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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](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds) 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 18th of the month. Please send to janestycy@yahoo.co.uk

Cover photograph: A Brown-necked Raven *Corvus rufficolis* was a surprise find at Cape Greco on the morning of Friday March 24th 2016. Keith and Rajja Howard alerted other local birders to the presence of a first for Cyprus and several were able to get good views of it as it flew around the area before it left in the afternoon of the next day.

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Spring 2016 – Winter 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.

May 2016

Saturday 7th 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 14th May: Akrotiri Peninsula.

Late spring migrants and water birds.

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

Leader: June Neal, 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

August 2016

Saturday 20th August: Oroklini Marsh and Akhna Dam

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Chris Stavrou. Mobile: 99530213

Water birds and Waders.

Meet 8.30 am at Oroklini Marsh. Please note earlier start time.

Saturday 27th August: Akrotiri Salt Lake

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

Demoiselle Cranes and early autumn migrants.

Meet at 8.30 am, Sylvana Restaurant. Please note earlier start time.

September 2016

Saturday 3rd September: Cape Greko

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Autumn migrants: Raptors and passerines.

Meet at 9.00 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turnoff.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9th, 10th & 11th September: Akamas Weekend, including Latchi Boat Trip

Joint Leaders: Melis Charalambides and Loria Phylakti.

An enjoyable, sociable, birding weekend to see seabirds and autumn migrants.

Further details to follow. However please book in advance separately for accommodation and dinners with Melis Charalambides, Mobile: 99653205, or for the boat trip with Loria Phylakti, Mobile 99413383

Saturday 17th September: Paphos Lighthouse

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

Autumn passerines and shore birds.

Meet 8.30 am, near beach cafe at CTO beach, west end of Paphos Lighthouse archaeological site. Please note earlier start time.

Saturday 24th September: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Birds of prey, water birds & autumn passerines.

Meet at 9.00 am, Phassouri Reed-beds.

October 2016

Sunday 2nd October: EuroBirdwatch Day

Athalassa Park, Nicosia. 09:30 - 12:00, Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893

Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Stavros Christodoulides, Mobile: 99425050

Paphos Plain, Paphos. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: TBA

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October: Karpasia Peninsula

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.

Details will follow.

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

Saturday 15th October: Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam & Anarita Park

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

Late autumn migrants and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am Mandria (please note the earlier start time), 'Lark Corner', on coastal track opposite rocky islands.

Saturday 22nd October: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Early wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am, dirt track leading to Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

Sunday 23 October: Family Birdwatching Day at Athalassa Park

Leaders: Elena Markitani / Martin Hellicar

Meet at 10.30 am, more details to follow

Saturday 29th October: Paphos Lighthouse

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

Winter visiting passerines and shore birds.

Meet at 8.30 am, near beach cafe at CTO beach, west end of Paphos Lighthouse archaeological site.

November 2016

Wednesday 9th November: Akrotiri Peninsula

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

Waterbirds and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am, car park adjacent to the new hide at Zakaki ponds off the road to Lady's Mile.

Sunday 13 November: Family Birdwatching Day at Oroklini Marsh

Leaders: Elena Markitani / Martin Hellicar

Meet at 10.30 am, Oroklini Marsh, More details to follow

Saturday 19th November: Agios Sozomenos and Athalassa Park

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

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

Meet at 9.00 am, Agios Sozomenos

Saturday 26th November: Troodos

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Winter visitors and mountain endemics.

Meet at 9.00 am, Forestry Department Environment Centre next to Dolphin Restaurant.

December 2016

Saturday 3rd December: Kidasi

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

Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

Saturday 10th December: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am, dirt track leading to Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

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

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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 26652223 or 99554561 or Dave Walker 99 915907 davidwalker@cytanet.com.cy

If you are sending photographs for inclusion in the Systematic List please send them by 18th of the month to Jane Stylianou – photographs taken in March should be sent by 18th 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 janestycy@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone: 99558953

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 blc.birdtrack.net and remember to update your bookmark.

Through the Cyprus portal, there is now a Gazetteer 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 BirdLifeCyprus 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

DON'T FORGET THE END OF SEASON GET-TOGETHER

Saturday 21st May: End of Season Get Together Lunch

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou

A la carte menu available.

For bookings please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Mobile: 99 413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

FIELD MEETING REPORT AKHNA DAM & OROKLINI MARSH, 5th Mar 2016

Stavros Christodoulides

The strong winds, overcast weather and light drizzle meant that just 6 brave souls gathered at the Akhna Dam wall parking area at 9.30. Despite the conditions, weather in which most birds tend to stay in cover and out of sight, we were optimistic that with hard work and perseverance we would have an enjoyable field trip and be rewarded with some interesting sightings.

Our meeting place was exposed to the elements so we decided to descend lower, to the water's edge, and take a short stroll around the eastern end of the Dam. Unfortunately, the weather was equally unpleasant and very few birds were in evidence. Some **Barn Swallows** including one with a very reddish belly (possibly of eastern origin), a couple of rather early **Red-rumped Swallows**, **Common Swifts**, two **Western Marsh Harriers** being mobbed by **Hooded Crows**, some **Eurasian Coot** swimming in the water and two distant **Grey Heron** resting on the opposite bank. Some birds were singing from deep cover including **Cetti's Warbler**, **Eurasian Blackcap** and **Song Thrush** while some **European Greenfinch** were a little more cooperative as they flew and briefly landed on the trees nearby.

Given the poor weather at Akhna we decided to head off early for the rather more sheltered area of Oroklini Marsh. Here, we hoped for calmer weather and felt that the hide should offer us sanctuary from the potential of a sudden thunderstorm. Furthermore, birds at Oroklini tend to be more concentrated, especially in the area near the hide, with large numbers of waterbirds which are less likely to be affected by the bad weather.

At the Oroklini Main Hide, our first stop, our decision immediately paid dividends as on arrival we were greeted by a dapper breeding adult **Mediterranean Gull**. We picked it out while swimming with four similarly smart breeding plumaged **Common Black-headed Gulls** but the darker head, thicker red bill and white wingtips stood out and we all had great views of these features through our telescope. They even decided to briefly take off and circle the hide allowing us even better views and comparisons of the wingtips of the five birds, the clean white wing of the adult Mediterranean Gull standing out amongst the Black-headed Gulls which showed a dark trailing edge to their primaries. Other birds here included good numbers of **Mallard**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Eurasian Teal**, **Little Grebe**, **Coot**, **Black-winged Stilt** and single **Grey Heron**, **Great Egret** and **Black-tailed Godwit**. The **White-headed Duck** was still present and we were able to get good scope views noting its small size, swollen bill, striped head and stiff tail! A male **Ferruginous Duck** was another good bird but was too busy constantly diving for food and didn't offer the kind of views we were hoping for!

Content with our progress and with plenty of time still left we decided to try the southern end of the Marsh. First we scanned the lake from the area of unfinished houses just east of the "southern hide". Due to the dry winter, water levels were low and there was less water than expected and as a result a smaller selection of birds. Some ducks were roosting on the small islands, a **Common Redshank**, a **Green Sandpiper** but little else. We moved on to the nearby hide where we were hoping to view the lake from a different angle. Again the low water level meant few birds with a couple of **Spur-winged Lapwings** and a **Common Snipe** being the only new waders we managed to add to our day list. With the wind dying down the area of tamarisks around the hide started coming alive with bird song and we managed to see a few passerines including **White Wagtail**, **Great Tit**, **Common Stonechat** and **Bluethroat**. Unfortunately the Bluethroat gave only the briefest of views as it flew low into a tamarisk leaving us wanting for better views.

Nevertheless, and despite the poor weather our trip was very enjoyable and given the conditions we managed to see quite a good selection of birds, including some uncommon ones proving that even when the weather is far from ideal birding can be enjoyable as well as rewarding.

FIELD MEETING REPORT - PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, 19th Mar 2016

John Stapley

An amazing and very welcome turnout of 37 persons including a number of visitors arrived for this field trip on a cool (almost cold) blustery morning. While waiting for the group to assemble, **Barn Swallows** swept overhead and we saw or heard **European Greenfinch**, **European Goldfinch** and **Common Linnet** amongst the trees in the car park. On a rock marking the entrance to the harbour sat a **European Shag**.

Mounting the steps inside the Site, we quickly found **Common House Martin**, mixing in with the Barn Swallows, **Sardinian Warbler**, the first of many **Zitting Cisticola** and **Great Tit**, while in the distant trees were **Common Woodpigeon**, **Eurasian Collared Dove** and **Hooded Crow**.

Pausing for a few moments to scan a bushy/shrubby area, which frequently provides us with some good sightings, we added **Common Stonechat** and **Common Chiffchaff** to our list. Conveniently perched in a tree just beyond this area sat a **Great-spotted Cuckoo**. Unfortunately, it refused to stay long enough to allow everyone a good view through a telescope before moving to another tree where it was much less visible as it was hidden by foliage. When it took off from there, we lost it and surprisingly did not find it again during the morning. It must have decided that there was no available or suitable nest to parasitize.

However, a distant commotion revealed a **Common Kestrel** taking exception to the presence of a **Short-eared Owl** that we presumed had only very recently arrived from across the sea. Disappointingly, the kestrel's action allowed only a very brief glimpse of the owl as it flew and disappeared into a tree, although for those who did witness it, the wing markings were clearly visible.

At this point, some of the group, particularly the keen photographers, headed off in pursuit of the owl to get a better view. Apparently and surprisingly for such a large bird, it proved difficult to find as it hid amongst the dense foliage. Initially it moved from one tree to another, and then fed up with the unwelcome attention it was receiving, took off inland allowing only one or two a reasonable view of it.

Meanwhile, the main group proceeded through the avenue of trees where everyone was given clear views of two **Eurasian Hoopoes** feeding on the ground. In the same vicinity, we found a pair of **White Wagtails**, male **Western Black Redstarts** and **Common Chaffinch**.

A group of noisy **House Sparrows** attracted our attention, while a **Song Thrush** dived for cover in the undergrowth followed by the first of our **Lesser Whitethroats**. A lone **Little Egret** was spotted as it flew leisurely east to west across the Site, and a stunning male **Northern Wheatear** posed for us on an ancient wall. Also seen were **European Serin** and **Eastern Orphean Warbler**.

Around the more open areas, several different species were spotted, but generally only in ones or twos. These included **Spanish Sparrow** (which shared a tree with a group of European Greenfinch and Common Linnet), **Crested Lark**, **Eurasian Skylark**, **Common Nightingale**, **Rüppell's Warbler**, **Eurasian Magpie** and **Cretzschmar's Bunting**.

On the final leg of our circuit, we found both **Meadow Pipits** and **Red-throated Pipits**, **Isabelline Wheatear** and **Black-headed Wagtail**. Strangely, the final bird of the morning was a single **Corn Bunting** perched on a distant bush. Normally, these are numerous around this Site, but for some unknown reason they were both scarce and unusually silent for this time of year.

Although none of our birds was seen in any great numbers, a total of 40 species for such a blowy morning was more than satisfactory.

FIELD TRIP REPORT OROKLINI, PARALIMNI LAKE & CAPE GRECO ON MARCH 26TH

Martin Hellicar

This was a field trip in three parts. It began and ended as a 'normal' field trip with 10 participants, but in-between Oroklini Marsh in the morning and Cape Greco in the afternoon was sandwiched a visit to Paralimni Lake with a scout group of over 60 children and leaders. June Neal kindly and efficiently stepped in to lead the 'normal' field trip for the duration of the scouts' event, which was led by Development Officer Elena Markitani, our visiting volunteer Shannon O'Grady and me. The scout visit to Paralimni Lake was part of our on-going effort to educate about birds and conservation, with the focus on children.



Explaining the importance of Paralimni Lake and its birds to the scouts group

But we began at excellent information point hide at Oroklini Marsh, where we counted 22 **Black-winged stilts** and 22 **Spur-winged lapwings**, numbers that bode well for the coming breeding season, even if water levels were rather low for the time of year. There were about 50 **Cattle egrets**, many of them building nests in the *tamarix* bushes, plus a lone **Great Egret**. There were 14 still **Greater Flamingos** in the middle of the lake, all but one juvenile birds. **Eurasian Teal**, **Northern Shoveler** and **Mallard** were present, but the duck highlights were lone **Ferruginous Duck** and **Northern Pintail**. Another notable lone individual was the **Black-tailed Godwit**, a bird that has been recorded from the site all winter. **Eurasian Coots**, **Common Moorhens**, **Little Grebes**, **Common Redshank**, a **Grey Heron** and **Common Black-headed gulls** were the other waterbirds, while we also picked up **Common Swifts**, **Common House Martins**, **Crested Lark**, **Black Francolin**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Cetti's Warbler**, **Common Chiff-chaff**, **Lesser Whitethroat**, **White Wagtail**, **Eurasian Collared Dove**, **Song Thrush** and **House Sparrow**. There were also a **Western Marsh Harrier** and **Common Buzzard** spotted from the lower hide, from where the highlight was a **Bluethroat** that showed nicely at close range, plus three **Eurasian Reed Warblers**.

On to Paralimni lake, where water levels were low and the bird count rather disappointing, but the scout troupe really enjoyed views of **Red-rumped swallows** and **Barn swallows**, a **Common Kestrel** 'dive-bombing' a Common Buzzard and, most of all, the Spur-winged Lapwings. Also recorded here were Coot, Moorhen, Mallard, Cetti's Warbler and House Sparrow.

Our two hours of education effort over, we moved on to Cape Greco for the afternoon. Here we were treated to that most outstanding of spring-time events, a 'fall' of migrants. Every single low bush in the area at the end of the peninsula seemed to host a warbler or two, busily searching for insects. Lesser Whitethroats were most abundant, but we also saw half a dozen **Rüppell's Warblers**, **Subalpine Warblers**, **Common Whitethroats**, **Eurasian Blackcaps**, Common Chiff-chaffs and resident **Spectacled Warblers**. Wheatears were also very much in evidence on the peninsula. We saw **Cyprus Wheatears**, **Eastern Black-eared Wheatears**, **Northern Wheatears** and **Isabelline Wheatears**. A couple of **Chukars** called from a nearby rock and we also had Crested Larks, **European Greenfiches**, **Cretzschmar's Bunting** and **Yellow-legged Gulls**. But the highlight was spotted behind the fence of aerial farm, a splendid male **Common Redstart** of the *samamiscus* race, sporting a pure white wing-panel. It was a fine way to round off a day, with the field trip list at a respectable 50 species.

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

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ
Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 38

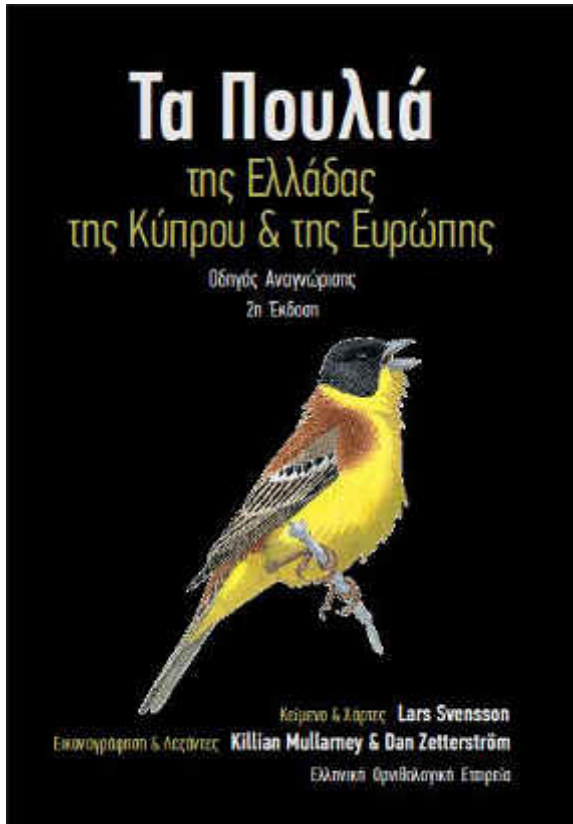


Last Month's Quiz answer

March's mystery bird is a short legged passerine with a horizontal posture, drab plumage, a medium sized bill and medium length tail. It's overall jizz and characteristics suggest that this is a species of lark.

Despite the characteristically plain plumage our mystery bird's sandy colouration is very unusual suggesting it is a bird of desert habitat. Immediately this rules out all regularly occurring species of Lark. Only three vagrant species show this sand-coloured plumage: Dunn's Lark, Bar-tailed Lark and Desert Lark. All three are quite similar with a number of subtle differences, their overall jizz, shape and behaviour being important in their separation. Dunn's Lark (the rarest of the three with just one Cyprus record) shows a stout, swollen bill, faint red streaks on its back and a striking head pattern, features that appear absent on our mystery bird. Ours shows a plain back, a rather small bill and plain face. The two remaining species can be extremely similar and care must be taken in their separation. Desert Lark is a variable species with many populations showing different plumage tones. However in all plumages birds show brown tertials with pale outer fringes and have a rather strong bill, yellowish with a dark tip. Being larger, Desert Larks look more elongated with a longer head and flatter crown and in flight show a thick, diffusely set-off terminal tail band. Our bird is smaller, more compact with a rounded head, shows plain tertials and a small pinkish bill, all characteristics of **Bar-tailed Lark**, a bird which was seen for the 6th time in Cyprus just a few weeks ago! Its name comes from its clearer cut terminal tail band which is only obvious in flight but with care it should be reasonably straight forward to separate. Furthermore, it has the characteristic behaviour of constantly running, making only brief stops to feed while Desert Larks tend to be less energetic and have a more typical Lark-like feeding and foraging behaviour.

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SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR MARCH 2016

Jane Stylianou

6671 records received

218 species and forms recorded in March 2016, compared to 236 in March 2015.

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

The following species were also regularly reported during March: Little Grebe, Grey Heron, Eurasian Teal, Mallard, Northern Shoveler, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Buzzard, Common Kestrel – 160 records, Chukar, Black Francolin, Common Moorhen, Eurasian Coot, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Little Stint, Dunlin, Ruff, Common Snipe, Common Redshank, Green Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Common Black-headed Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Rock Dove, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Little Owl, Common Swift, Crested Lark, Barn Swallow – 193 records, Common House Martin, Meadow Pipit, White Wagtail, Western Black Redstart, Common Stonechat, Isabelline Wheatear - 141 records, Northern Wheatear – 130 records, Song Thrush, Cetti's Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Spectacled Warbler, Sardinian Warbler – 151 records, Cyprus Warbler, Eurasian Blackcap. Common Chiffchaff, Great Tit, Eurasian Magpie, Western Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Common Chaffinch, European Serin, European Greenfinch, European Goldfinch, Common Linnet, Corn Bunting

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps*

nigricollis Μαυροβούτιης

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16 & 25-Mar
JS/LAC

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax*

carbo Κορμοράνος

Largest counts and interesting reports:

Asprokremnos Dam 60 Seen flying over

area from motorway at 17.00pm 9-Mar JS

Cape Greco 68 flying NE 20-Mar FGE

Oroklini Beach 100 Migrating E along
coast 4-Mar JS

Paphos Archaeological Park 110 Flew
over site 18-Mar JHe

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax*

aristotelis Θαλασσοκόρακας

Max count per location:

Cape Pyla 3 flying E 2-Mar BB

Karpasia Peninsula 10 26-Mar JS

Kensington Cliffs 7 16-Mar JN

Lady's Mile 2 flying parallel to shore
heading W 16-Mar JN

Mandria 5 23 & 25-Mar FMO/PCu

Paphos Headland 1 17, 18 & 30-Mar IKB

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



*Black-crowned Night Herons,
Asprokremnos Dam, 25th March.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer*

Asprokremnos Dam 45 25-Mar IKB

Mandria 12 25-Mar IKB

Ormidheia 22 26-Mar JN

Paphos Headland 10 22-Mar IKB

Zakaki Marsh 1 1-Mar MGR/KH

Zakaki Marsh 14 13-Mar KH

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Limassol Port Channel 1 30 & 31-Mar
FMO/JS

Phasouri Reed Beds 1 29-Mar TRE

Polis camp site 1 28-Mar HST

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 70 25-Mar AKE

Fresh Water Lake South 200 25-Mar JS
Oroklini Marsh 150 4-Mar JS

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 10 28-Mar KH
Meneou Pool 32 27-Mar LAC
Oroklini Marsh 15 28-Mar STi
Paralimni Lake 12 20-Mar AKe
Zakaki Marsh 28 28-Mar KH

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα

Athalassa Dam 1 10-Mar FGe
Lady's Mile 1 flew over and descended to
Akrotiri Salt Lake and seen later with Grey
Herons there 12-Mar JN
Oroklini Marsh 1 2, 5, 7, 12, 14, 16, 17,
20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29-Mar STi/SC/BC
field trip/DJW/KH/MH/FMo/GCS/LAC/JS/JN
Partenitis Dam 1 5-Mar SC/BC field trip
Zakaki Marsh 3 20-Mar JS

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυρομορφός

Largest counts:

Mandria 10 25-Mar IKB
Oroklini Marsh 40+ 28-Mar STi
Paphos Headland 42 27-Mar IKB
Zakaki Marsh 12 28-Mar WAS

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 12 circling overhead 29-
Mar JE
Frenaros 150 28-Mar AKe
Lower Ezousas 110+ 23-Mar LAC
Oroklini Marsh 50+ 28-Mar LAC
Paphos Headland 12 heading N at 12.00
22-Mar NS
Zakaki Marsh 21 Overhead towards
Akrotiri Salt Lake 27-Mar WAS

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο



Greater Flamingo, Lady's Mile, 3rd March.
Photograph by Tony Reeves

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 120 16-Mar JN
Larnaca Airport Pools South 42 25 & 27-
Mar LAC
Larnaca Salt Lake c100 2-Mar STi
Meneou Pool 60 5-Mar JS
Zakaki run off 25 29-Mar WAS

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια

Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 2-Mar STi
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 4, 13, 15, 16 &
20-Mar KH/JS/ADT/FMo/GCS

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλδούτρος

Larnaca Airport Pools South 30+ 2-Mar
STi
Larnaca Salt Lake 40 10-Mar DJW
Larnaca Salt Lake 83 16-Mar JS
Meneou Pool 3 5-Mar JS

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope*

Αρμαπάσσης

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 female 2-Mar
STi
Larnaca Sewage Works PRESENT 10-
Mar DJW
Oroklini Marsh 2 m and f 7, 14 & 20-Mar
STi/KH/MH/FMo/GCS
Oroklini Marsh 1 Male 24-Mar JS

GADWALL *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα

Larnaca Sewage Works c3 Several
individuals present 2-Mar STi
Zakaki Marsh 1 1-Mar MGr
Zakaki Marsh 2 4-Mar MGr

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 90 flying over 26-Mar
KH
Cape Greco 90 Flying E to N 24-Mar
JS/KH
Thalassines Spilies, Cape Greco 20 In big
flock of c350 Garganey, flying east along
coast 19-Mar FGe

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Fish Farm c400 21-Mar KH

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c50 Flock at sea 1-
Mar TRe
Cape Greco Kaos, offshore c20 with
Pintail 24-Mar SC
Thalassines Spillies, Cape Greco 350 big
flock, also including c20 Pintails, flying east
along coast 19-Mar FGe

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*
Κοτσιηνοζιέφαλη
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2m and 1f 4,
13, 16 & 20-Mar KH/JS/FMo/GCS
Oroklini Marsh 2 pair 2 & 7-Mar STi
Oroklini Marsh 4 2m and 2f 7-Mar KH
Oroklini Marsh 6 20-Mar JHe
Oroklini Marsh 1 male 22 & 27-Mar
STi/LAC

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya ferina*
Κουντούρα
Bishop's Pool 1 f 1 & 9-Mar KH

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*
Βαλτόπαπια
Max count per location:
Bishop's Pool 13 29-Mar KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 20+ 2-Mar STi
Oroklini Marsh 1 male 5, 24, 25 & 26-Mar
SC/BC field trip/JS/LAC/JN
Zakaki Marsh 6 28-Mar WAS

WHITE-HEADED DUCK *Oxyura*
leucocephala Κεφαλόπαπια
Oroklini Marsh 1 2 & 5-Mar STi/SC/BC
field trip

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυτογεράκα
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 30-Mar BB

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps*
fulvus Γύπας
Kensington Cliffs 10 includes 1, possibly 2
on a nest 5-Mar JN
Kensington Cliffs 5 1 on nest and 4 others
on cliff face nearby 12-Mar JN
Kensington Cliffs 7 at least 16-Mar JN
Kensington Cliffs 2 20-Mar
FMo/GCS/DJW
Kensington Cliffs 5 26-Mar STi
Kensington Cliffs 4 31-Mar DG/MC
Mavrokolymbos Dam 5 4 Photographed
with tags, only one readable CCL, the 5th
bird was not photographed. 4 tagged birds
identified as individual and different. 13-
Mar DJW
Tunnel Beach 5 31-Mar DG/MC

Zapalo Bay 4 rising at 1600 at western
end of bay 8-Mar MGR

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*
Ορνιθοσιάχινο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Ringtail 19-Mar
ABW
Lady's Mile 1 13 & 21-Mar JE/KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 10-Mar DJW

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*
Ασπροσιάχινο



Pallid Harrier, Cape Greco, 24th March.
Photograph by Rajia Howard.

Agia Napa Sewage Pools 1 male 24-Mar
SC
Anarita Mast 1 male 30-Mar LAC
Cape Greco 1 17, 21 & 30-Mar
JDo/JLo/KPr/KH/BB
Cape Greco 3 males 20-Mar
JDo/JLo/KPr
Cape Greco 5 3m and 2f 24-Mar KH
Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 1 male 21-
Mar LAC
Frenaros 1 male 18 & 21-Mar AKe
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Female 26-Mar JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 Male 25-
Mar JS
Mandria 1 male 19, 23, 24 & 25-Mar
JCW/FMo/LAC/PCu
Mandria 2 males 31-Mar LAC
Marathounda 1 male 31-Mar IKB
Zakaki Marsh 1 male 20-Mar WAS
Zanadja 1 migrating male from S to N over
ridge 17-Mar JN

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*
Καμποσιάχινο
Peristerona 1 25-Mar CP/PPa

Ring-tailed Harrier spp
Bishop's Pool 1 29-Mar KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 24 & 27-Mar FMo/WAS

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοισάχινο



Northern Goshawk, Goudhi, 9th March.
Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Cape Greco 1 21-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Goudhi 1 4 jet aircraft up and down the valleys at low altitude. Presumably the bird had been disturbed by them. 9-Mar RA
Kale Vounari Park 1 flushed by Hooded Crows from pines atop hill; last seen heading west 28-Mar MGr

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter*

nisus Ξεφτέρι

Agia Varvara 1 21-Mar IKB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Mar KH
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 near Env Centre 22-Mar FMo/GCS
Anarita Park 1 23 & 25-Mar KH/DeGr
Evretou Dam 1 female 27-Mar HSt
Kale Vounari Park 1 31-Mar MGr
Souni 1 female, migrating N gaining height 22-Mar JN

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο



Long-legged Buzzard, Evretou, 7th March.
Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Singles reported at several location.

Records of 2+ birds below:

Agia Varvara 2 31-Mar DJW
Episkopi, Paphos 2 18-Mar HSt
Evretou Dam 2 15, 26, 27 & 28-Mar DJW/HSt
Phasouri Reed Beds 2 31-Mar TRE
Psathi, Paphos 2 possible pair 29-Mar DJW

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσάχινο

Anarita Park 1 21-Mar IKB
Androlikou 2 pair 24-Mar HSt
Armou Hills 1 22-Mar IKB
Arodhes 1 15 & 22-Mar DJW/JS
Arodhes 2 29-Mar DJW
Asprokremnos Dam 1 18-Mar HSt
Choli 1 26-Mar HSt
Evretou Dam 1 25-Mar MGr
Finikas, Asprokremnos Dam 1 21-Mar GRe/LAC
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 adult 13-Mar DJW
Skoulli 1 24-Mar HSt
Tsada Golf Course Track 1 21-Mar JS
Zakaki run off 1 juvenile over plantation 29-Mar WAS

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαρετός

Cape Greco 1 31-Mar per email from riomm1@yahoo.com
Parekklesia 1 overflying 31-Mar ADT

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*

Κιρκινέζι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 25-Mar TRE
Anarita Park 1 Male 22-Mar JS
Anarita Park 2 1m and 1f 25-Mar KH
Anarita Park 4 28-Mar JS
Karpasia Peninsula 2 26-Mar JS
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 f 26-Mar KH

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο



Merlin, Lady's Mile, 29th March. Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Male seen flying fast and low near old rabbit sheds 17-Mar JS
Lady's Mile 1 female. Tried to catch Little Ringed Plover 29-Mar KH

SAKER FALCON *Falco cherrug*

Στεποζάνος

Xylofagou 1 15-Mar STi

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάνος

Agia Varvara 1 15-Mar JS

Anarita Park 1 26-Mar RAT

Baths of Aphrodite 2 pair 5-Mar STi

Cape Greco 1 7, 12 & 18-Mar KH/STi/KPr

Cape Greco 2 in off sea 14-Mar KPr

Episkopi, Paphos 1 24-Mar HSt

Evretou Dam 1 29-Mar RAT

Kissousa 1 in flight heading towards cliff face 9-Mar JN

Peristerona, Paphos 1 27-Mar RAT

Zakaki Marsh 1 2-Mar KH

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορνίκι

Ones and twos heard in many locations during the month. Records of 3+ below:

Androlikou 3 10-Mar JHe

Evretou Dam 3 All heard only 19-Mar JS

Germasogeia Dam 3 heard 12-Mar DJW

Karpasia Peninsula 6 Heard 26-Mar JS

Mandria 3 7-Mar PCu

Paphos Lighthouse 5 heard in different locations 3-Mar DJW

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα

Agia Varvara 1 7-Mar IKB

Bishop's Pool 1 9 & 29-Mar KH

Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 2 Heard 25-Mar JS

Limassol Port Channel 1 30-Mar FMO

Oroklini Marsh 1 16-Mar STi

Zakaki Marsh 1 1, 3, 6, 13, 15 & 18-Mar KH/WAS

Zakaki Marsh 2 19, 21, 24 & 28-Mar KH/FMO/WAS

Zakaki Marsh 3 31-Mar KH

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*

ΣΙΚΤΟΠΟΥΛΑΔΑ



Spotted Crake, Agia Varvara, 22nd March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 2 22 & 23-Mar DJW

Zakaki Marsh 1 17-Mar JS/WAS

LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva*

Μικροπουλάδα



Little Crake, Agia Varvara, 22nd March. Photograph by Dave Walker

Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 1 M 6-Mar FGe

Agia Varvara 1 male 22-Mar DJW

Androlikou 1 10-Mar JHe

Oroklini Marsh 1 26-Mar JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 9, 20, 21, 23, 26 & 29-Mar KH/WAS

Zakaki Marsh 2 19 & 28-Mar KH/WAS

Zakaki Marsh 3 2m and 1f 31-Mar KH

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός

Mandria 7 29-Mar IKB

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Grus virgo*

Νυφογερανός



Demoiselle Crane, Kouklia Dam, 25th March. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 25-Mar
JS/MC/CC

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER*Haematopus ostralegus* Στρειδοφάγος

Akrotiri 4 Flew in from sea beneath
hospital 31-Mar MG

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus**himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς

Largest counts:

Larnaca Airport Pools South 80+ 29-Mar
LAC

Meneou Pool 44 16-Mar JS

Oroklini Marsh 30+ 18 & 28-Mar STi

EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus**oediconemus* Τρουλλουριά

Anarita Park 2 One in flight, one on
ground 26-Mar RAT

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 2 26-Mar FGe

Frenaros 1 5 & 16-Mar AKe

Frenaros 6 9-Mar AKe

Frenaros 2 18, 21 & 29-Mar AKe

Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 1 27-Mar
SC

Mandria 1 17 & 20-Mar LAC

Mandria 4 18-Mar LAC

Mandria 2 21-Mar LAC

Petounta Point 2 5-Mar JS

Spiros Pool 1 16-Mar JS

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola**pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο

Mandria 1 24-Mar HSt/LAC/FMo/PCu/IKB

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius**dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Little Ringed Plover, Evretou Dam, 7th March. Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 2 31-Mar AKe

Akrotiri 3 31-Mar DG

Evretou Dam 3 15-Mar DJW

Jumbo's Drainage Channel 6 11-Mar
DJW

Lady's Mile c10 29-Mar KH

Larnaca Salt-lake 6 10-Mar DJW

Oroklini Marsh 4 a couple of pairs 22-Mar
STi

Paralimni Lake 6 17-Mar AKe

Petounta Point 3 12 & 16-Mar FGe/JS/KH

Zakaki run off 6 29-Mar WAS

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius**hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 27-Mar FMo

Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 3 25-Mar
JS

Lady's Mile 4 12-Mar JN

Lady's Mile 1 17, 30 & 31-Mar

FMo/JE/WAS

Paralimni Lake 1 26-Mar LAC/JN

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius**leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι

Greater Sand Plover, Paphos Headland, 26th March. Photograph by Dave Walker

Dhekelia 7 Rocks in front of Alexander barracks 9-Mar STi
 Lady's Mile 3 13-Mar KH
 Lady's Mile 1 in partial summer plumage 20, 29, 30 & 31-Mar WAS/KH/Tre/FMo/JS
 Mandria 2 on beach at 8 am 30-Mar KMu
 Paphos Headland 2 1-Mar IKB
 Paphos Headland 1 on shore 18, 19 & 26-Mar KH/DJW/JN

EURASIAN DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus* Βουνοπλουμιδι
 Mandria 1 17-Mar LAC

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμιδι
 Paphos Headland 5 1-Mar IKB

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus* Γιαννής



Northern Lapwing, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 21st March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 20, 21 & 25-Mar DJW/TRe
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 30-Mar TRe
 Paralimni Lake 8 1-Mar AKe

SANDERLING *Calidris alba* Λευκονεραλλιδι



Sanderling, Lady's Mile, 2nd March. Photograph by Rajia Howard.

Lady's Mile 1 2-Mar KH

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii* Σταχτονεραλλιδι
 Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 2 14-Mar MH

Leivadia 2 Drainage channel near JUMBO 22 & 26-Mar STi
 Leivadia 4 Drainage channel near JUMBO 24 & 29-Mar JS/LAC
 Leivadia 5 Drainage channel near JUMBO 27-Mar LAC

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus* Κουφοπικάτσο
 Germasogeia Dam 1 17-Mar JS
 Zakaki Marsh 1 19-Mar KH

GREAT SNIFE *Gallinago media* Διπλοπικάτσο
 Oroklini Marsh 1 possible. Observed flying into marsh near garage. When bird flailed wings and tail prior to landing a lot of white was seen either side of tail 20-Mar FMo/GCS

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa* Λιμόζα



Black-tailed Godwit, Lady's Mile, 23rd March. Photograph by John East.

Lady's Mile 1 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23-Mar KH/JN/WAS/TRe/JS/DeGr/JE
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 16-Mar KH
 Oroklini Marsh 1 2, 5, 7, 12, 14, 25, 26 & 27-Mar STi/Sc/BC field trip/KH/DJW/MH/LAC/JN
 Oroklini Marsh 2 17, 18, 20 & 22-Mar KH/STi/FMo/GCS

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* Φαιομπεκάτσα
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 19-Mar JN/DJW/WAS

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπεκάτσα

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 12-Mar FGe

Spiros Pool 2 14-Mar JS

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι



Spotted Redshank, Lady's Mile, 20th March.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 4 14-Mar

MH

Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 25-Mar

JS

Lady's Mile 1 20 & 21-Mar JS/TRe

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 25-Mar

LAC

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 2 30-Mar FMo

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι



Common Greenshank, Lady's Mile, 29th March.
Photograph by Tony Reeves

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 25-Mar TRe

Lady's Mile 1 29-Mar TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 20-Mar

FMo/GCS

Larnaca Sewage Works c6 27-Mar SC

Phasouri Reed Beds 1 30-Mar TRe

Zakaki run off 2 29-Mar WAS

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 1 12-Mar FGe

Akhna Dam 2 28-Mar AKe

Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Mar STi

Vathia Gonia Water Treatment Plant 1 27-

Mar FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Mar WAS

Zakaki run off 1 29-Mar WAS

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακτίτης

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

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE *Phalaropus*

lobatus Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 25 & 27-

Mar LAC

GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus*

ichthyaetus Αετόγλαρος



Great Black-headed Gull, Lady's Mile, 15th March.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Lady's Mile 1 adult in summer plumage

15-Mar WAS/TRe

Oroklini Marsh 1 adult in summer plumage

28-Mar STi/LAC

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος



Mediterranean Gull, Lady's Mile, 15th March. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Lady's Mile 7 5-Mar KH
Lady's Mile 4 three ad summ plumage and one imm 15-Mar TRE
Lady's Mile 1 16-Mar LAC
Lady's Mile 1 plus possible 2CY immature bird 16-Mar JN
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 20-Mar FMO/GCS
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 4 ad and 2 imm 2-Mar STI
Oroklini Marsh 1 breeding plumage 5-Mar SC

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*
Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



Slender-billed Gulls with a Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, 13th March. Photograph by John East

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 90 20-Mar JN
Larnaca Airport Pools North c140 12-Mar BB
Larnaca Airport Pools South 90+ 27-Mar LAC
Larnaca Salt Lake 400 16-Mar JS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*
Νησόγλαρος
Cape Greco 2 6-Mar FGe
Cape Greco 1 7 & 28-Mar KH/LAC

Dhekelia 2 on rocks in front of Alexander barracks 9-Mar STI
Dhekelia 3 17-Mar STI
Dhekelia 2 19-Mar FGe
Kermia Beach 3 2 ad and 1 1st CY bird 4-Mar JS

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*
Θυελλόγλαρος
Lady's Mile 1 3-Mar TRE

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*
Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 15-Mar KH
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 probable – distant 16-Mar JN
Cape Greco Park 1 adult 12-Mar SC with L Sergides
Kensington Cliffs 2 20-Mar DJW
Lady's Mile 1 1, 13 & 15-Mar TRE/JE/KH/WAS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 2-Mar STI
Mandria 1 4-Mar IKB
Paphos Headland 1 5 & 27-Mar IKB

HEUGLIN'S GULL *Larus heuglini*
Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας
Lady's Mile 1 15, 16 & 28-Mar WAS/TRE/JN
Larnaca Airport Pools South 3 2-Mar STI
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 16-Mar JS

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος Κασπίας
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Mar TRE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 probable 16-Mar JN
Kermia Beach 1 4-Mar JS
Lady's Mile 1 3, 17, 28 & 29-Mar TRE/JS/WAS/LAC
Lady's Mile 22 13-Mar WAS
Lady's Mile 20+ 15-Mar WAS
Lady's Mile 16 16-Mar JN
Lady's Mile 8 20-Mar JN

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*
Γλάρος Αρμενίας
Cape Greco 1 7-Mar KH
Lady Mile Salt Lake North 2 juvenile 4-Mar MGr
Lady's Mile 26 includes 4 juveniles 12-Mar JN
Lady's Mile 12 probable this species in flight then down to the Salt Lake 12-Mar JN
Lady's Mile 2 13-Mar WAS
Lady's Mile 3 15 & 22-Mar WAS/TRE

Lady's Mile 5+ 16-Mar LAC
Lady's Mile 10 17-Mar JS
Lady's Mile 10 20-Mar JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 3+ several
inc 1 ad 2-Mar STi
Oroklini Beach 1 24-Mar BB

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Γελοχλάρονο
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Mar LAC

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia*

Γιγαντογλάρονο
Mandria 5 close inshore heading w in
strong wind 28-Mar MJH
Oroklini Marsh 3 28-Mar STi

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Χειμωνογλάρονο
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Fish Farm 2 21-Mar KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 6-Mar KH
Lady's Mile 5 15-Mar WAS/TRe
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 5-Mar JS
Oroklini Beach 3 24-Mar BB
Petounta Point 3 5-Mar JS

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia*

senegalensis Φοινικοτρύγωνα
Aradippou 3 including courting pair 27-
Mar FGe
Germsogeia Potamos 1 20-Mar KH
Moultagiaka 2 19-Mar KH

NAMAQUA DOVE *Oena capensis*

Μικροπερίστερο
Mandria 1 female 1, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16 &
18-Mar SC/JE/TRe/JCW/LAC/JS/GRe

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator*

glandarius Καλοχρονιά



Great Spotted Cuckoo, Asprokremmos
Dam, 29th March. Photograph by Ian
Bloomer

Ones and twos recorded at many locations.
3+ records listed below:
Armou 4 22-Mar DJW
Arodhes 5 15 & 22-Mar DJW/JS
Asprokremnos Dam 3 27-Mar IKB
Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 4 28-Mar
KH

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος
Akhna Dam 1 31-Mar AKe
Akrotiri 1 29-Mar KH
Asprokremnos Dam 1 29-Mar IKB
Cape Greco 1 28-Mar STi/LAC
Lady's Mile 1 29-Mar TRe
Pissouri 1 23-Mar KH
Souni 1 26 & 28-Mar JN/JE
Souni 2 heard calling 29-Mar JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 28-Mar WAS

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουπί
Arodhes 1 heard 29-Mar DJW
Drouseia 2 Calling all night near hotel 20-
Mar JS
Kamares (Tala) 1 13, 24, 27, 28 & 29-
Mar DJW
Latchi 2 30-Mar DG
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 calling 13-Mar
DJW
Nicosia, Paedagogical Academy Park Dam
3 all-Mar SC
Parekklesia 1 heard 6-Mar ADT
Prodhromi 1 15-Mar JHe
Souni 2 1, 3, 6, 8, 12 & 23-Mar JN
Souni 4 2-Mar JN
Souni 1 4, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 31-
Mar JN
Souni 3 5, 13, 17 & 21 -Mar JN
Tala 3 calling at midnight, not heard
previously this year and only once since 7-
Mar ABW

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Βαλτόθουπος
Mandria 1 25-Mar FMo/PCu
Paphos Headland 1 18 & 19-Mar
IKB/LAC/DJW/JN

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχειλίδοιο
Kale Vounari Park 1 28-Mar MGr
Troodos Village PRESENT 23-Mar DeGr
Zakaki Marsh 2 23-Mar KH

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχειλίδοιο
 Akrotiri 2 29-Mar KH
 Anarita Mast c25 6-Mar IKB
 Anarita Park 3 28-Mar JS
 Anarita Park 2 29-Mar IKB
 Anarita Park 4 30-Mar HSt
 Cape Greco 4 13-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
 Cape Greco Kaos 1 24-Mar SC
 Germasogeia Dam 1 17-Mar JS
 Kale Vounari Park 3 21-Mar MGr
 Kensington Cliffs 11 12-Mar JN
 Kensington Cliffs 6 at least 16-Mar JN
 Kensington Cliffs 4 20-Mar DJW
 Kensington Cliffs c16 26-Mar STI
 Kensington Cliffs 5 31-Mar JS
 Mandria 1 Near Petrol station on B6
 turning to village 15-Mar JS
 Mandria 2 25-Mar KH
 Paphos Archaeological Park 2 18-Mar
 JHe
 Zapalo Bay 6 good views from top of cliff,
 birds calling too 8-Mar MGr

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη
 Agia Varvara 1 31-Mar DJW
 Dhekelia coast 1 17-Mar STI
 Limassol Port Channel 2 9-Mar KH
 Limassol Port Channel 1 27 & 31-Mar
 FMo/JS
 Nicosia, Paedagogical Academy Park Dam
 1 heard only 5-Mar SC
 Paphos Headland 1 31-Mar LAC
 Pediaios river, Yiorkio area 1 7, 16 & 23-
 Mar FGe
 Phasouri Reed Beds 1 21-Mar TRe
 Potamos Liopetriou 1 17-Mar FGe
 Zakaki Marsh 2 1-Mar MGr
 Zakaki Marsh 1 13 & 18-Mar KH/WAS

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος

Zakaki Marsh 1 1-Mar KH

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος
 Akrotiri Pits 1+ A small flock heard flying
 over 23-Mar JE

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουζιός



Eurasian Hoopoe, Goudi, 7th March.
 Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Recorded in many locations and in good
 numbers throughout the month. Records of
 3+ listed below:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 9 & 17-Mar KH/JS
 Asprokremmos Dam 3 24, 27 & 29-Mar
 HSt/IKB
 Cape Greco 3 17, 24 & 30-Mar KH/BB
 Dhekelia 3 9-Mar STI
 Lady's Mile 4 5-Apr TRe
 Mandria 3 seen together 4-Mar IKB
 Paphos Lighthouse 9 possibly 2 more 19-
 Mar JN
 Potamos Liopetriou 3 13-Mar FGe
 Souni 6 2 seen, others heard 29-Mar JN
 Zakaki Marsh 3 31-Mar JS

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι

Anarita Park 1 3-, 25, 26 & 28-Mar
 DJW/KH/IKB/HSt
 Anarita Park 3 30-Mar LAC
 Cape Greco 1 18, 19, 21, 22 & 26-Mar
 KPr/SC/JDo/JLo/SC/GS/TRe
 Drouseia 1 29-Mar RAT
 Karpasia Peninsula 2 26-Mar JS/MC/CC
 Lady's Mile 1 19 & 31-Mar KH/TRe
 Lamaca Sewage Works area 1 27-Mar
 SC
 Limassol Port Channel 1 27-Mar FMo
 Mandria 1 25 & 30-Mar
 KH/FMo/PCu/HSt/KMu
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 13-Mar DJW
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 9, 17 & 21-Mar IKB
 Phasouri Reed Beds 1 singing! 18-Mar
 WAS

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

calandra Μαυροτράσηλος
 Perivolia 10 5 & 13-Mar JS
 Perivolia 3 16-Mar KH

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK

Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασιηλούδα



Greater Short-toed Lark, Mandria, 16th March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 31-Mar DG/MC
Anarita Park 5 25-Mar KH
Cape Greco 8 24-Mar JS
Karpasia Peninsula 2 26-Mar JS
Lady's Mile 2 16-Mar TR
Mandria 30 19-Mar JCW
Paphos Headland c20 11-Mar KH
Paralimni Lake 5 20-Mar AKE

LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella rufescens* Ερημοτρασιηλούδα

Mandria Beach 5 single flock in recently ploughed field; with skylark so good size comparison; photos show streak markings on breast 11-Mar MGR

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Agia Varvara 8 6-Mar DJW
Anarita Park 11 6-Mar DJW
Anarita Park 2 9-Mar JS
Anarita Park 1 15-Mar JS
Anarita Park 3 17-Mar WAS
Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 2 2-Mar KH
Kale Vounari Park 2 2-Mar MGR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 4 1-Mar DJW
Paphos Lighthouse 4 9-Mar IKB
Souni 1 3, 7 & 8-Mar JN
Tsada Golf Course Track 7 21-Mar JS

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα

Cape Greco 2 4-Mar JS
Cape Greco Park 1 9-Mar SC
Frenaros 1 9-Mar AKE
Germasogeia Dam 3 12-Mar DJW
Kale Vounari Park 12 2-Mar MGR
Lady's Mile 2 12-Mar JN
Mandria c6 1-Mar SC
Mandria c20 4-Mar IKB

Mandria 100 5-Mar DJW

Mandria 1 11-Mar MGR

Mandria 2 15-Mar JS

Paphos Lighthouse 1 at least 19-Mar JN

Perivolia 2 14-Mar JS

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Οχθοχελίδοιο

Cape Greco 2 22-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 16-Mar KH

Zakaki Marsh 1 13-Mar KH

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* Μιλτοχελίδοιο

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 50 21-Mar JS
Asprokremnos Dam 30 21-Mar JS
Goudhi 30 21-Mar RAT
Pomos Point 50+ 25-Mar PS
Prodhromi 100 15-Mar JHe
Zakaki Marsh 45+ 15-Mar KH

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi*

Διπλογαλούδι



Richard's Pipit, Paphos Headland, 8th March. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Paphos Headland 1 8, 11, 17, 18, 22 & 24-Mar KH/JS/LAC/IKB

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

Ωχρογαλούδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20 & 31-Mar DJW'KH

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 25-Mar TR

Anarita Park 10 28-Mar JS

Anarita Park 1 30-Mar IKB

Cape Greco 2 4 & 14-Mar JS/KPr

Cape Greco 1 17 & 24-Mar

JDo/JLo/KPr/JS

Karpasia Peninsula 1 26-Mar JS

Lady's Mile 4 30 & 31-Mar TR/JS

Mandria 5 23-Mar FMO

Paphos Headland 1 17, 18 & 19-Mar

LAC/KH/DJW

Paphos Headland 2 28 & 30-Mar

KMu/IKB

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι



Tree Pipit, Asprokremnos Dam, 27th March.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 20 28-Mar JS
Bishops Pool 10+ 26-Mar KH
Kallepeia, Paphos 18 29-Mar DJW
Karpasia Peninsula 15 26-Mar JS
Peristerona 70 25-Mar CP/PPA

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινογαλούδι

Agia Varvara 2 6-Mar DJW
Asprokremnos Dam 2 27-Mar IKB
Karpasia Peninsula 1 26-Mar JS
Kouklia Reservoir, Famagusta 1 25-Mar JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 16-Mar KH
Mandria 2+ 23-Mar LAC
Mandria 10+ 24-Mar LAC
Paphos Headland 5 1-Mar IKB
Paphos Lighthouse 50+ 8-Mar KH
Paphos Headland 1+ 11, 22 & 23-Mar KH/JS/LAC/IKB
Paphos Headland 8 17-Mar IKB
Paphos Headland 3 18-Mar KH
Paphos Lighthouse 5 at least 19-Mar JN
Paphos Headland 6 28-Mar KMu

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Finikaria, Germasogeia Dam 2 28-Mar KH
Germasogeia Dam 1 17-Mar JS
Lady's Mile 2 15-Mar TRé
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 16-Mar JS
Mandria 1 24-Mar LAC
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 15-Mar JS
Zakaki Marsh 2 15 & 27-Mar WAS
Zakaki Marsh 1 15 & 16-Mar KH/JN/WAS

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Τζιπρινοζεουκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c100 26-Mar KH
Mandria 300 26-Mar IKB

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla f.flava*

Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Mandria 4 24-Mar LAC
Paphos Headland 1 31-Mar LAC
Petounta Point Marshes 1 27-Mar SC
Sheep Farm area c25 27-Mar SC
Spiros Pool 3 16-Mar JS

Grey-headed Wagtail *M. f. thunbergi*

Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Paphos Headland 1 31-Mar LAC

Sykes's Wagtail *Motacilla f.beema*

Στεποζεουκαλάτης

Peyia coast 1 25-Mar ABW

Black-headed Wagtail *M. f. feldegg*

Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης



Black-headed Wagtail, Evretou Dam, 22nd March.
Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Mandria 300 All males and all of this race
21-Mar JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 50 All males 15-
Mar JS
Sheep Farm area c25 27-Mar SC
Spiros Pool 40 16-Mar JS

superciliaris intergrade:

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16-Mar KH
Mandria 1 24-Mar LAC
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 29-Mar TRé
Pomos Point 1 25-Mar CS

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κίτροζεουκαλάτης

Leivadia 1 citreola male. Drainage channel
near JUMBO 18, 22, 24 & 27-Mar
STI/JS:AC

Mandria Beach 1 31-Mar LAC

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Finikaria, Gerasogeia Dam 1 2-Mar KH

Gerasogeia Dam 1 12-Mar DJW

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

Θαμνοψάλτης

Paphos Headland 1 20-Mar KH

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

Κοτσινολαίμης

Largest counts:

Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 2 6-Mar

FGe

Cape Greco 2 4-Mar JS

Kivisili 3 Heard 5-Mar JS

Souni 13 3 seen rest singing 7-Mar JN

COMMON NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia*

megarhynchos Αηδώνι



Common Nightingale, Cape Greco, 26th March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Earliest records and largest counts:

Cape Greco 2 21-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr

Cape Greco 5+ 30-Mar KH

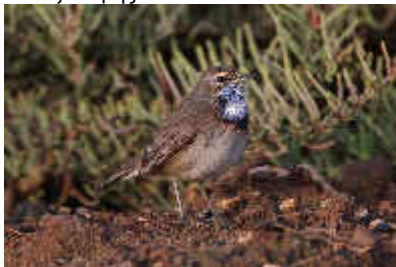
Mandria 1 21-Mar LAC

Paphos Headland 1 18-Mar KH

Souni 4 4 heard singing in a copse then 1 seen and 2 others flew, last one heard 'chuntering' 29-Mar JN

BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica*

Γαλαζολαίμης



Bluethroat, Zakaki Marsh, 3rd March.

Photograph by Rajia Howard.

Finikaria, Gerasogeia Dam 2 1 white spotted 2-Mar KH

Gerasogeia Dam 1 12-Mar DJW

Lady's Mile 1 4 & 8-Mar TRE

Limassol Port Channel 1 juv 30-Mar FMo

Oroklini Marsh 1 5, 20 & 26-Mar SC/BC

field trip/FMo/GCS/LAC

Paphos Headland 2 near theatre 23-Mar NS

Paphos Headland 1 near theatre 24-Mar NS

Zakaki Marsh 2 1-Mar KH

Zakaki Marsh 1 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 15, 23, 27, 29 & 31-Mar KH/MGr/TRE/WAS

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus*

phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης



Common Redstart, Asprokremmos Dam, 27th March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 31-Mar KH/JS

Anarita Park, Paphos 1 Male 21, 22, 23, 25 & 30-Mar JS/KH/DeGr/LAC

Anarita Park, Paphos 2 29-Mar IKB

Asprokremmos Dam 1 27-Mar IKB

Cape Greco 1 12-Mar STi/JDo

Cape Greco 3 20-Mar FGe/JDo/JLo/KPr

Cape Greco 2 21, 28 & 30-Mar

JDo/JLo/KPr/LAC/KH

Choli 1 male 26-Mar HSt
 Evretou Dam 1 27 & 28-Mar HSt
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 26-Mar JS
 Kensington Cliffs 1 26-Mar STi
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 27-Mar SC
 Meneou Pool 1 M 27-Mar FGe
 Paphos Headland 1 12-Mar PCu
 Paphos Headland 1 female 28-Mar KMU
 Petounta Point 1 27-Mar SC

EHRENBERG'S REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisticus* Ασιατικός Κοτσινοπούρης
 Cape Greco 1 25, 26 & 30-Mar
 BB/LAC/JN

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι
 Earliest records and largest counts:
 Agia Napa Sewage Pools 2 22-Mar SC
 with G Spiridakis
 Cape Greco 5 25-Mar FGe
 Evretou Dam 6 29-Mar HSt
 Mandria 1 23-Mar FMo
 Souni 1 17-Mar JN

SIBERIAN STONECHAT *Saxicola maurus* Σιβηρική Παπαθικιά
 Cape Greco 1 Photographed 4-Mar JS
 Cape Greco 1 Male. Possibly same bird from 4th March. In location 400m from where seen then. 12 & 13-Mar JS/FGe
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 Female 26-Mar JS/MC/CC

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cypriaca* Σκαλιφούρα



Cyprus Wheatear, Mavrokolympos Dam, 1st March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Early records and largest counts. 124 records received for this species.
 Anarita Mast 1 male 6-Mar IKB
 Anarita Park 2 males 9-Mar JS
 Anarita Park 6 21-Mar JS
 Arodhes 7 29-Mar DJW

Baths of Aphrodite 1 5-Mar STi
 Cape Greco 1 very showing male calling repeatedly 9-Mar STi
 Cape Greco 6 17-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
 Dhekelia, Larnaca 1 9-Mar STi
 Karpasia Peninsula 12 26-Mar JS
 Mavrokolympos Dam 1 1-Mar DJW
 Mavrokolympos Dam 6 13 & 18-Mar DJW
 Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 12 includes 8 males (5 singing) and 1 female 30-Mar JN
 Paphos 1 8-Mar KH
 Souni 7 5 males, 1 female and 1 other in flight 28-Mar JN

EASTERN BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe melanoleuca* Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρα



Eastern Black-eared Wheatear, Anarita Park, 31st March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Early records and largest counts:
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 10-Mar JE
 Anarita Park 5 25 & 28-Mar FMo/PCu/JS
 Cape Greco 1 M 13-Mar FGe
 Cape Greco 18 20-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
 Lady's Mile 1 8-Mar TRe
 Lady's Mile 7 31-Mar TRe

DESERT WHEATEAR *Oenanthe deserti* Ερημοσκαλιφούρα



Desert Wheatear, Mandria, 5th March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri 1 photographed 29-Mar MG
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 f 26-Mar KH
 Cape Greco 1 Male 4 & 6-Mar JS/FGe
 Cape Greco 1 f 20 & 24-Mar
 JDo/JLo/KPr/JS/SC
 Lady's Mile 1 12, 13 & 26-Mar
 DKo/WAS/KH
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Female 13-Mar
 JS
 Mandria 1 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 19-Mar
 KPr/IKB/DJW/PCu/KH/JCW/JS
 Milos Park, Limassol 1 on the foreshore
 rocks, moving east when spooked by
 walkers, etc 23-Mar MGr

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii*

Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα
 Anarita Park 1 male 3, 5, 6 & 15-Mar
 DJW/IKB/JS
 Anarita Park 1 Female 9, 21 & 22-Mar
 JS/GRe
 Anarita Park 2 1m and 1f 12-Mar JCW
 Arodhes 1 Male 19-Mar JS
 Cape Greco 1 f 1-Mar STi
 Cape Pyla 1 16-Mar BB
 Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 1 female 20-
 Mar GRe
 Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 2 1m and 1f
 21-Mar LAC
 Mavrokolymbos Dam male 8-Mar DJW/JS

RUFOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH

Monticola saxatilis Πετροκότσυφος



Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Marathounta Hills, 23rd March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Anarita Park 1 Male 15, 16, 17 & 19-Mar
 JS/DJW/IKB/FMo/GCS
 Anarita Park 1 Female seen in flight 28-
 Mar JS
 Anarita Park 2 1m and 1f 30-Mar
 IKB/HSt/KMu
 Armou Hills 1 22-Mar IKB

Cape Greco 1 female 13-Mar
 JDo/JLo/KPr
 Cape Greco 1 male 28-Mar STi/LAC
 Cape Greco 2 1m and 1f 30-Mar LAC
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 Male 26-Mar
 JS/MC/CC
 Marathounta Hills 1 male 23-Mar DJW

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*
 Γαλαζοκότσυφος



Blue Rock Thrush, Akrotiri, 3rd March. Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Up to three recorded throughout the month
 at suitable locations. Records of 4+ below.
 Anarita Park 4 3m and 1f 9-Mar JS
 Cape Greco c4 several m and f 9-Mar
 STi
 Cape Greco 4 17-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
 Zapalo Bay 5 2 males at water's edge, 1
 male along base of cliff where road meets
 beach, 1 male and possible female along
 base of cliff along beach to east 8-Mar
 MGr

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
 Argaka 1-Mar RAT
 Avagas Gorge 1 2-Mar RAT
 Bishop's Pool 1 male in flight 12-Mar JN
 Paphos Headland PRESENT 20-Mar
 DeGr
 Phassouri 1 heard singing 18-Mar WAS
 Souni 4 2 & 7-Mar JN
 Souni 1 3, 4, 8, 9 & 29-Mar JN
 Souni 2 10, 11 & 22-Mar JN

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα
 Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 26-Mar FGe

MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

melanopogon Μουστακαμουγιανουδί
 Zakaki Marsh 1 4 & 6-Mar MGr/KH

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουσιανούδι
 Bishop's Pool 1 29-Mar KH
 Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Mar FMo/GCS
 Oroklini Marsh 1 27-Mar LAC
 Phasouri Reed Beds 2 27-Feb FMo
 Polis Reedbeds 3 12-Mar BCRS
 Zakaki Marsh 2 17, 25 & 31-Mar JS/WAS
 Zakaki Marsh 3 20-Mar WAS
 Zakaki Marsh 1 22, 24 & 27-Mar
 WAS/FMo

MARSH WARBLER *Acrocephalus palustris*
 Βαλτομουσιανούδι
 Paphos Headland 1 possible.
 Photographed 18-Mar KH (further details)

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus
 Καλαμομουσιανούδι
 Max count per location and ringing record:
 Agia Varvara 1 22, 23 & 31-Mar DJW
 Akrotiri 1 31-Mar DG
 Fresh Water Lake South 3 25-Mar JS
 Goudhi 2 Heard in the reeds 21-Mar RAT
 Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Singing 16-Mar JS
 Limassol Port Channel 2 31-Mar JS
 Oroklini Marsh 4 24-Mar JS
 Petounta Point 1 12-Mar FGe
 Phasouri Reed Beds 5 27-Mar FMo
 Polis Reedbeds 1 12-Mar BCRS
 Zakaki Marsh 6+ 25-Mar WAS

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Τζικλομουσιανούδι
 Bishop's Pool 1 singing 29-Mar WAS/KH
 Zakaki Marsh 3 1 seen feeding and 2
 heard singing 12-Mar JN
 Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Mar KH/JS

SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans*
 Γκριζοπτερί



*Subalpine Warbler, Pomos Point, 25th
 March. Photograph by Chris Stavrou*

Max count per location:
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 13, 21 & 29-Mar
 WAS/ABW/TRe
 Anarita Park 3 male 25-Mar KH
 Bishop's Pool Beehive area 1 male 19-
 Mar KH
 Cape Greco 6 4m and 2f 17 & 26-Mar
 KH/JN
 Fresh Water Lake South 1 25-Mar
 JS/MC/CC
 Kallepeia 1 male 29-Mar DJW
 Mandria 1 17 & 18-Mar LAC
 Oroklini Marsh c2 males. Near south hide
 22-Mar STi
 Paphos Headland 1 Male 11-Mar JS
 Peristerona 1 27-Mar RAT
 Pomos Point 1 25-Mar CS/PS

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia rueppelli*
 Ελιοβάτης



*Female Rüppell's Warbler, Arodes, 29th
 March. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts :
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 1f and 5m 12-Mar
 KH
 Cape Greco 18 22-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
 Lady's Mile 6 2m and 4f 21-Mar KH
 Larnaca Sewage Works area c5 27-Mar
 SC
 Thalassines Spilies, Cape Greco 6 13-Mar
 FGe

ASIAN DESERT WARBLER *Sylvia nana*
 Ερημοβάτης
 Anarita Park 1 possible. Further details
 submitted 26 & 30-Mar RSh/JCW

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia crassirostris* Θαμνογαλλούρα
 Akrotiri Gravel pits 1 17-Mar ABW
 Anarita Park 1 16, 22, 23, 25 & 28-Mar
 WAS/JS/GRe/MG/KH/DeGr
 Anarita Park 2 21-Mar JS
 Cape Greco 1 male 12 & 25-Mar JS/FGe

Cape Greco 2 17, 19, 20 & 28-Mar
JDo/JLo/KPr/FGe/STI
Cape Greco 6 20-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Cape Greco 5 21-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Cape Greco 3 22-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Larnaca Sewage Works area 1 immature
male 27-Mar SC
Mandria 1 31-Mar IKB
Paphos Lighthouse 1 feeding in a bush
19-Mar JN
Zakaki Stadium 1 27-Mar WAS

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*
Συκαλλίδι

Largest counts and ringing records:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 8 31-Mar JS
Cape Greco 20 22-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Karpasia Peninsula 7 26-Mar JS
Paralimni Salt Lake 15 17-Mar FGe
Polis Reedbeds 1 7 & 12-Mar BCRS

COMMON WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*
Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 1m and 2f 31-Mar
KH
Anarita Park 5 30-Mar IKB
Cape Greco 8 21 & 22-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Kallepeia 5 4 male, 1 fem 29-Mar DJW

EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER
Phylloscopus orientalis Βουνογιαννούδι
Agia Napa Sewage Pools 1 22-Mar SC
with G Spiridakis
Bishop's Pool 3 26-Mar KH
Bishop's Pool 2 29-Mar WAS
Cape Greco 2 17-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Mandria 1 10-Mar JCW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 18-Mar KH
Paphos Headland 1 18-Mar IKB

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Δασογιαννούδι
Arodhes 2 29-Mar DJW
Paphos Headland 1 22-Mar LAC

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*
Θαμνογιαννούδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Mar JS
Anarita Park 1 17 & 26-Mar DJW/ABW
Armou 2 22-Mar DJW
Cape Drepanum 1 22-Mar JS
Limassol Port Channel 1 31-Mar JS
Mandria 1 25-Mar KH
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 18-Mar DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 29-Mar LAC
Paphos Lighthouse 3 19-Mar JN

Paphos Lighthouse 1 27-Mar ABW
Pomos Point 2 25-Mar PS
Souni 2 feeding 28-Mar JN
Souni 4 feeding 29-Mar JN
Spiros Pool 1 16-Mar JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 17-Mar JS

SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula semitorquata* Δρυομουγιοχάφτης
Cape Greco 2 both males 21-Mar
JDo/JLo/KPr
Cape Greco Caves 1 female 22-Mar SC
Souni 1 feeding male 28-Mar JN

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis* Κρικομουγιοχάφτης



Collared Flycatcher, Tala, 21st March.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

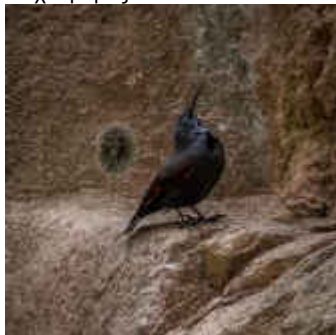
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 28 & 31-Mar
KH
Anarita Park 1 21-Mar DeGr
Arodhes 1 male 29-Mar DJW
Cape Greco 1 21-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Kamarea (Tala) 1 male 21-Mar DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works area 1 + male
27-Mar SC
Souni 2 males together in pines and lower
vegetation on old road into village 29-Mar
JN
Zanadja 2 male and female together 28-
Mar JN

EURASIAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομουγιοχάφτης
Arodhes 1 male 29-Mar DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Male 31-Mar JS

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμππετος
Kannaviou Dam 2 15-Mar DJW
Machairas Forest 4 6-Mar DKo
Troodos Village PRESENT 23-Mar DeGr

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria*

Τοιχοδρόμος



Wallcreeper, Avakas Gorge, 2nd March.
Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Avakas Gorge 1 2-Mar RA/IKB

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia*

brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης

Troodos Village PRESENT 23-Mar DeGr

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz*

pendulinus Υφάντρα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 6-Mar KH

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 10 Mobile group of
mainly males feeding on tamarisks 17-Mar
JS

Akrotiri Pits 3 21-Mar JE

Oroklini Marsh 2+ Two seen but others
present 7-Mar STi

Zakaki Marsh 2 4-Mar MGr

Zakaki Marsh 10+ 6-Mar KH

Zakaki Marsh 9 at least feeding 12-Mar
JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 16-Mar JN

Zakaki Marsh 3 19-Mar KH

Zakaki Marsh 1+ Heard 21-Mar KH

ISABELLINE SHRIKE *Lanius isabellinus*

Ξανθοκεφαλάς



Isabelline Shrike, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 26th
March. Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 isabellinus - Daurian

photographed 26-Mar KH

SOUTHERN GREY SHRIKE *Lanius*

meridionalis Διπλοκεφαλάς

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Possibly elegans. East
side behind Lady's Mile 31-Mar
JS/BH/TrE

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοκκινοκεφαλάς



Woodchat Shrike, Anarita Park, 22nd March.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

A good number of records of up to three
individuals at various locations throughout
the month. Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 26-Mar KH

Anarita Park 5 4m and 1f 28-Mar JS

Cape Greco 3 males 30-Mar KH

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκανούρα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24, 27 & 31-Mar

FMo/WAS/KH/JS

Cape Greco 1 11, 12 & 13-Mar

KPr/JS/KH

Cape Greco 3 21-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr

Cape Greco 2 22-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr

Chlorakas coastal path PRESENT 24-Mar

DeGr

Kale Vounari Park 1 18-Mar MGr

Karpas Peninsula IBA 2 26-Mar JS

Lady's Mile 1 31-Mar DG/MC

Neo Chorio (Smygies) 1 31-Mar SI

Paphos Headland 1 24-Mar NS

Zakaki Marsh 1 singing male on reeds to

S of hide along track 31-Mar WAS

Zanadja 1 31-Mar JN

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Troodos Village PRESENT 23-Mar DeGr

NORTHERN RAVEN *Corvus corax*
Κλόκκαρος
Karpasia Peninsula 1 West of Agios
Philonas 25-Mar JS/MC/CC

BROWNED-NECKED RAVEN *Corvus
ruficollis*



*Brown-necked Raven, Cape Greco, 24th
March. Photograph by Stavros
Christodoulides.*

Cape Greco 1 24 & 25-Mar
KH/JS/SC/KPr/JDo/JLo/FGe/BB First
record for Cyprus. Rare bird report
received.

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι
Akhna Dam 100 4-Mar AKe
Akhna Dam 50 6-Mar AKe
Akrotiri 1 2-Mar KH
Frenaros 10 1-Mar AKe
Frenaros 50 2-Mar AKe
Frenaros 20 5-Mar AKe
Frenaros 60 9-Mar AKe
Paphos Headland c100 coming into roost
2-Mar IKB
Paphos Lighthouse 20 3-Mar DJW
Paralimni Lake 30 5-Mar AKe

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Sturnus
roseus* Ακρίδοπούλλι
Paphos Headland 1 in roost with Common
Starlings 2-Mar IKB

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*
Χειμωνόσπινος
Cape Greco 1 13-Mar JDo

EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*
Θκιολαρούδι
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 5-Mar KH
Polis Reedbeds 1 12-Mar BCRS
Troodos Village PRESENT 23-Mar DeGr

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*
Σταυρομούττης
Troodos Village PRESENT 23-Mar DeGr

TRUMPETER FINCH *Bucanetes
githagineus* Ερημόσπινος



*Trumpeter Finch, Cape Greco, 4th March.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Cape Greco 3 4-Mar JS
Cape Greco 2 6, 14, 18 & 19-Mar
FGe/KPr/SC/BB
Cape Greco 1 12 & 13-Mar JDo/KPr
Dhekelia Camp 2 with a group of House
Sparrows 18-Mar STi Rare Bird report
submitted

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*
Τσακροπιπίλλα



*Ortolan Bunting, Akrotiri, 29th March.
Photograph by Rajja Howard.*

Akrotiri 1 29-Mar KH
Anarita Park 1 28-Mar JS
Cape Greco 2 17-Mar JDo/JLo/KPr
Cape Greco 1 26-Mar JN
Mandria 1 26-Mar IKB
Paphos Headland 6+ 28-Mar KMu

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza caesia* Σιταροπούλλι



Cretzschmar's Bunting, Cape Greco, 11th March. Photograph by Dave Walker

Double figure counts:

Agia Varvara 10 21-Mar JS
Anarita Park 12 15-Mar JS
Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard
area 17 30-Mar JN
Souni 10 29-Mar JN

COMMON REED BUNTING *Emberiza*

schoeniclus Καλαμοπιτίλλα
Germasogeia Dam 1 12-Mar DJW
Kritou Terra 1 winter plumage male 6-Mar
STi
Lady's Mile 1 1 & 4-Mar TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 females 2-Mar STi
Zakaki Marsh 2 1-Mar KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 4-Mar MGr
Zakaki Marsh 3 6-Mar KH

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

March 2016

Martin Hellicar and Yiannis Christodoulides

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 March, 12 recorders covered 14 wetlands (and two coastal sites) across the island where 3,238 birds, of 48 different species were recorded between the 14th and 17th of March.

The most abundant species was the Northern Shoveler, with about 700 recorded individuals. The wetland holding the most birds was the Larnaka Salt Lake, while also being the most species rich site. In comparison to the February count less than half the individuals were counted for all species. Also noteworthy is the fact that almost all of the Flamingos have left Cyprus resulting in a count of just under 200 individuals, whereas in February almost 2,500 individuals were still on the island.

Site coverage for the March 2016 Waterbird Count

SITE	RECORDER	DATE	WATER LEVEL
Paphos Lighthouse	Ian & Kate Bloomer	14-03-16	coastal
Phassouri Reed Bed	Martin Hellicar	15-03-16	10%
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Martin Hellicar	15-03-16	
Bishop's Pool	John & Ann Stapley	16-03-16	75%
Zakaki Pond	Martin Hellicar	15-03-16	25%
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	16-03-16	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	16-03-16	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar, Keith & Rajja Howard	14-03-16	70%
Achna Dam	Bill Barker	15-03-16	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	Philippos Georgiades	17-03-16	coastal
Paralimni Lake	Philippos Georgiades	17-03-16	
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker, Ian & Kate Bloomer	15-03-16	56%
Kouklia Dam	Martin Hellicar, Keith & Rajja Howard	14-03-16	25%
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker, Ian & Kate Bloomer	16-03-16	48%
Argaka Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	17-03-16	56%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker, Ian & Kate Bloomer	15-03-16	42%

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2016	Paphos Lighthouse	Phassouri Reed Bed	Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Bishop's Pool	Zakaki Pond	Larnaka Salt Lake	Larnaka Sewage Works	Oroklini Marsh	Achna Dam	Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	Paralimni Lake	Evretou Dam	Kouklia Dam	Mavrokolymbos Dam	Argaka Dam	Kannaviou Dam	TOTAL	
Little Grebe			15		2	37	11			8				2				75
Black-necked Grebe						1												1
Cormorant															1	5		6
Cattle Egret					2			3										5
Little Egret						2				1	2							5
Great White Egret								1										1
Grey Heron			1			11		5	2		1	9	9			3		41
Glossy Ibis					6													6
Greater Flamingo			120			61		8										189
Ruddy Shelduck							1											1
Common Shelduck						83												83
Wigeon								2										2
Teal			18		18	220	46			8			150					460
Mallard	2				10	196	29			6			60					303
Pintail						4	4											8
Garganey						4												4
Shoveler			33	2		120	300						250					705
Red-crested Pochard						3												3
Ferruginous Duck			2	2		5												9
Marsh Harrier	1	1		2	1	1	2			1	2							11
Moorhen			8							14								22
Coot			16			95	15	36		22	8	21						213
Black-winged Stilt			1			86	4	18	1				1					111
Stone-curlew						1												1
Spur-winged Lapwing				2	5	5	11	1			10							34
Kentish Plover			6			35					8							49
Little Ringed Plover								1				3						4

Ringed Plover					1														1
Little Stint			20			53						1							74
Temminck's Stint													2						2
Dunlin			2			17													19

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2016	Paphos Lighthouse		Phassouri Reed Bed		Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mille		Bishop's Pool		Zakaki Pond		Larnaka Salt Lake		Larnaka Sewage Works		Oroklini Marsh		Achna Dam		Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast		Paralimni Lake		Evretou Dam		Kouklia Dam		Mavrokolymbos Dam		Argaka Dam		Kannaviou Dam		TOTAL		
Ruff											44				1																				61
Snipe							1			1					7							6													15
Black-tailed Godwit															1																				1
Spotted Redshank																								4											4
Redshank				4							48				2			1																55	
Green Sandpiper							1			1		2		3					2		2		2		1									12	
Common Sandpiper													2																					2	
Mediterranean Gull				2																														2	
Black-headed Gull				10							98				9																			117	
Slender-billed Gull				16							432																							448	
Heuglin's Gull										1																								2	
Yellow-legged Gull	5										4																							9	
Caspian Gull				15																														15	
Armenian Gull				4																														4	
Kingfisher																			1															1	
Yellow Wagtail											33											3		1										37	
Reed Warbler							2			2					1																			5	
TOTAL	5	3	203	92	30	1044	696	479	41	3	88	28	515	2	1	8	3238																		
Species Count	1	2	14	6	10	25	15	21	5	3	12	7	11	1	1	2	48																		



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