were high and the waterbirds were similar to those at Zakaki, as were the hirundines. A **Common Buzzard** struggled against the strong wind to rise above the tree line but soon vanished.

Lunch was eaten at the Centre and several of us made our way to Kensington Cliffs where a **Eurasian Griffon Vulture**, with tags, flew over our heads from the east as we arrived, flying towards the nesting ledge where one was seen on the nest and at least four others were perched. Driving around to Sophie's View we were treated to closer views of flying birds (although we could not be sure if we were seeing the same birds noted earlier) and then when they landed on the cliff. **Rock Dove**, **Western Jackdaw**, **Alpine Swift** and Common House Martins flew around the area and at least seven Shag were on the rocks and in the sea below the cliffs where a few **Yellow-legged Gulls** wheeled around. As we got back to the cars a pair of **Cyprus Wheatear** were together, the male calling from a bush above the cars and a female feeding below them. A fitting end to a good day's birdwatching.

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## CYPRUS BIRD REPORT 2014

# Cyprus Bird Report 2014



The Cyprus Bird Report 2014 is now 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. For extra copies please write to [Romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:Romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy)

## 153 BIRDS! JOIN US ON 17 APRIL FOR A FUN DAY DEDICATED TO BIRDS



**153 Πουλιάρια!**  
**birds!**

ΕΛΤΕ ΝΑ ΖΩΤΡΑΦΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ  
TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE & DRAW!

Γιατί 153; Η απάντησή σας περιμένει  
την Κυριακή 17 Απριλίου 2016  
στις 11π.μ. στην Τάφρο Πύλης Αμμοχώστου

Why 153? Find out on Sunday 17 April 2016  
at 11am at the Famagusta Gate Moat

Μία μέρα αφιερωμένη στο μαγικό κόσμο των πουλιών, με αφηγησικά παραμύθια, τραγούδια, χορούς και ζωγραφική. Την ημέρα είναι ανοιχτό το μουσείο και είναι πρόκειται να συλλεχθούν στην εκδήλωση ζωγραφιές των παιδιών, που θα εκτεθούν στο Παιδικό Μουσείο.

A day dedicated to the magical world of birds, with feathered fairy tales, songs, and drawing activities. Get to know some of the impressive birds found in Cyprus, like the Nightingale, the Blue-eater, the Swallow and the Hoopoe.

Would you like to get to know the magic world of birds and the wonder of migration? Do you know the Swallow, the Bee-eater, the Hoopoe and the Nightingale? Join us on **Sunday 17 April 2016 at 11am at Famagusta Gate Moat** for our event '**153 birds!**' dedicated to birds, with feathered fairy tales, songs and drawing. An opportunity for young and old to get to know some of the many and impressive birds found in Cyprus, some that may even be part of our everyday lives.

When the birds in spring will have already started their long and difficult migration journey towards their breeding grounds, we will wait for you with songs, myths, fairy tales and coloured pencils to draw the birds. Bring your good mood and curiosity, your friends, aunts and children... And in autumn, when the birds will be migrating towards their wintering grounds, we will present the drawings we will have collected from you.

**Why 153?** Illegal bird trapping is a serious and persistent problem that affects 153 different bird species. Each year hundreds of thousands of birds are killed in Cyprus as a result of this illegal activity, with the worst year being 2014 when 2.5 million birds were killed. With this in mind, we are organising this event to bring everyone closer to the world of birds.

*This event is taking place within the framework of the awareness raising campaign against illegal bird killing in Cyprus and is organised by BirdLife Cyprus. Funding for this project is from the Champions of the Flyway Bird Race, organized jointly by BirdLife International and SPNI (BirdLife in Israel). The campaign is supported by Zedem Media. CYBC is the Media Sponsor.*

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**BIRD PHOTO QUIZ**  
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**Last Month's Quiz answer**

Long legs, thin bill, short tail, upright stance and rather plain plumage are characteristics of Wheatears, a ground dwelling group of passerines usually placed in the flycatcher family. Most species of Wheatear are characterized by a white rump and upper tail, often the extent and shape of which is key to identification. This however is most evident in flying birds and when perched, this feature is of little use. Other criteria must be used to separate them. Some species are very similar, with females and immatures being toughest to identify. Our mystery bird is a classic female/immature type Wheatear sp, brownish-grey above, greyish-buff below, with no obvious stand out identification characteristic.

In Cyprus, Wheatears are very well represented with 11 species occurring either regularly or as vagrants. Only one species breeds on the island, the endemic Cyprus Wheatear and just one, Finsch's Wheatear, occurs regularly as a winter visitor. The rest are passage migrants. A number of them have distinctive black-and-white males and often rather less distinctive female/immature birds. Our bird is in spring plumage and its drab colours can exclude a number of species. Six species can show these general colours, females of Finsch's, Black-eared, Hooded, Desert and Northern Wheatears and both sexes of Isabelline Wheatear. Finsch's and Black-eared can easily be ruled out as while the colours are rather similar, the former shows rather darker cold brown upperparts and an orange-tinged breast while the latter shows more silvery upperparts and whiter underparts. Hooded Wheatear is also different showing a stronger and longer bill, no eye-stripe and rather more uniform underparts and upperparts. In fact the colour difference between the underparts and upperparts is a key feature in identifying our bird. Desert Wheatear shows more uniform sandy colouration with darker wings and a characteristic pale wing panel. Two very often confused species remain; Isabelline Wheatear, which is one of our first spring migrants, good numbers arriving by mid February, and the often very similar female Northern Wheatear. Our bird is a female **Northern Wheatear** characterised by greyish upperparts (more uniform sand-coloured underparts/upperparts in Isabelline), darker wings and buff-coloured supercilium in front of the eye (white in Isabelline).

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF WINTER 2015 – 2016

Jane Stylianou

*A look back at the winter of 2015- 2016 – a review of the sightings of less common birds and other notable events. This resumé refers to reports that may not yet have been verified, some of which are under consideration by the Rarities Committee. Observers' names have not been included. Covers November 2015 to January 2016.*

**RED-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps grisegena* Κοκκινοβούτιης: Five were reported Paphos Harbour on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Photographs were seen but further details still sought.

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιης: Only reported from Asprokremmos Dam this winter. A single was there on 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November with two on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**NORTHERN GANNET** *Morus bassanus* Σούλα: One seen offshore at Paphos Headland on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**EURASIAN BITTERN** *Botaurus stellaris* Βουρωδιός: Single birds were at Lower Ezousas between 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November, Phasouri Reed-beds on 18<sup>th</sup> November, Episkopi Ford, Paphos on 14<sup>th</sup> January and at Limassol Port Channel on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**BLACK STORK** *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός: One was at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**WHITE STORK** *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός Πελαργός: Two were on Oroklini Marsh on 19<sup>th</sup> November and one flew over Zakaki Marsh on 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς: Seventeen were on Lady's Mile on 15<sup>th</sup> November and then one was at Larnaca Sewage Works on 8<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of that month.

**RED-BREASTED GOOSE** *Branta ruficollis* Κοκκινόσιγνα: The first Cyprus record of this species since 2002 was at Larnaca Sewage Works from 4<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea* Καστανόπαπια: During November single birds were at Akrounta, Larnaca Sewage Works and Oroklini Marsh. One was again at Larnaca Sewage Works on 12<sup>th</sup> December with two present 14<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. On 26<sup>th</sup> January 35 flew into Larnaca Sewage Works on 26<sup>th</sup> January. They were subsequently spooked and flew off with ten remaining in the area until the end of the month.

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula* Ππισκουντούρα: Two were at Larnaca Sewage Works on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November with one at that location on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December. Two were seen at Athalassa Park in Nicosia on several dates from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**WHITE-HEADED DUCK** *Oxyura leucocephala* Κεφαλόπαπια: Three females were found at Oroklini Marsh on 14<sup>th</sup> December and remained there during the period of review.

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα: An unseasonal report of one over Limassol Port Channel on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραιτός: Three individuals seen in November: one at Kannaviou Dam on 1<sup>st</sup>, another at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and one at Asprokremmos Dam on 6<sup>th</sup>

**MERLIN** *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο: A juvenile Merlin was at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 31<sup>st</sup> December and a male was at Mandria on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**COMMON QUAIL** *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι: One was near the Paphos Desalination Plant on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**RED KNOT** *Calidris canutus* Κοκκινονεραλλίδι: Two were at Larnaca Sewage Works on 4<sup>th</sup> November and with one seen on 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**GREAT SNIBE** *Gallinago media* Διπλοπικάτσονο: One was present at Lower Ezousas Pools on 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus* Γερακοληστόγλαρος: A dark phase individual was observed off Cape Pyla on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ichthyaetus* Αετόγλαρος: Four flew off shore at Paphos Headland on 27<sup>th</sup> November and two were observed over Cape Greco on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**LITTLE GULL** *Hydrocoloeus minutus* Νανόγλαρος: One was seen at different locations in the Larnaca Salt Lake area on 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus* Θυελλόγλαρος: One reported at Lady's Mile on 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL** *Larus marinus* Γιγαντόγλαρος: A first winter bird seen at Cape Drepanum on 1<sup>st</sup> December is a possible 8th Cyprus record. Last accepted record was of a bird seen in 1996.

**STOCK DOVE** *Columba oenas* Φασσοπέζουνο: One was seen at Meneou on 8<sup>th</sup> November and another at Bishop's Pool on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**SHORT-EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus* Βαλτόθουπος: One seen at Paphos Headland area on 4<sup>th</sup> November may have been the same bird seen at the Harbour there on 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER** *Halcyon smymensis* Συμυρονέρουππος: One was seen at Phasouri Reed-beds on 21<sup>st</sup> November and then again in that area on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυλος: Reported from Achelia Canal on 4<sup>th</sup> November and then a long staying bird was in the Zakaki/Lady's Mile area from 8<sup>th</sup> January until the end of the month.

**EURASIAN HOOPOE** *Upupa epops* Πουπουζίος: Two unseasonal records of this migrant breeder were of one at Dhekelia Garrison on 10<sup>th</sup> December and another outside the BirdLife Cyprus office at Strakka, Nicosia on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella rufescens* Ερημοτρασηλιούδα: A single was found at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and in December seven were at Spiros Beach.

**RICHARD'S PIPIT** *Anthus richardi* Διπλογαλούδι: Three observations of this scarce passage migrant in November: two were at Phasouri Reed-beds on 6<sup>th</sup> November; five at Paphos Headland on 15<sup>th</sup> and one at Germasogeia Dam on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris* Ωχρογαλούδι: Another unseasonal record was of an individual of this species near Paphos Headland on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis* Κεληιδόστρουθος: One was at Pegeia on 16<sup>th</sup> November and then another was found at Anarita Park on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

**CYPRUS WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe cyprica* Σκαλιφούρτα: A male was found overwintering at Kalopanagiotis on 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**RING OUZEL** *Turdus torquatus* Χιονότζικλα: Just one record of this species this winter – one was seen and photographed at Troodos on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris* Τρυγονότζικλα: Also just one record of this wintering thrush during the period. A single was at Troodos Square on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**GOLDCREST** *Regulus regulus* Βασιλογιαννούδι: Two were at Livadi tou Pashia on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**BEARDED REEDLING** *Panurus biarmicus* Μουστακαλής: Three reports of this scarce visitor – all during November. A male and a female spent several days entertaining photographers at Lower Ezousas from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, a female was at Zakaki Marsh on 16<sup>th</sup> and another was seen at Phasouri Reed-beds on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria* Βραχοβάτης: Up to two birds were in the Avakas Gorge during the period of review with several sightings from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 27<sup>th</sup> January. One was also seen on Kensington Cliffs on 7<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**NORTHERN RAVEN** *Corvus corax*: Two reports of this rare breeding species from the Nicosia area in January. On 5<sup>th</sup> two were seen over Lythrodontas and on 25<sup>th</sup> one was photographed over Athalassa.

**ROCK SPARROW** *Petronia petronia* Πετρόστρουθος: A single was at Cape Greco on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**TRUMPETER FINCH** *Bucanetes githagineus* Ερημόσπινος: Three were found at Cape Greco on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla* Χειμωνόσπιννος: A single was at Troodos on 20<sup>th</sup> November in with a flock of Common Chaffinch.

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* Κεφαλόσπιννος: After a record winter for this species over 2014 – 2015 this winter the only record was of a bird trapped and ringed at Polis Reed-beds on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citronella* Κιτρινοπιτίλλα: Five were at Livadi tou Pashia in Troodos on 14<sup>th</sup> November with one at the nearby Almirolivado picnic site on 20<sup>th</sup>. In January one was photographed at Asgata.



*Photographs: Above: Pied Kingfisher, Zakaki Marsh by Dave Walker.  
Below: Trumpeter Finch, Cape Greco by Rajja Howard.*

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## **CINEREOUS BUNTING – A SCARCE PASSAGE MIGRANT TO CYPRUS**

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The Cinereous Bunting *Emberiza cineracea* is a scarce passage migrant, mainly in the spring, through Cyprus although it appears to be occurring more frequently and has recently been seen in the autumn as well. It is the race *cineracea* that we see here and it breeds on a few Aegean islands – Skyros, Lesbos and Chios as well as western Turkey. The race *semenowi* breeds in south east Turkey and south west Iran. It winters around the Red Sea.

Peter Flint and Peter Stewart ,in their book 'The Birds of Cyprus' 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, call it a 'very scarce (regular?) passage migrant' that is probably overlooked. They note that birds have been seen at Cape Andreas, Amathus, Akrotiri and Coral Bay. More recent records have come from Agia Napa Sewage Works, Cape Greco, Anarita Park, Mandria, Kouklia Beach, Paphos Headland and Mavrokolympos Dam. They usually only stay a day or two and often it is just a single bird that is seen. Now is a good time to look for this species in Cyprus.

The Cinereous Bunting is a rather big bunting with a relatively long tail. In the Collins Bird Guide 2<sup>nd</sup> edition it is pointed out that it most resembles a female Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* . It has a heavy pale bill and narrow pale eye ring and white corners to the tail. The male has a yellowish throat, a plain yellowish grey head, a grey breast and a greyish black which has some slight dark spotting. The female has a buff throat and a brownish head with a grey-brown finely streaked breast.

As a result of its moderately small population the Cinereous Bunting is classified as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List. It is suspected to be declining as a result of degradation of its habitats. It breeds on dry stony slopes with low vegetation, maquis and scattered trees.



Above: A Male Cinereous Bunting photographed by Dave Walker at Mavrokolympos Dam in 2015.

References: The Birds of Cyprus by Peter Flint and Peter Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1992

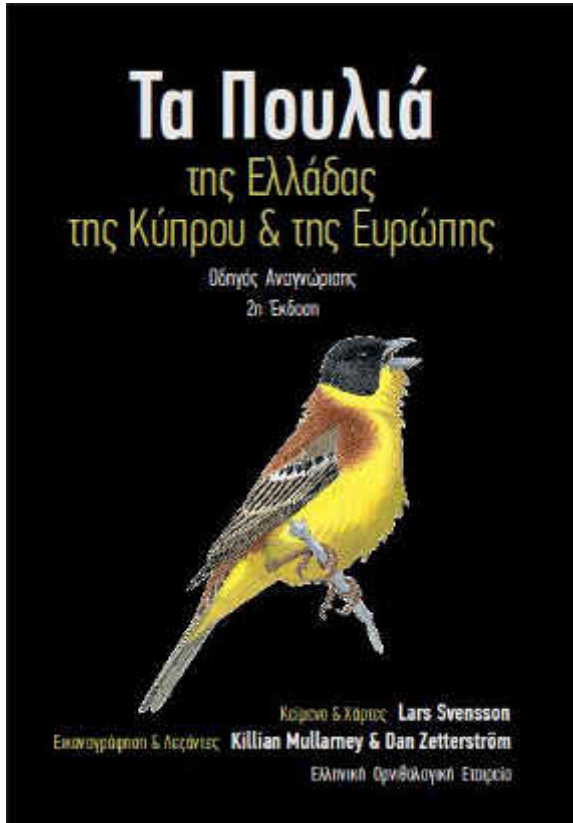
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## SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2016

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4092 records received

168 species and forms recorded in February 2016, compared to 157 in February 2015. Some January records that were received late have been included for interest.

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

### **LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιης

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 27 15-Feb JSta

Larnaca Sewage Works 71+ 17-Feb DBu

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 90 31-

Jan NCP

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

*cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιης

Asprokremmos Dam 2 8-Feb WAS

Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 2 18-Feb

KH

### **BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps*

*nigricollis* Μαυροβούτιης

Larnaca Sewage Works 20 transitional plumage 3-Feb STi

Larnaca Sewage Works c30 7-Feb JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 20+ in various stages of plumage 9 & 16-Feb STi

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 not seen well 19-Feb SC with A P Leventis

Larnaca Sewage Works c6 including 1 in breeding plumage 20-Feb SC/BC field trip

### **GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax*

*carbo* Κορμοράνος

Largest counts and interesting reports:

Asprokremmos Dam 26 8-Feb WAS

Cape Greco 3 flying along the coast 19-Feb SC with A P Leventis

Cape Greco 20 flying offshore N/E 23-Feb STi

Cape Greco c40 Flying over 23-Feb KH

Cape Greco 4 Heading N 26-Feb JS

Kanli Dam 53 29-Jan NCP

Kermia Beach 54 Flying E along coast 26-Feb JS

Nicosia c50 Flying in formation over

Aglantzia at 5.00pm 25-Feb JS

Paphos Lighthouse 58 2 flocks of 30 and 28 flying north 19-Feb DJW

Paphos Lighthouse 6 flying north 20-Feb DJW

Tomb of the Kings c70 20-Feb DJW

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

*aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 15-Feb JSta

Alakati Beach 2 27-Jan NCP

Cape Drepanum 5 4-Feb DJW

Cape Drepanum 1 10-Feb DJW

Cape Drepanum 6 26-Feb IKB

Cape Kormakitis 2 27-Jan NCP

Cape Pyla 27 12-Feb BB

Davlos 2 30-Jan NCP

Dheklia Power Station Buoys 25 17-Feb BB

Mandria 1 3, 9, 14 & 27-Feb

LAC/IKB/SC/LS/DJW

Paphos Headland 2 1-Feb LAC

Paphos Harbour 4 8-Feb IKB

Paphos Headland 1 16-Feb IKB

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

*Nycticorax nycticorax* Νυχτοκόρακας

Zakaki Marsh 1 juv 11-Feb KH

Zakaki Marsh 4 16-Feb DBu

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

Βορτακοφάς

Meneou Pools 1 27-Feb ADT

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

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 5 23-Feb AKe

Leivadia, Larnaca 14 Flew over. Drainage channel near JUMBO. 25-Feb JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 210 31-Jan NCP

Oroklini 296 19-Feb DBu

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 27-Feb JN

Pyla 5 5-Feb BB

Trachoni Pools 4 With sheep 31-Jan NCP

Zakaki Marsh 3 16-Feb DBu

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη



*Little Egret, Larnaca Airport Coast, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Photo by Jane Stylianou*

**Largest count:**

Leivadia JUMBO drain 3 23-Feb KH  
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 Flying over Tekke  
Mosque 25-Feb JS  
Zakaki Marsh 4 27-Feb JN

**GREAT EGRET** *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 16-Feb DJW  
Kanli Dam 3 29-Jan NCP  
Oroklini Marsh 1 15, 16, 19, 26 & 29-Feb  
STi/DBu/KH  
Paralimni Lake 1 2-Feb AKE  
Syngراسis Dam 1 24-Jan NCP

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*  
Σταχτοψαροφάς



*Grey Heron, Zakaki Marsh, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

**Largest counts:**

Kanli Dam 9 29-Jan NCP  
Lady's Mile Beach area 50 16-Feb DBu  
Zakaki Marsh 15 5-Feb DJW

**PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*  
Πορφυροψαροφάς  
Fresh Water Lake North 1 26-Feb MBa

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο  
Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c900 15-Feb JSta  
Kouklia Dam 175 1-Feb NCP  
Larnaca Airport Pool (South) c350 17-Feb  
DBu  
Larnaca Salt Lake Northshore c2000 10-  
Feb MGr  
Meneou Pools c100 + 20-Feb SC/BC field  
trip  
Oroklini Marsh 35 10-Feb MGr  
Silverbeach Saltmarsh 8 26-Jan NCP  
Spiros Pool c120 7-Feb JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 juvenile 2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 15,  
16 & 27-Feb  
MGr/DJW/JN/JS/IKB/WAS/JSta/DBu

**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**

*Anser albifrons* Αρκόσινη  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 3, 5, 7 & 14-Feb  
STi/KH/JS

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea*  
Καστανόπαπια

Agia Eirini Dam 2 27-Jan NCP  
Larnaca Airport Pool (South) 10 5, 16, 19,  
20 & 23-Feb KH/STi/SC/APL/BC field  
trip/JN  
Larnaca Airport Pool (South) 3 27 & 28-  
Feb ADT/JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 10 3, 4, 7 & 14-  
Feb STi/KSa/JS/KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 28-Feb JN

**COMMON SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*  
Αλάουτρος

Max count per location:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 56 15-Feb JSta  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 1-Feb NCP  
Larnaca Airport Pools South c60 20-Feb  
SC/JN/BC field trip  
Larnaca Salt Lake 637 28-Feb JN

**EURASIAN WIGEON** *Anas penelope*  
Αρμπάσσησις

Agia Eirini Dam 4 27-Jan NCP  
Kanli Dam 1 29-Jan NCP  
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 3 & 4-Feb  
MGr/KSa  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 16-Feb ADT  
Larnaca Sewage Works 12 17 & 28-Feb  
DBu/JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works c10 19-Feb SC  
with A P Leventis  
Larnaca Sewage Works c15 20-Feb  
SC/BC field trip  
Larnaca Sewage Works 10 28-Feb JN

Oroklini Marsh 2 4-Feb KSA  
Syngrasis Dam 1 Male 24-Jan NCP

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα  
Agia Eirini Dam 4 27-Jan NCP  
Bishop's Pool 1 female 27-Feb JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 4-Feb KSA  
Larnaca Sewage Works 15 8m and 7f 5 &  
7-Feb KH/JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 14, 23 & 25-Feb  
KH/JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 17-Feb DBu  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 19 & 28-  
Feb SC with A P Leventis/JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 20 & 27-Feb  
SC/BC field trip/KH  
Lefkoniko Dam 1 Male 1-Feb NCP  
Oroklini Marsh 1 10-Feb MGr/STi  
Zakaki Marsh 2 16-Feb DBu

**EURASIAN TEAL** *Anas crecca* Σαρσελλι  
Largest counts:  
Bishop's Pool 42 15-Feb JStA  
Kouklia Dam 85 1-Feb NCP  
Larnaca Sewage Works 200+ 17-Feb  
DBu  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 180 31-  
Jan NCP  
Oroklini Marsh c100 25-Feb JS  
Spiros Pool c100 19-Feb SC with A P  
Leventis

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*  
Πρασινοτζίεφαλη  
Largest counts:  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 50 1-Feb NCP  
Larnaca Sewage Works c300 19-Feb SC  
with A P Leventis  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 190 31-  
Jan NCP

**NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*  
Σουβλονούρα  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 Male 1-Feb  
NCP  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 m 27-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 males 28-Feb  
JN  
Lefkoniko Dam 1 Male 1-Feb NCP  
Mandria 42 Flying west then east offshore  
at approx 800m 19-Feb IKB  
Oroklini Marsh 5 males 2 & 19-Feb  
KH/DBu  
Oroklini Marsh 8 4-Feb KSA  
Oroklini Marsh 3 male 10-Feb STi  
Oroklini Marsh 2+ 16-Feb STi

Oroklini Marsh 4 20, 25 & 26-Feb SC/BC  
field trip/JN/JS/STi

**GARGANEY** *Anas querquedula*  
Μασουρατζιής  
Oroklini Marsh 2 1m and 1f 27-Feb KH

**NORTHERN SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*  
Σαζάνα  
Largest counts and interesting reports:  
Kouklia Dam 95 1-Feb NCP  
Larnaca Sewage Works c500 + 19 & 20-  
Feb SC with A P Leventis/BC field trip  
Oroklini Marsh 97+ 19-Feb DBu  
Paphos Headland 37 Flying past 25-Feb  
KH

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD** *Netta rufina*  
Κοτσιηνοτζίεφαλη  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 female 3, 5, 20  
& 23-Feb STi/KH/SC/BC field trip/JN  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 two  
pairs 26-Feb MBa  
Oroklini Marsh 1 3, 19, 20 & 27-Feb  
STi/DBu/SC/BC field trip/JN/KH  
Oroklini Marsh 3 2m and 1f 23-Feb KH  
Oroklini Marsh 3 One male and two  
female 25-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 8 4m and 4f 29-Feb KH

**COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*  
Κουντούρα



Common Pochard, Bishop's Pool, 15<sup>th</sup>  
January. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Max count per location:  
Agia Eirini Dam 96 27-Jan NCP  
Bishop's Pool 2 pair 15, 16 & 19-Feb  
JE/JStA/KH  
Kanli Dam 36 29-Jan NCP  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 1-Feb NCP  
Larnaca Sewage Works c3 19-Feb SC  
with A P Leventis  
Lefkoniko Dam 39 1-Feb NCP  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 45 31-  
Jan NCP  
Oroklini Marsh 3 2m and 1f 3-Feb STi

Zakaki Marsh 1 16-Feb DBu

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιόπαπια

Max count per location:

Agia Eirini Dam 4 27-Jan NCP

Bishop's Pool 10 19 & 27-Feb KH/JN

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 15 1-Feb NCP

Larnaca Sewage Works 23 20-Feb JN

Lefkoniko Dam 6 24-Jan NCP

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 18 31-Jan NCP

Oroklini Marsh 4 29-Feb KH

Zakaki Marsh 4 1-Feb AWH

**WHITE-HEADED DUCK** *Oxyura*

*leucocephala* Κεφαλόπαπια

Oroklini Marsh 3 2, 3, 10, 15, 16, 19 & 26-Feb KH/STi/MGr/DBu/SC/APL

Oroklini Marsh 1 4, 20, 23 & 27-Feb

KSa/JN/SC/BC field trip/KH

Oroklini Marsh 2 15 & 25-Feb KH/JS/MBa

**EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps*

*fulvus* Γύπας

Agios Ioannis 1 2-Feb IKB

Kensington Cliffs 10 1-Feb KSa

Kensington Cliffs 9 1 tagged Cretan bird

7-Feb IKB/WAS

Kensington Cliffs 18 seen over two hour period 12-Feb PMC

Sotira, Limassol 1 29-Feb JN

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus*

*aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο



Western Marsh Harrier, Zakaki Marsh, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dam 4 27-Jan NCP

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 4 26-Jan NCP

Paralimni Lake 3 8-Feb AKE

Phasouri Reed Beds 3 7 & 13-Feb

IKB/WAS/JN

Zakaki Marsh 4 5-Feb JN

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 fem 5-Feb DJW

Lady's Mile 1 15 & 29-Feb TRe/JE

Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 fem 24-Feb STi

Lefkoniko Dam 1 Female 1-Feb NCP

St Nicholas Monastery (cats) 1 16-Feb

DBu

Trachoni Pools 1 Female 28-Jan NCP

Zakaki Marsh 1 5-Feb JS

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter*

*nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Anarita Park 1 25-Feb IKB

Arodhes 1 29-Feb DJW

Bishop's Pool 1 15 & 24-Feb JSta/KH

Lady's Mile 1 18-Feb TRe

Mandria 1 7-Feb LAC

Paphos Lighthouse 1 seemed to come in off sea 17-Feb IKB

Souni 1 12-Feb JN

**COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα



Common Buzzard, Akrotiri, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Acheleia Dam 3 26-Feb FGe

Asprokremmos Dam 3 9-Feb IKB

Ezousas River: lower, Paphos 3 seen simultaneously 16-Feb DJW

Phassouri 3 25-Feb JE

Zakaki Marsh and Pool 3 5-Feb JN

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

Διπλογέρακο



Long-legged Buzzard, Cape Greco, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Photo by Rajja Howard.

Singles reported at several location.

Records of 2+ birds below:

Akoursos 2 15-Feb DJW

Armou Hills 2 13-Feb DJW

Episkopi, Paphos 2 6-Feb JN/LAC

Ezousas Valley 2 6-Feb JS

Goudhi 2 22-Feb RAT

Kouklia Soakaways 3 one dark phase 5-Feb IKB

Meladeia 3 24-Feb RAT

Pareklisia 3 19-Feb JN

**BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαιτός – Περτικοσιάχινο



Bonelli's Eagle, Arodes, 29<sup>th</sup> February. Photo by Dave Walker.

Anarita Park 1 27-Feb DJW

Arodhes 1 15-Feb DJW

Arodhes 2 29-Feb DJW

Avagas Gorge 2 20-Feb DJW

Episkopi, Paphos 2 6-Feb JN/DJW/JS

Evretou Dam 1 15-Feb DJW

Germasogeia Dam 1 sub-adult 5-Feb JS

Finikas, Germasogeia Dam 2 ad 18-Feb KH

Kannaviou Dam 1 15-Feb DJW

Kidasi 1 an adult 20-Feb DBu

Kouklia Soakaways 1 5-Feb IKB

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίτρις

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 5 15 & 21-Jan JS/PBE

Kiti Dam 5 23-Jan FGe

Phassouri Reed-beds 6 27-Jan JN

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάνος



Peregrine Falcon, Episkopi, 13<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 (One brookei) 21-Feb KH

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Silvana road 11-Feb KH

Episkopi, Paphos 3 2 seen several times 6-Feb JN/JS

Episkopi, Paphos 1 13-Feb DJW

Fresh Water Lake (South) 2 Food pass observed 26-Jan NCP

Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 1 18-Feb KH

Geroskipou Stadium 1 6-Feb KH

Giouti Cliffs, Eptakomi 1 30-Jan NCP

Kensington Cliffs 1 7-Feb IKB/WAS

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 26-Jan NCP

Oroklini Marsh 1 9 & 10-Feb STi/MGr

Paralimni Lake 1 4, 10 & 12-Feb AKE

Phasouri Reed Beds 1 f 15-Feb JStA

**CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:

Cape Greco Park c20 + 19-Feb SC with A P Leventis

Secret Valley Golf course area 14 9-Feb IKB

Souni 13 12-Feb JN

**BLACK FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus*

Φραγκολίνα

Largest counts:

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2m and 1f 14-Feb KH

Mandria c6 2 male seen, c4 heard only 27-Feb SC with L Sergides

Zakaki Marsh 4 16-Feb DBu

**COMMON QUAIL** *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι  
Paphos Lighthouse 1 heard only 22, 23 &  
25-Feb DJW/IKB/KH

**WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*  
Μαυροπουλάδα  
Max count per location:  
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 1 24-Feb  
FGe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 heard 12-Feb KH  
Bishop's Pool 1 1 & 19-Feb KH  
Koukklia Dam, Famagusta 5 1-Feb NCP  
Oroklini Marsh 1 16-Feb STI  
Paralimni Lake 1 8 & 10-Feb AKe  
Zakaki Marsh 2 16, 19 & 27-Feb  
DBu/KH/JN

**LITTLE CRAKE** *Porzana parva*  
Μικροπουλάδα  
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 2 Male  
with Female. Also one dead male floating.  
24-Feb FGe

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*  
Αρκοπετεινάρο  
Largest counts:  
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 10 24-  
Feb FGe  
Koukklia Dam, Famagusta 10 1-Feb NCP  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 71 31-  
Jan NCP  
Paralimni Lake 20 10 & 15-Feb AKe

**EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς  
Largest counts:  
Agia Eirini Dam 420 27-Jan NCP  
Akhna Dam 93 17-Feb BB  
Larnaca Sewage Works 200 28-Feb JN  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 350 31-  
Jan NCP  
Secret Valley Golf course area 150+ on  
reservoir 8-Feb WAS

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus*  
*himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς  
Max count per location:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 15-Feb JSta  
Clapsides Pool 2 26-Jan NCP  
Lady's Mile 1 15, 18 & 19-Feb JE/TRe  
Larnaca Airport Pools North 3 feeding 28-  
Feb JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 28-Feb JN  
Oroklini Marsh 20+ 20-Feb JN

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*  
Αβοκέτα



*Pied Avocet with a Black-winged Stilt, Lady's Mile 15<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by John East.*

Lady's Mile 1 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18  
& 19-Feb  
MGr/KH/IKB/WAS/TRe/FGe/JN/JE/JSta  
Larnaca Airport Pool (South) 6 17-Feb  
DBu  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 14-Feb KH  
Zakaki Marsh 1 3-Feb DJW

**EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW** *Burhinus*  
*oedicnemus* Τρουλλουριά



*Eurasian Stone Curlew, Mandria, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:  
Frenaros 10 26-Feb AKe  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 10 16-Feb  
STI  
Larnaca Sewage Works 16 14-Feb KH  
Mandria, Paphos 30+ 6-Feb JS

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*  
*dubius* Λιμνοπλουμιδι  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 25-Feb JS  
Leivadia 5 JUMBO drainage channel 2-  
Feb JS  
Leivadia 2 10-Feb MGr  
Leivadia 1 JUMBO drainage channel 16 &  
23-Feb STI/KH  
Leivadia 6 Drainage channel near JUMBO  
25-Feb JS  
Spiros Pool 2 28-Feb JS



Zakaki Overflow 1 26-Feb ADT

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 1-Feb NCP

Lady's Mile 1 19 & 27-Feb TRe/JN

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 16-Feb STi

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 near Tekke 5-Feb KH

Larnaca Salt Lake Northshore 1 10-Feb MGr

Leivadia 2 JUMBO drainage channel 2-Feb JS

Leivadia 1 JUMBO drainage channel 16-Feb STi

Paralimni Lake 5 4-Feb AKe

Paralimni Lake 3 8-Feb AKe

Spiros Pool 1 7 & 28-Feb JS

Spiros Pool 2 20-Feb JN

**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι



*Kentish Plover, Lady's Mile, 5<sup>th</sup> February.*  
*Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:

Agia Thekla c70 21-Feb FGe

Akrotiri Pits 2 25 & 28-Feb JE

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20+ 12-Feb KH

Kermia Beach 1 8-Feb KH

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 7 1-Feb NCP

Lady's Mile 54 15-Feb JStA

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 5-Feb KH

Macronissos Beach 75 26-Feb JS

Paralimni Lake 70 10-Feb AKe

Spiros Pool 4 28-Feb JS

**GREATER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι



*Greater Sand Plover, Paphos Headland, 26<sup>th</sup> February.*  
*Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Agia Thekla 11 21-Feb FGe

Agia Trias 3 20-Feb KH

Dhekelia Beach 2 9-Feb STi

Kermia Beach 2 26-Feb JS

Ladies Mile 2 26-Feb ADT

Macronissos Beach 13 several acquiring breeding plumage 26-Feb JS

Paphos Headland 4 1, 7, 16, 20 & 26-Feb LAC/KH/IKB/PCu

Paphos Headland 1 9-Feb LAC

Paphos Headland 3 25-Feb KH

Paphos Headland 2 27-Feb FGe

**EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 15-Feb JStA

Coral Bay 11 10-Feb DJW

Kouklia Dam 4 1-Feb NCP

Larnaca Airport Pools South 200+ 16-Feb STi

Mandria Beach 81 2-Feb LAC

Paphos Headland 103 7-Feb KH

Paralimni Lake 15 24-Feb AKe

Silverbeach Saltmarsh 45 26-Jan NCP

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola* Στακτοπλουμίδι

Agia Trias 5 20-Feb KH

Kermia Beach 1 8 & 26-Feb KH/JS

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

Largest counts:

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 28-Feb JN

Leivadia 6 Three pairs. Drainage channel near JUMBO 25-Feb JS

Oroklini Marsh 50+ 26-Feb STi

Paralimni Lake 20 (10 pairs) 25-Feb AKe



**NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 21 & 28-Feb KH  
 Kermia Beach 2 26-Feb JS  
 Lady's Mile 1 19-Feb KH  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 9-Feb STI  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 3 28-Feb JN  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 8 5-Feb KH  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25-Feb JS  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 19 1-Feb WAS  
 Paralimni Lake 2 24 & 25-Feb AKe  
 Paralimni Lake 7 28-Feb AKe  
 Potamia 19 9-Feb FGe  
 Silverbeach Saltmarsh 35 26-Jan NCP  
 Spiros Pool 2 7-Feb JS

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

Λευκονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 12-Feb KH

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι



*Little Stint, Lady's Mile, 5<sup>th</sup> February.  
 Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agia Thekla 3 21-Feb FGe  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 12-Feb KH  
 Leivadia JUMBO drain 2 10-Feb MGr  
 Lady's Mile 14 5-Feb DJW  
 Lady's Mile 38 15-Feb JStA  
 Lady's Mile c80 19-Feb KH  
 Lady's Mile 5 26-Feb ADT  
 Lady's Mile 16 27-Feb JN  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 15 Tekke area 5-Feb KH  
 Larnaca Salt Lake Northshore 2 10-Feb MGr

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

Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 4 26-Jan & 1-Feb NCP  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 3 14-Feb KH  
 Leivadia 6 JUMBO drainage channel 2-Feb JS

Leivadia 1 Drainage channel near JUMBO 10-Feb MGr  
 Leivadia 7 Drainage channel near JUMBO 23-Feb KH  
 Leivadia 2 Drainage channel near JUMBO 25-Feb JS  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 27-Feb KH

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

*Dunlin, Lady's Mile, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 19-Feb TRE  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 12-Feb KH  
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 22 1-Feb NCP  
 Lady's Mile 60+ 29-Feb TRE  
 Larnaca Salt Lake c60 25-Feb JS  
 Macronissos Beach 3 26-Feb JS  
 Paphos Headland 3 1-Feb LAC

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής

Akrotiri Pits 1 28-Feb JE  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 12-Feb KH  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 3 & 9-Feb STI  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 16-Feb ADT  
 Larnaca Airport Pool (South) 7 17-Feb DBU  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25 & 28-Feb JS/JN  
 Oroklini Marsh 2 19-Feb DBU

**JACK SNIFE** *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Κουφοπικάτσονο

Fresh water Lake South 1 26-Jan NCP  
 Germasogeia Dam 1 9-Feb KH  
 Oroklini Marsh 2 10-Feb STI

**COMMON SNIFE** *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικατσόνι

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 2 19-Feb KH  
 Lady's Mile 1 4-Feb TRE

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 25-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 1 15, 19 & 26-Feb  
STi/DBu  
Oroklini Marsh 1 25-Feb JS  
Phasouri Reed Beds 2 1-Feb AWH  
Syngراسis Dam 10 26-Jan NCP  
Zakaki Marsh 1 5 & 19-Feb JN/DJW/KH  
Zakaki Marsh 2 13-Feb JN

**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*  
Λιμόζα  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 20-Feb SC with  
BirdLife Cyprus Group  
Oroklini Marsh 1 4, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23,  
25, 26, 27 & 29-Feb  
KSa/MGr/STi/KH/DBu/JN/JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 9-Feb STi

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*  
Φαιομπεκάτσα  
Paphos Headland 1 7, 9, 12 & 20-Feb  
KH/LAC/DJW/PCu

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*  
Νερομπεκάτσα  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 in scrub at side  
of track 7-Feb PMC  
Silverbeach Saltmarsh 16 26-Jan NCP  
Spiros Pool 10 7-Feb JS/PMC

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*  
Μαυρονεραλλίδι  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 3 1-Feb NCP  
Paralimni Lake 2 6-Feb AKe

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*  
Κοκκινονεραλλίδι  
Largest counts:  
Lady's Mile 12 15-Feb TRe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 12 14-Feb KH  
Oroklini Marsh 6 26-Feb STi  
Zakaki Marsh 11 5-Feb JN

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*  
Βαλτονεραλλίδι  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 9-Feb STi  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 14-Feb KH  
Oroklini Marsh 2 26-Feb STi

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa  
nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 5-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 14-Feb KH

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*  
Δασονεραλλίδι  
Largest counts:  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 3 1-Feb NCP  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 16-Feb STi  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 29-Feb DJW  
Paralimni Lake 3 18-Feb AKe

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*  
Λάσπονεραλλίδι  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 1-Feb NCP  
Polis Reedbeds 1 27-Feb BCRS

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*  
Ακρίτης  
Largest counts:  
Agia Thekla 1 21-Feb FGE  
Akrotiri Pits 1 25-Feb JE  
Leivadia, Larnaca 2 JUMBO drainage  
channel 2, 5, 10, 16 & 23-Feb  
JS/KH/MGr/STi  
Paphos Headland 3 7 & 20-Feb KH/PCu

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*  
Χαλικονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 26<sup>th</sup>  
February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Paphos Headland 1 1 & 26-Feb LAC/IKB  
Paphos Headland 2 25-Feb KH

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus*  
Γερακοληστόγλαρος  
Cape Pyla 2 dark phase flying W 12-Feb  
BB

**GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus  
ichthyaetus* Αετόγλαρος  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 adult 3-  
Feb STi  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 4-Feb KSa

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus  
melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2+ 24-Feb  
STi

Oroklini Beach 3 2-Feb STi  
Oroklini Beach 2 3-Feb STi  
Oroklini Beach c4 several ad and juv in  
various plumages 26-Feb STi

**LITTLE GULL** *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Νανόγλαρος

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 3 & 9-Feb  
STi

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



*Common Black-headed Gull, Lady's Mile, 5<sup>th</sup>  
February. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 432 13-Feb JN  
Larnaca Salt Lake c300 25-Feb JS  
Meneou Pool c100 7-Feb JS  
Zakaki Marsh 232 5-Feb JN

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

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος

Chrysochou Bay 1 24-Feb DJW/RAT/IKB  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 3-Feb STi  
Larnaca Salt Lake 23 14-Feb KH  
Larnaca Salt Lake 20+ 25-Feb JS  
Meneou Pool 1 adult 7-Feb JS  
Oroklini Beach 2 3-Feb STi  
Oroklini Beach 1 26-Feb STi  
Paphos Headland 1 2 & 25-Feb LAC/KH

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

Νησόγλαρος

Alakati Beach 8 Loafing on Island 27-Jan  
NCP  
Cape Elea 2 30-Jan NCP  
Cape Greco 1 26-Feb JS  
Chrysochou Bay 1 24-Feb DJW/IKB/RAT  
Dhekelia Beach 4 2-Feb STi  
Dhekelia Beach 3 9 & 26-Feb STi  
Kermia Beach 2 20-Feb KH

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

Θυελλόγλαρος



*Common Gull, Larnaca Sewage Works, 5<sup>th</sup>  
February. Photograph by Rajja Howard.*

Famagusta Fresh water Lake 1 1st Winter  
26-Jan NCP

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 photographed  
5-Feb KH

**BALTIC GULL** *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής

Lady's Mile 1 29-Feb TRe

**HEUGLIN'S GULL** *Larus heuglini*

Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας

Lady's Mile 2 15-Feb TRe  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 9 & 25-Feb  
STi/JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 5-Feb KH

**YELLOW-LEGGED GULL** *Larus*

*michahellis* Ασημόγλαρος

Asprokremmos Dam 500+ Never seen so  
many there so estimate 16-Feb IKB  
Cape Drepanum c80 10-Feb DJW  
Lady's Mile Beach area c20 16-Feb DBu  
Larnaca Airport Pool (South) 25 17-Feb  
DBu

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος

Κασπίας

Kermia Beach 1 20-Feb KH  
Lady's Mile 2 21-Feb TRe  
Lady's Mile 1 29-Feb TRe  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 10+ 25-Feb  
JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 14-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 5+ 20-Feb JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 28 28-Feb JN  
Spiros Pool 1 20-Feb JN  
Zakaki Marsh 3 5-Feb JN

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus*

Γλάρος Αρμενίας

Max count per location:

Dhekelia Beach 5 2-Feb STi

Lady's Mile 12 5-Feb DJW  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 20+ 25-Feb  
 JS  
 Larnaca Harbour 5 10-Feb MGr  
 Larnaca Sewage Works c40 28-Feb JN  
 Oroklini Coast 1 1, 3 & 25-Feb BB/STi  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 1st winter 20-Feb SC  
 with BirdLife Cyprus Group  
 Spiros Fields 1 adult 19-Feb SC with A P  
 Leventis  
 Zakaki Marsh 10 5-Feb JN

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*  
 Χειμωνογλάρονο



*Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, 4<sup>th</sup> February.*  
*Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Lady's Mile 2 4-Feb TRe  
 Lady's Mile 1 21-Feb KH  
 Oroklini Coast 1 1 & 9-Feb BB/STi  
 Oroklini Beach 4 2-Feb STi  
 Oroklini Coast 3 25-Feb BB  
 Spiros Beach 2 7-Feb JS  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 5-Feb JN

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο  
 Ovgoros Dam 30 30-Jan NCP  
 St Hilarian Castle 6 29-Jan NCP

**COMMON WOODPIGEON** *Columba  
 palumbus* Φάσσα  
 Largest counts:  
 Athalassa treated sewage water pond c90  
 16-Feb FGe  
 Bishop's Pool 330+ 27-Feb JN  
 Goudhi c100 22-Feb RAT

**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE**  
*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνη  
 Largest counts:  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 13 25-Feb  
 JS  
 Mandria 12 26-Feb FGe  
 Vrysoulles 10 4-Feb AKE

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Stigmatopelia  
 senegalensis* Φοινικοτρυγόνο  
 Mouttagiaka 2 23-Feb KH

**NAMAQUA DOVE** *Oena capensis*  
 Μικροπερίστερο



*Namaqua Dove, Mandria, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.*  
*Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Mandria 1 female 21, 22, 25, 26, 27 & 28-  
 Feb IKB/DJW/KH/FGe/TRe Rare Bird  
 Form submitted. (4<sup>th</sup> Cyprus record if  
 accepted)

**GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO** *Clamator  
 glandarius* Καλοχρονιά  
 Asprokremos Dam 1 heard 27-Feb DJW  
 Cape Greco 1 ad 23-Feb STi  
 Ineia 1 heard 26-Feb DC  
 Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 25-Feb MH

**BARN OWL** *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι  
 Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 27-Feb MH

**EURASIAN SCOPS OWL** *Otus scops*  
 Θουπί  
 Nicosia, Lykavittos 1 heard only 29-Feb  
 SC  
 Panagia Stazousa 1 Calling 25-Feb JS  
 Polemidia Lacoudi football 1 heard calling  
 from carob/olive grove immediately north of  
 football field for an hour 11-Feb MGr  
 Souni 1 9, 19, 21, 24, 25 & 29-Feb JN  
 Souni 2 15, 16 & 27-Feb JN

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*  
 Κουκουφκιάος  
 Agia Varvara 1 1 & 16-Feb DJW  
 Anarita Park 3 1-Feb DJW  
 Arodhes 1 29-Feb DJW  
 Asprokremos Dam 2 pair in nest cave 16-  
 Feb DJW  
 Avagas Coast 1 4 & 20-Feb DJW  
 Cape Drepanum 2 26-Feb IKB  
 Kensington Cliffs 2 10-Feb KH

Marathounta Hills 1 13-Feb DJW  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 Pair 23-Feb DJW  
Panagia Stazousa 1 25-Feb JS  
Souni 3 12-Feb JN  
Vrysoulles 2 (pair) 16, 20 & 26-Feb AKe

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

Αρκόθουπος  
Souni 1 11-Feb JN

**COMMON SWIFT** *Apus apus*

Πετροχελιδόνο  
Nicosia, Lykavittos 2 28-Feb SC  
Oroklini Marsh 1 with Barn Swallows 10-Feb MGr  
Oroklini Marsh 4 10-Feb STi  
Sotira 1 15-Feb AKe

**ALPINE SWIFT** *Tachymarpis melba*

Ασπροπετροχελιδόνο  
Sotira, Limassol 2 29-Feb JN

**COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη  
Athalassa Park 1 flew under bridge near coffee shop 7-Feb PMC  
Cape Greco 1 23-Feb STi  
Limassol port canal 1 5-Feb ADT  
Paphos Harbour 1 23-Feb SM  
Paphos Headland 1 7, 12, 25 & 27-Feb KH/DJW/FGe  
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1 4 & 19-Feb FGe  
Secret Valley Golf course area 1 9-Feb IKB  
Zakaki Marsh 1 3 & 15-Feb KH/DJW/JSta

**PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος



Pied Kingfisher, Lady's Mile, 16<sup>th</sup> February.  
Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Lady's Mile/Zakaki Marsh 1 1, 3, 7, 11, 13, 16 & 24-Feb  
AWH/KSa/TRe/KH/DJW/IKB/WAS/JN/DBu

**EURASIAN HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

Πουπουζιός  
Cape Drepanum 1 26-Feb IKB  
Dhekelia 1 16 & 21-Feb STi  
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 25-Feb JS  
Mandria, Paphos 1 On main road near petrol station 22-Feb RAT  
Souni 2 25-Feb JN  
Souni 1 calling 26-Feb JN

**EURASIAN WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla*

Θερακοπούλλι  
Oroklini 1 18-Feb SH

**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha calandra*

Μαυροτράσιηλος  
Pervolia c20 Calling, and display flight.  
Very active and mobile group 25-Feb JS  
Trachoni Pools 2 31-Jan NCP

**LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella rufescens*

Ερημοτρασιηλούδα  
Larnaca Sewage Works c2 9-Feb STi  
Spiros Pool 4+ Four definitely but possibly two others 7-Feb JS

**CRESTED LARK** *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός



Crested Lark, Paphos Headland, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Frenaros 50 5 & 26-Feb AKe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 17 28-Feb JN  
Mandria 15 26-Feb FGe  
Zakaki Marsh 17 5-Feb JN

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα



Woodlark, Paphos Headland, 19<sup>th</sup> February.  
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 12 16-Feb DJW  
 Athalassa Park 14 5-Feb FGe  
 Evretou Dam c10 23-Feb RAT  
 Lefkoniko Dam 10 1-Feb NCP  
 Mandria 10 3-Feb KSA  
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 12 18-Feb DJW  
 Souni 30 11-Feb JN

**EURASIAN SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα

Largest counts:

Cape Drepanum c40 10-Feb DJW  
 Larnaca Airport Coast c40 28-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Desalination Plant c100 7-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 50 20-Feb JN  
 Mandria 150+ 8-Feb WAS  
 Potamia c80 9-Feb FGe

**EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne**rupestris* Βραχοχελιδόνο

Agia Eirini Dam 6 27-Jan NCP  
 Germasogeia Dam 12 5-Feb JS  
 Secret Valley Golf course area 15 8-Feb WAS

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Barn Swallow, Paphos Headland, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam c20 19-Feb

KH

Frenaros 100 25 &amp; 29-Feb AKe

Oroklini Marsh 20+ 10-Feb STi

Paralimni Lake 50 22-Feb AKe

Vrysoulles 100 26-Feb AKe

**COMMON HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon**urbicum* Ασπροχελιδόνο

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 5 7-Feb KH

Germasogeia Dam 5 5-Feb JS

Secret Valley Golf course area 11 9-Feb

IKB

Zakaki Marsh 9 27-Feb JN

**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris*

Ωχρογαλούδι

Cape Greco 2 26-Feb JS

**MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

Λιβαδογαλούδι

Largest counts:

Avagas Coast c20 4-Feb DJW

Larnaca Salt Lake 20+ 25-Feb JS

Mandria c50 5-Feb IKB

Paphos Headland c70 8-Feb IKB

Trachoni Pools 80 28-Jan NCP

**RED-THROATED PIPIT** *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινογαλούδι



Red-throated Pipit, Paphos Headland, 1<sup>st</sup>  
 February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest count per location:

Anarita Mast 2 14-Feb IKB

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 23-Feb KH

Mandria 2 26-Feb TRE

Paphos Headland 5 9 &amp; 25-Feb LAC/KH

Trachoni Pools 20 28-Jan NCP

Zakaki Marsh 1 5-Feb JN

**WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Germasogeia Dam 2 5-Feb JS



Lady's Mile 1 4-Feb TRe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 25-Feb JS  
Leivadia, Larnaca 1 Drainage channel  
near JUMBO 23 & 25-Feb KH/JS  
Zakaki Marsh 2 5-Feb JN  
Zakaki Marsh 1 27-Feb JN

**Black-headed Wagtail** *M. f. feldegg*  
Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης  
Oroklini Marsh 1 29-Feb KH

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*  
Σταχτοζευκαλάτης  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 25-Feb IKB  
Athalassa Dam 2 7-Feb DKo  
Avagas Gorge 1 20-Feb DJW  
Episkopi, Paphos 1 6-Feb JN/JS/DJW  
Germasogeia Dam 1 5-Feb JS  
Lady's Mile 1 4, 11 & 15-Feb TRe  
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 28-Feb JN  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 3-Feb STi  
Leivadia 1 Drainage channel near JUMBO  
10, 23 & 25-Feb MGr/KH/JS  
Leivadia 2 Drainage channel near JUMBO  
16-Feb STi  
Oroklini Marsh 1 16-Feb STi  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 4-Feb KH  
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1 4-  
Feb FGe  
Souni 1 4-Feb JN

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba*  
Ασπροζευκαλάτης  
Largest counts:  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 80 1-Feb NCP  
Mandria 21 16-Feb IKB  
Nicosia 60+ Coming to roost at dusk 25-  
Feb JS  
Paralimni Lake 300 4, 6 & 12-Feb AKe

**WINTER WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*  
Τρυποκάρυδο  
Avagas Gorge 1 20-Feb DJW  
Platania Picnic site 2 5-Feb JS  
Saittas 2 4-Feb KH  
Troodos 2 17-Feb KH

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*  
Θαμνοψάλτης  
Tsada 1 9-Feb SI

**EUROPEAN ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*  
Κοτσινολαίμης  
Largest counts and ringing records:  
Frenaros 20 5 & 25-Feb AKe  
Phassouri Reed-beds 5 13-Feb JN

Polis Reedbeds 1 18-Feb BCRS  
Souni 42 2 seen singing 12-Feb JN

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*  
Γαλαζολαίμης



Bluethroat, Lady's Mile, 11<sup>th</sup> February.  
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Germasogeia Dam 2 one male 5-Feb JS  
Germasogeia Dam 1 9-Feb KH  
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 White spot 1-  
Feb NCP  
Lady's Mile 3+ maybe four 11-Feb TRe  
Lady's Mile 1 15, 18, 19 & 29-Feb TRe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 14-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 3-Feb MGr  
Leivadia 1 Drainage channel near JUMBO  
23-Feb KH  
Oroklini Marsh 1 16 & 19-Feb STi/DBu  
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 3-Feb KSA  
Zakaki Marsh 1 4, 5, 7, 13, 19 & 28-Feb  
TRe/JS/IKB/WAS/JN/KH  
Zakaki Marsh 2 16 & 24-Feb DBu/KH

**WESTERN BLACK REDSTART**  
*Phoenicurus ochrurus* Καρβουνιάρης



Western Black Redstart, Paphos Headland,  
12<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:  
Avagas Coast 5 3 male, 2 fem 10-Feb  
DJW  
Cape Greco 5 24-Feb FGe  
Paphos Lighthouse 11 2m and 9f 17-Feb  
IKB

Souni 9 4 males and 4 females, one hovering near a male 15-Feb JN

**COMMON STONECHAT** *Saxicola rubicola*  
Παπαθικιά

130 records received for this species during February. Largest counts and ringing record:

Cape Greco 20+ 1 & 26-Feb JS  
Frenaros 40 5-Feb AKe  
Mandria c20 27-Feb SC with L Sergides  
Polis Reedbeds 1 18-Feb BCRS

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα



*Isabelline Wheatear, Akrotiri, 28<sup>th</sup> February.*  
Photograph by John East.

Earliest records and largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 7 21-Feb KH  
Cape Greco 1 8-Feb KH  
Cape Greco c12 19 & 21-Feb  
SC/APL/FGe  
Mandria 1 5-Feb DJW/IKB  
Mandria 13 19-Feb DJW

**NORTHERN WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 19-Feb TRe  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 25-Feb JE  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 28-Feb JE  
Lady's Mile 1 25-Feb JE  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 female 20-Feb JN  
Tomb of the Kings 1 Male 17-Feb IKB

**CYPRUS WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe cyriaca*  
Σκαλιφούρτα  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 29-Feb DJW

**FINSCH'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe finschii*  
Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα

Agia Varvara, Paphos 1 male 1, 4 & 16-Feb DJW/IKB  
Anarita Park 1 male 1, 4, 6, 16 & 27-Feb DJW/IKB/LAC/JN/JS  
Arodhes 2 male 15 & 29-Feb DJW  
Cape Greco 3 2f and 1m 1, 8 & 19-Feb JS/KH/DBu  
Cape Greco 1 female 2 & 24-Feb AWh/FGe  
Cape Greco 2 dark throated females 7-Feb STi  
Cape Greco 2 1m and 1f pale throated 23-Feb STi  
Cape Greco 1 male 19-Feb SC with A P Leventis  
Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 2 male 18-Feb KH  
Lefkoniko Dam 2 24-Jan NCP  
Lefkoniko Dam 1 Male 1-Feb NCP  
Marathounta Hills 2 1 male, 1 fem 13-Feb DJW  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 4, 15, 18 & 23-Feb DJW

**WHITE-CROWNED WHEATEAR**

*Oenanthe leucopyga* Λευκόπυγη  
Σκαλιφούρτα



*White-crowned Wheatear, Cape Greco, 24<sup>th</sup> February.* Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Cape Greco 1 First winter plumage 23, 24 & 26-Feb STi/KH/FGe/SC/TRe/BB/KPr/JS (Rare Bird Form Submitted) 8<sup>th</sup> Cyprus record if accepted.



**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσουφος



*Blue Rock Thrush, Tomb of the Kings, 17<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Max count per location:

Agios Amvrosios 1 Male 1-Feb NCP  
 Anarita Park 1 1, 14, 25 & 27-Feb  
 DJW/IKB  
 Cape Greco c4 19 & 26-Feb DBU/JS  
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 6-Feb JS/DJW  
 Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 1 female  
 18-Feb KH  
 Kings Road, Paphos 1 male 19-Feb IKB  
 Paphos Headland 1 m 12, 17, 23 & 25-  
 Feb IKB/KH  
 Secret Valley Golf course area 3 8-Feb  
 WAS  
 Tomb of the Kings 1 male 17-Feb IKB

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Largest counts and ringing record:  
 Bishop's Pool 12 1 heard calling, 5 males  
 and 2 females in flight and 3 males seen  
 feeding 27-Feb JN  
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 6 1-Feb NCP  
 Polis Reedbeds 2 18-Feb BCRS  
 Secret Valley Golf course area 12 8-Feb  
 WAS  
 Souni 10 11-Feb JN

**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris* Τρουονότζικλα

Avagas Gorge 2 10-Feb DJW/IKB

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

Τζίκηλα

Largest counts and ringing records:  
 Anadiou c25 15-Feb DJW  
 Armou Hills 20+ 13-Feb DJW  
 Bishop's Pool 20+ 19-Feb KH  
 Cape Greco c60 19-Feb DBU  
 Frenaros 20 5 & 29-Feb AKe  
 Polis Reedbeds 2 18-Feb BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 23 & 27-Feb BCRS

Souni 51 11-Feb JN

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα

Cape Greco c2 23-Feb STI

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

Ψευταηδόνη

Largest counts and ringing records:  
 Bishop's Pool 18 4 seen, rest heard calling  
 27-Feb JN  
 Kouklia Dam 6 1-Feb NCP  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 6 25-Feb JS  
 Phassouri Reed-beds 6 13-Feb JN  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 18 & 27-Feb BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 3 23-Feb BCRS  
 Souni 6 23-Feb JN

**ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Largest counts and ringing record:  
 Anarita Park 6 1-Feb DJW  
 Frenaros 50 in song 29-Feb AKe  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 6 28-Feb JN  
 Mandria 7 29-Feb JN  
 Paphos Headland 8 14-Feb IKB  
 Paralimni Lake 10 in song 25-Feb AKe

**MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus**melanopogon* Μουστακομουγιανούδι

Bishop's Pool 1 1-Feb KH  
 Bishop's Pool 2 19-Feb KH  
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 heard  
 26-Feb Mba  
 Oroklini Marsh 2 16-Feb STI  
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 15-Feb JSta  
 Polis Reedbeds 3 8-Feb BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 23-Feb BCRS  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 1 & 27-Feb KSA/AWh/JN  
 Zakaki Marsh 2 3, 5, 11 & 13-Feb KH/JN  
 Zakaki Marsh 1+ others singing 7-Feb  
 IKB/WAS

**EURASIAN REED WARBLER***Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Limassol Port Road 1 28-Feb KH  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 heard 10 & 15-Feb  
 MGr/STI  
 Zakaki Marsh 1+ 15 & 28-Feb JSta  
 Zakaki Marsh 2 16 & 27-Feb DBU/JN

**SPECTACLED WARBLER** *Sylvia*  
*conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι  
 Akaki 3 6-Feb FGe  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 19-Feb TRE

Cape Greco 5+ 1-Feb JS  
 Cape Greco 8 2-Feb JS  
 Cape Greco c3 19-Feb SC with A P  
 Leventis  
 Cape Greco 2 + 24-Feb SC  
 Cape Greco 5 26-Feb JS  
 Cape Kormakitis 2 27-Jan NCP  
 Frenaros 20 5 & 26-Feb AKE  
 Lady's Mile 1 11, 16 & 27-Feb  
 TRe/DBu/JN  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 1 25-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 20 & 28-Feb  
 SC/ BC field trip/JN  
 Marathounta Hills 1 13-Feb DJW  
 Paralimni Lake 1 12-Feb AKE  
 Spiros Pool 2 pair 20-Feb JN

**SARDINIAN WARBLER** *Sylvia melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης



*Sardinian Warbler, Mandria. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Largest counts and interesting and ringing records:

Akrotiri 1 melanistic 1-Feb KH  
 Cape Greco c10 19-Feb SC/APL/DBu  
 Frenaros 20 5-Feb AKE  
 Mandria c20 + c10 + seen, c10 heard only  
 27-Feb SC with L Sergides  
 Polis Reedbeds 1 18-Feb BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 17 23-Feb BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 15 27-Feb BCRS  
 Secret Valley Golf course area 1  
 melanistic 8-Feb WAS  
 Souni 15 2-Feb JN

**CYPRUS WARBLER** *Sylvia melanothorax*  
 Τρυπομάζης



*Cyprus Warbler, Anarita Mast, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 1 male 5-Feb STI  
 Analiontas 3 28-Feb FGe  
 Anarita Mast 1 male 5-Feb IKB  
 Anarita Park 1 m 3-Feb KSa  
 Arodhes 2 2 Male 29-Feb DJW  
 Cape Greco 4 at least ad m 23-Feb STI  
 Lady's Mile Beach area 2+ 16-Feb DBu  
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 male 4 & 29-Feb  
 DJW  
 Panagia Stazousa 8 Four only heard.  
 Others singing males 25-Feb JS  
 Souni 23 19-Feb JN

**EURASIAN BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*  
 Αμπελοπούλλι

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 8 1 seen singing and 3  
 others heard, rest calling 27-Feb JN  
 Frenaros 30 in song 26-Feb AKE  
 Germasogeia Dam area 10+ 18-Feb DBu  
 Souni 9 9 & 25-Feb JN

**EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER**

*Phylloscopus orientalis* Βουνογιαννούδι  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 calling outside  
 hide and seen in bushes along fence 26-  
 Feb STI

**COMMON CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita* Μουγιαννούδι

Largest counts and ringing records:  
 Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 12 24-  
 Feb FGe  
 Bishop's Pool 11 27-Feb JN  
 Germasogeia Dam 20+ 5-Feb JS  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 20+ 3-Feb STI  
 Paphos Headland c20 12-Feb IKB  
 Polis Reedbeds 24 18-Feb BCRS  
 Polis Reedbeds 7 27-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 13 23-Feb BCRS  
Souni 17 15-Feb JN

**COAL TIT** *Parus ater* Πέμπτετος  
Livadi tou Pashia 20+ Most singing and  
chasing 5-Feb JS  
Platania Picnic site 4+ 5-Feb JS  
Troodos Visitor Centre 3 5-Feb JS  
Troodos Village PRESENT 20-Feb DBu

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι  
Largest counts and ringing record:  
Paphos Headland 30+ 8-Feb IKB  
Polis Reedbeds 1 18-Feb BCRS  
Souni 26 11-Feb JN

**WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria*  
Τοιχοδρόμος  
Avagas Gorge 1 20-Feb DJW

**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia  
brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης  
Saittas 1 4-Feb KH  
Troodos 10+ 17-Feb KH  
Troodos village PRESENT 20-Feb DBu

**EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz  
pendulinus* Υφάντρα  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 25-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 1m and 1f 15-Feb STi  
Oroklini Marsh 2+ several m 26-Feb STi  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 3-Feb KSa  
Zakaki Marsh 3+ 3 & 11-Feb KH  
Zakaki Marsh 2+ 5-Feb JS  
Zakaki Marsh 10+ 24-Feb KH  
Zakaki Marsh 1 at least heard 27-Feb JN

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα  
Saittas 2 4-Feb KH  
Troodos 7 17-Feb KH  
Troodos village 2 20-Feb DBu

**EURASIAN MAGPIE** *Pica pica*  
Κατσκορώννα  
Largest counts:  
Anadiou 15 15-Feb DJW  
Anarita Park 14 1-Feb DJW  
Souni 12 includes 8 together in bushes  
19-Feb JN

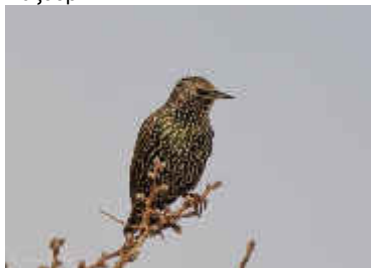
**WESTERN JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*  
Κολοιός  
Largest counts:  
Avagas Gorge c40 20-Feb DJW

Episkopi, Paphos 100+ 6 & 13-Feb  
JS/DJW  
Evretou Dam c30 15-Feb DJW  
Panagia Stazousa 30 25-Feb JS

**HOODED CROW** *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος  
Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 20 23-Feb AKe  
Athalassa treated sewage water pond c40  
16-Feb FGe  
Germasogeia Dam area 22+ 18-Feb DBu  
Larnaca Sewage Works 20 25-Feb JS  
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia c20 4-  
Feb FGe  
Phassouri Reed-beds 28 13-Feb JN

**NORTHERN RAVEN** *Corvus corax*  
Κλόκκαρος  
Trachoni Pools 5 Flying over 28-Jan  
NCP  
Vouno 2 26-Feb MBa

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*  
Λαζούρι



*Common Starling, Paphos Headland, 20<sup>th</sup>  
February. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:  
Frenaros 1000 7-Feb AKe  
Paphos Lighthouse c150 20-Feb DJW  
Paralimni Lake 1000 4-Feb AKe

**ROSE-COLOURED STARLING** *Sturnus roseus* Ακριδοπούλι



*Rose-coloured Starling, Paphos Headland, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Paphos Lighthouse 1 20-Feb IKB/DJW

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c50 21-Feb FGe

Frenaros 2000 26-Feb AKe

Frenaros 3 eggs 28-Feb AKe

Souni 56 23-Feb JN

**SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer*

*hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος

Largest counts and ringing records:

Frenaros 30 5-Feb AKe

Larnaca Salt Lake c200 25-Feb JS

Paphos Headland c30 23-Feb IKB

Polis Reedbeds 1 18-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 5 23-Feb BCRS

**ROCK SPARROW** *Petronia petronia*

Πετρόστρουθος



*Rock Sparrow, Cape Greco, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Photograph by Raija Howard.*

Cape Greco 1 2, 8 & 15-Feb JS/KH

**COMMON CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίνις

Largest counts and ringing records:

Asprokremos Dam c100 25-Feb DJW

Livadi tou Pashia c200 Large flock flying through valley. Probably an undercount 5-Feb JS

Polis Reedbeds 1 18 & 23-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 3 27-Feb BCRS

Souni 176 12-Feb JN

Troodos village 100+ 20-Feb DBu

**EUROPEAN SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

Largest counts and ringing records:

Akhna Dam c150 21-Feb FGe

Malia c60 9-Feb LAC

Polis Reedbeds 1 18-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 6 23-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 2 27-Feb BCRS

Souni 96 8-Feb JN

**EUROPEAN GREENFINCH** *Carduelis*

*chloris* Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος

Largest counts and ringing records:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c50 18-Feb DBu

Cape Greco c24 24-Feb FGe

Polis Reedbeds 1 18-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 3 23-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 14 27-Feb BCRS

Souni 33 8-Feb JN

**EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis*

*carduelis* Σγαπίλι

Largest counts and ringing records:

Germasogeia Dam area 45+ 18-Feb DBu

Mavrokolymbos Dam c40 18-Feb DJW

Polis Reedbeds 3 18-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 7 23-Feb BCRS

Polis Reedbeds 4 27-Feb BCRS

Souni 25 8-Feb JN

**EURASIAN SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus*

Θικιολαρούδι



*Eurasian Siskin, Paphos Headland, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Ar mou 8 13-Feb DJW

Bishop's Pool 1 1-Feb KH

Bishop's Pool 3 11-Feb KH

Diarizos Valley 6 4-Feb WAS  
Episkopi, Paphos 2+ Unsuccessful at  
counting them 5-Feb LAC  
Episkopi, Paphos 10 probably more 6-  
Feb JN  
Episkopi, Paphos 10+ Picnic site 20-Feb  
PCu  
Evretou Dam 5 15-Feb DJW  
Ezousas Valley 10+ 6-Feb JS  
Kamares (Tala) 6 2-Feb DJW  
Kamares (Tala) 8 3-Feb DJW  
Paphos Headland 6 3m and 3f 12-Feb  
IKB  
Saïttas 3 4-Feb KH  
Sarama 10 15-Feb DJW  
Troodos 12 4-Feb WAS  
Troodos 20+ 17-Feb KH

### **COMMON LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο  
Largest counts and ringing records:  
Cape Greco c40 19-Feb SC with A P  
Leventis  
Germasogeia Dam 30+ 5-Feb JS  
Lady's Mile 30+ 5-Feb JS  
Mandria c80 25-Feb IKB  
Paphos Headland c40 22-Feb IKB  
Polis Reedbeds 5 23-Feb BCRS  
Polis Reedbeds 7 27-Feb BCRS

### **RED CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττης  
Troodos 4 juvs 4-Feb WAS  
Troodos 2 17-Feb KH  
Troodos village 2+ 20-Feb DBu

### **TRUMPETER FINCH** *Bucanetes*

*githagineus* Ερημόσπινος  
Cape Greco 2 2, 21 & 24-Feb KH/FGc  
Cape Greco 3 8 & 17-Feb KH/DBu  
Cape Greco 1 19 & 24-Feb DBu/SC  
Cape Greco 4 23-Feb STi  
Salamis, Famagusta 1 27-Feb JJG (Rare  
bird form requested)

### **CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING** *Emberiza*

*caesia* Σιταροπούλλι  
Souni 1 22-Feb JN Further details  
requested for this very early record.

### **COMMON REED BUNTING** *Emberiza*

*schoeniclus* Καλαμοπιτίλλα  
Lady's Mile 2 3, 4, 8 & 15-Feb TRe  
Lady's Mile 4 5-Feb ADT  
Lady's Mile 3 11-Feb TRe

Phasouri Reed Beds 2 1 & 13-Feb  
AWH/JN  
Zakaki Marsh 6 3-Feb KH  
Zakaki Marsh 1 3, 7 & 16-Feb  
DJW/IKB/WAS/DBu  
Zakaki Marsh 4 5, 11 & 27-Feb JS/KH/JN

### **CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος  
Largest counts:  
Arodhes 27 15-Feb DJW  
Frenaros 30 in song 26-Feb AKE  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 29 18-Feb DJW  
Paphos Headland c30 22-Feb IKB  
Potamia c30 9-Feb FGe

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## **MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT**

**February 2016**

*Martin Hellicar & Yiannis Christofides*

*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 February, 8 recorders covered 12 wetlands (and one coastal site) across the island where 7,302 birds, of 51 different species were recorded between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

By far the most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo, with almost 2,500 individuals counted (more than half found at the Larnaka Salt Lake). Also noteworthy were the numbers of Shoveler ducks where a little more than 1,700 individuals were recorded. The wetlands holding the most birds were the Salt Lake and the Sewage works both found in Larnaka, while the most species-rich sites were again the two Larnaka sites as well as the Oroklini Marsh.

## Site coverage for the February 2016 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Paphos Lighthouse	Ian & Kate Bloomer	16-02-16	Coastal Site
Phassouri Reed Bed	John & Ann Stapley	15-02-16	
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	John & Ann Stapley	15-02-16	50%
Bishop's Pool	John & Ann Stapley	15-02-16	80%
Zakaki Pond	John & Ann Stapley	15-02-16	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Martin Hellicar	14-02-16	90%
Larnaka Sewage Works	Martin Hellicar	14-02-16	60%
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	15-02-16	70%
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	17-02-16	
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker, Ian & Kate Bloomer	15-02-16	57
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker, Ian & Kate Bloomer	15-02-16	48%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker, Ian & Kate Bloomer	15-02-16	45%



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Little Grebe				27	6	5	10	14		1	3		66
Black-necked Grebe							4						4
Cormorant									4	7	11	8	30
Shag	1		3			1							5
Cattle Egret								3					3
Great White Egret								1					1
Grey Heron								2	2	1		1	6
Greater Flamingo			900		1	1520		40					2461
White-fronted Goose							7						7
Ruddy Shelduck							10						10
Common Shelduck			56			442							498
Wigeon						8	30	1					39
Teal		8		42	5	20	250	98	17	6		2	448
Mallard					16	40	400	15		9		8	488
Gadwall							10						10
Pintail								9					9
Shoveler						94	1500	152					1746
Pochard				2				1					3
Red-crested Pochard								1					1
Ferruginous Duck				2			3						5
White-headed Duck								2					2
Marsh Harrier		2		1	1	1	1	2	2				10
Moorhen		2		2	7			1					12
Coot				28	9		250	37	93	20	2	6	445
Black-winged Stilt			2					6					8
Avocet			1										1
Stone-curlew						22							22
Lapwing								4					4
Spur-winged Lapwing													7
Golden Plover	29		6					2	3				35
Kentish Plover			54			8							62

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Greater Sand Plover	4												4
Ringed Plover						2							2
Little Stint			38			30							68
Temminck's Stint						4							4
Dunlin	1		45			6							52
Snipe								1					1
Black-tailed Godwit								1					1
Redshank			10			32	7						49
Greenshank							1						1
Marsh Sandpiper						2							2
Green Sandpiper							1	1					2
Common Sandpiper	4												4
Ruddy Turnstone	1												1
Black-headed Gull			188				8	8					204
Slender-billed Gull						23							23
Baltic Gull						1							1
Yellow-legged Gull			12			50	2						64
Caspian Gull						200	5						205
Armenian Gull			11			150	4						165
Kingfisher					1								1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1326</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2663</b>	<b>2504</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7302</b>
<b>Species Count</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>



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