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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 18th of the month. Please send to janestvcy@yahoo.co.uk

Cover photograph: *Formerly an opportunistic breeder and passage migrant, the Spur-winged Lapwing Vanellus spinosus is now a well established breeder at several locations, mainly on the east of the island. A few pairs breed at Paphos Sewage Plant in the east and family groups feed in the nearby fields during August and September. This juvenile was photographed by Dave Walker on 6th August 2016.*

OBITUARIES

ALAN CRABTREE, BirdLife Cyprus Ringing Officer, died 10th September 2016, aged 78

I first met Alan in 1980 when he was stationed in Cyprus with the British Armed Forces. He was bird ringing at the time with other members of the RAF Ornithological Society and the ABWS (Army Bird Watching Society) and their main trapping areas were Bishop's Pool and Akrotiri Reed Beds where they had a permanent net run. Thousands of birds were ringed on the two sites and sometimes I would join them together with other members of the Cyprus Ornithological Society (COS) on a Field Trip. It was at the Akrotiri Reed Beds site, that the first Dead-Sea Sparrows were trapped and ringed in Cyprus.

Alan left Cyprus in 1983 and came back after he retired in 2000. He contacted me in order to supply him with COS rings so that he could start ringing again.

At the time the Secretary of COS had all the rings. I tried several times to get him to hand the Ringing Scheme to me and after 3 months he handed me the rings with one restriction, not to hand them over to anybody else. Of course the same day I phoned Alan and told him the good news and I handed all the ringing scheme to him.

Alan was supporting me all the way through the amalgamation of the two societies and he was our Ringing Officer and Council member since 2003 when BirdLife Cyprus was formed until his retirement from the Council in 2015. He was also our Vice Chairman from 2009 to 2015. In July 2015, Alan was made an Honorary Member of BirdLife Cyprus for his major contribution to the society.

His ringing abilities were excellent and his love for birds unsurpassed. He was very good company and was always able to make everybody laugh.

He died on the 10th September 2016 after a short illness. He will be very much missed by all. My deepest condolences go to his wife Gwen.

Melis Charalambides
Council Chairman

Bird ringers are a unique breed, and being one of the only two British Trust for Ornithology A-class ringers residing permanently in Cyprus, I immediately had a lot to chat about with Alan. We met in Crete in 1999 shortly before he moved permanently to Cyprus, where again he had come looking for information for good places to go ringing.

Conversations at 5am or 6am, usually in Pafos but also on the east of the island, revolved around moult strategies, wing lengths, ageing and sexing of different small birds, while when putting the nets up he tried to teach me repeatedly the 'rabbit's hole knot' for tying the guy ropes to the poles, but to no avail, I just could not memorise it. While sharing news of the first Paddyfield Warbler caught and ringed was like sharing news of the most exciting event ever. But above all I won't forget, in May 2015, his excitement when we managed to catch a Cyprus Wheatear with a geolocator attached the previous year. Alan had been tracking the bird but did not manage to catch it, so when a group of three of us including himself, managed, his smile was so wide and triumphant.

His love for the birds was uncompromised. A tall kind man, with a dry and witty sense of humour, always able to make everyone laugh, revealing a very observant, but at the same time very private and discreet man.

Alan died after a short and sudden illness on 10th September 2016, and those of us who knew him well, wish we could have spent more time with him.



He will forever be remembered for his magnificent role as Ringing Officer of BirdLife Cyprus, having managed the ringing scheme in Cyprus and the bird records database for the last 16 years or so that he has been living here. Today the ringing database holds more than 80,000 records. Alan was declared an Honorary Member of BirdLife Cyprus in July 2015 for his enormous contribution to this work. He will be sorely missed for his contribution and for being such a good friend.

Our deepest condolences go to his wife, Gwen. May he rest in peace.

Clairie Papazoglou,
Executive Director

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.

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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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: Alan and Lynne Crane, Mobile: 99276310

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October: Karpasia Peninsula

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines. **Please note that this weekend is now fully booked.**

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 (Coordinates: 34° 41' 51.6" N, 32° 31' 49.73" E).

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. (Coordinates: 34° 51' 36.61" N, 33° 37' 38.22" E).

Sunday 23 October: Family Birdwatching Day at Athalassa Park

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leaders: Elena Markitani, 99305085 / Martin Hellicar, 99907893

Meet at 10.30 am at the park's south parking area (Latsia entrance).

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. (Coordinates: 34° 45' 53.35" N, 32° 24' 26.20" E). Please note earlier start time.

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. (Coordinates: 34° 51' 36.61" N, 33° 37' 38.22" E).

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 Gazeteer of the most frequently used birding sites in Cyprus which new users will find especially useful. More features will be added over the coming months.

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

KEEP UP TO DATE AND SHARE RECENT SIGHTINGS WITH THE BIRDLIFE CYPRUS GOOGLE GROUP

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

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

Email: BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com

Once you are a member you can choose 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, do not 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

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING & SUMMER 2016

Jane Stylianou

A look back at the spring and summer of 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. It covers the period February – July 2016.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούπτης: Two were on Asprokremmos Dam 8 & 18-Feb.

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός: One seen over Timi 6-Apr and another over Lady's Mile 21-Apr.

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea* Καστανόπαπια: Ten remained in the Larnaca Sewage Works area until 23-Feb, four until 2-Mar and one still present at end of Jul.

WHITE-HEADED DUCK *Oxyura leucocephala* Κεφαλόπαπια: The three females first recorded Oroklini Marsh 14-Dec remained until 26-Feb with one still present 27-Feb and 5-Mar.

SAKER FALCON *Falco cherrug* Στεποζάνος: One was seen flying over Xylofagou 15-Mar.

BOOTED EAGLE *Aquila pennata* Γερακαετός: A single over Cape Greco 9-Apr

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni* Κίρκινέζι: As in 2015 at least two were in the Pittokpos/Androlikou area during Jun and Jul but no evidence of breeding.

AMUR FALCON *Falco amurensis* Ασιατικό Μαυροκίρκινέζο: The first record of this species was seen at Anarita Park on 28-Apr and remained in the area until 15-May



Cyprus' first Amur Falcon photographed at Anarita Park on 6th May by Dave Walker.

BAILLON'S CRAKE *Porzana pusilla* Νανοπούλαδα: Found at Phasouri Reed-beds 20-Apr and Germasogeia Dam 29-Apr.

CORNCRAKE *Crex crex* Ορτυκομάνα: One was flushed at Akrotiri Gravel Pits 18-Apr.

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός: Seven flew over Mandria 29-Mar.

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Anthropoides virgo* Νυφογερανός: One was a Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) on 25-Mar.

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus* Στρειδοφάγος: Three reports: four individuals Akrotiri Coast 31-Mar; four Lady's Mile 13-Apr and two Meneou Beach 29-Apr.

BLACK-WINGED PRATINCOLE *Glareola nordmanni* Μαυρόπτερο Νεροχελίδονο: One Sprios Pool 19-Apr.

EURASIAN DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus* Βουνοπλουμιδι: Just one record this spring – one seen briefly Mandria (Paphos) 17-Mar.

RED KNOT *Calidris canutus* Κοκκινονεραλλιδι: One Spiros Pool 10-Apr.

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Limicola falcinellus* Ραβδονεραλλιδι: Two Spiros Pool 19-Apr and tow Akrotiri 10 & 14-May.

GREAT SNIPE *Gallinago media* Διπλοπικιάτσονο: A probably at Oroklini Marsh 20-Mar with one Evretou Dam 14-Apr, Phassouri Reed-beds 18 & 22-Apr, Lady's Mile 21-Apr and Akhna Dam 7-May. Two were at Akhna Dam 10-May.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* Φαιομπεκάτσα: The regular Paphos Headland bird was seen on several dates until 12-Apr. Elsewhere two Akrotiri Gravel Pits 8-Apr, one Mandria 17-22-Apr and 11-May and one Larnaca Airport Coast 14-May.

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres* Χαλικονεραλλιδι: One migrant Paphos Headland 15-Apr.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE *Phalaropus lobatus* Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας: Singles were at Larnaca Airport Pools 25 & 27-Mar and Akrotiri Gravel Pits 13-May.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus* Γερακοηστόγλαρος: Two dark phase individuals were seen flying W from Cape Pyla 12-Feb with a pale phase heading N Paphos Headland 24-Apr.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus* Γιγαντόγλαρος: An adult was in Larnaca Sewage Works area 3 & 4-Feb, then one in breeding plumage Lady's Mile 15-Mar, another Oroklini Marsh 28th Mar with one Spiros Pool 10-Apr.

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus* Νανόγλαρος: One first seen Jan, still around Larnaca Salt Lake area until 9-Feb.

COMMON GULL *Larus canus* Θυελλόγλαρος: A first winter was at Fresh Water Lake (South) 26-Jan with others Lady's Mile 28-Jan & 3-Mar and Larnaca Sewage Works 5-Feb.

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia* Γιγαντογλάρονο: Four reports of this species during the spring – five at Mandria 28-Mar, three Oroklini Marsh the same day, three Akrotiri Gravel Pits 21-Apr and, the largest group recorded in Cyprus – seven Mandira 13-Apr.

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι: The largest group record in Cyprus – 41+ - were at Larnaca Sewage Works 14-May.

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger* Μαυρογλάρονο: The largest group recorded in Cyprus of this species – eight - was at Larnaca Sewage Works 9-May. A single was there 14-May – 14-Jun and another Akhna Dam 24-May.

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia senegalensis* Φοινικοτρύγονο: The colonisation of the island by this species continues apace with more than twenty recorded at Aradippou 20-May and new breeding locations found in villages to the east of Paphos.

NAMAQUA DOVE *Oena capensis* Μικροπερίστερο: A female was at Mandria from 21-Feb until at least 18-Mar and will be fourth Cyprus record if a proven wild bird.



The female Namaqua Dove at Mandria. Photograph by Dave Walker.

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος: One was seen either at Lady's Mile or nearby Zakaki Marsh on may dates 1-Feb – 1-Mar.

BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER *Merops persicus* Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος: Small numbers were recorded during spring migration: one at Kouklia (Paphos) 5-Apr, two at Mandria, and nearby Timi (maybe same birds) on 10-Apr, three Phasouri Reed Beds 12-Apr, one Paphos Sewage Plant 13-Apr, two Paphos Headland 17-Apr, two Phasouri Reed Beds 29-Apr and two Agia Varvara, Paphos 7-May.

BAR-TAILED LARK *Ammomanes cincturus* Μικρή Αμμογαλιάντρα: One was at Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 & 3-Apr. There are three previously accepted record of this species in Cyprus.

BIMACULATED LARK *Melanocorypha bimaculata* Στεποτρόσιηλος: A group of five were at the Karpasia Peninsula on 2-Apr, while singles were at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 6-Apr and Petounta Point, Larnaca on 16-Apr.

LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella rufescens* Ερημοτρασιηλούδα: At least four were at Spiros Pool on 7-Feb with two at the nearby Larnaca Sewage Works on 9-Feb. Five were at Mandria on 11-Mar.

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi* Διπλογαλούδι: At least one was at Paphos Headland on several dates 8 Mar – 5 Apr and two were at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 6-Apr.

YELLOW WAGTAIL SPP. *Motacilla flava*: Careful searching through flocks of migrating **Yellow Wagtail** produced two races rare to Cyprus – a **Yellow-headed Wagtail** *M.f. lutea* at Lady's Mile on 22-Apr and a **White-headed Wagtail** *M.f. leucocephala* at Paphos Headland on 13-Apr.

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola* Κίτροζευκαλάτης: Reported at Leivadia, Mandria, Akhna Dam, Oroklini Marsh and Phasouri Reed-beds on various dates between 18 Mar to 16 May although numbers much reduced from recent springs.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis* Κεληδόστρουθος: Singles were at Tsada 9-Feb and Paphos Headland on 20-Mar.

EHRENBERG'S REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisticus* Ασιατικός Κοτσινουόρης: Males of the *samamisticus* race of the **Common Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* were at Mesogi, Paphos 21-Mar and Cape Greco 25 – 30-Mar.

SIBERIAN STONECHAT *Saxicola maurus* Σιβηρική Παπαθικιά: Males were at Cape Greco on 4 and 12-Mar and on the Karpasia Peninsula on 2-Apr with a female there on 26-Mar.

HOODED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe monacha* Σκουφοσκαλιφούρτα: A male was at Timi Beach, Paphos 10 – 13-Apr with another at the Baths of Aphroditis, Latchi on 13-Apr.

WHITE-CROWNED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe leucopyga* Λευκόπυγη Σκαλιφούρτα: The eighth Cyprus record of this species was found at Cape Greco on 23 – 26 Feb and then the ninth was in another part of that area on 7-May.

MARSH WARBLER *Acrocephalus palustris* Βαλτομουγιανούδι: A possible was at Paphos Headland on 18-Mar.

OLIVE-TREE WARBLER *Hippolais olivetorum* Ελιοτρυβητούρα: One reported Tsada 24-May would be the 15th record since 1994 if accepted.

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina* Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα: One Filani 9-May.

ASIAN DESERT WARBLER *Sylvia nana* Ερημοβάτης: One reported Anarita Park 26 & 30-Mar would be seventeenth Cyprus record if accepted.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* Κιτρινόφρυδο Γιαννούδι:

One Kato Paphos 19-Mar would be 15th Cyprus record if accepted.

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria* Γιαλλούρα: Singles were at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 19 and 23-Apr with two individuals ringed and trapped at Neo Horio, Paphos on 20-Apr and three on 23-Apr.

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula parva* Κοκκινόμουγιοχάφτης: One found Cape Greco 7-Apr.

SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula semitorquata* Δρυομουγιοχάφτης: Eight reports of up to two were received between 21-Mar – 13-Apr from Cape Greco, Souni, Akhna Dam, Kiti and Tala.

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria* Βραχοβάτης: The last report from the Avakas Gorge, Paphos was on the very late date of 10-Apr.

ISABELLINE SHRIKE *Lanius isabellinus* Ξανθοκεφαλάς: A 'Daurian' Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* was at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 26-Mar and a 'Turkestan' Shrike *Lanius phoenicuroides* was at Mandria on 8 and 9-Apr.

SOUTHERN GREY SHRIKE *Lanius meridionalis* Διπλοκεφαλάς: One probably of the *elegans* race was at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 31-Mar.

NORTHERN RAVEN *Corvus corax* Κλόκκαρος: An impressive count of six was outside Rizokarpaso 10-Apr.

BROWN-NECKED RAVEN *Corvus ruficollis*: A surprise find at Cape Greco 24-Mar was the first record of this species for Cyprus. It was still present the next morning.



Staying only just over a day, this Brown-necked Raven was photographed by Raija Howard at the time of its finding at Cape Greco.

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Sturnus roseus* Ακριδοπούλλι: One Paphos Headland 20-Feb and refound there 2-Mar was an unseasonal record for this species.

ROCK SPARROW *Petronia petronia* Πετρόστρουθος: One found at Cape Greco 30-Jan was seen again on several dates until 15-Feb.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla* Χειμωνόσπιννος: A migrant was found at Cape Greco on 13-Mar.

EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus* Θκιολαρούδι: Seen in small groups away from their usual wintering grounds during the early part of the year especially at Akrotiri where three were at Bishop's Pool 11-Feb and three were at Phasouri Reed-beds 5-Mar.

TRUMPETER FINCH *Bucanetes githagineus* Ερημόσπιννος: Up to four were seen on several dates until 19 Mar. One was seen at Salamis on 27 Feb and two were at Dhekelia Garrison on 18 Mar.

FIELD MEETING REPORT- AKROTIRI - 27 AUGUST 2016

by June Neal

Well what a morning! It was very, very hazy, exceedingly hot, with a distorting heat haze and no breeze as six of us met at Sylvana's Restaurant, Akrotiri.

At around 0830 our questions were -

'Were the 'bushes' in the far distance to the E, across the Salt Lake, really **Demoiselle Cranes**?' After all, this was where the very little amount of water was on the Salt Lake – so is that likely to be the best place for them to roost?

At 0900 'Were the bushes/birds moving around? Or was the heat haze getting worse?'

By 0935 'Were we deluding ourselves?'

In the meantime we occupied ourselves by deciding which of the Shrikes on the wires were Lesser Grey and Red-backed and finding out which were juveniles and others the adults. The decision was at least two adult **Lesser Grey Shrikes** and 1 male **Red-backed Shrike**, two more were distant on the wires and one juvenile was around a pomegranate tree.

The 12 thermalling **Honey Buzzards** kept us interested as they formed a kettle and migrated over the RAF base to the S. Another question arose 'Was the warbler in the grounds of the Environmental Centre an **Icterine Warbler**?' We eventually decided it was - ruling out juvenile Willow Warbler and Eastern Bonelli's Warbler.

No large birds were in flight by 0950 and we were desperate for a comfort break so off we went to Agios Georgios Church and the Gravel Pits.

At 1000 up went 100+ Demoiselles - clearly this species, despite the distance. We watched for 15 minutes as they circled, rode the thermals and moving S to migrate to Africa. At least we had seen them but not as close as we would have wished.

We went back to finding and counting the Shrikes (with a few mutters from me about me not being patient and not firmly believing my initial thoughts that those bushes were, in fact, Demoiselle Cranes).

Another six Lesser Grey Shrikes were seen, plus **Crested Larks** as we made our way to the pool where a **Kentish Plover** fed in the shallow water nearby and three more Lesser Grey Shrikes were perched on the bushes. One **Spectacled Warbler** made a brief appearance in the shrubs, before it vanished.

Again, there were more questions than answers at Bishop's Pool. Three **Turtle Doves** were in fast flight and we had to confirm they were not some of the seven Collared Doves seen on our way to the hide.

We had great views of a hunting adult **Black Kite** over the pool with **Mallard** diving to get out of the way. Then all of the 30 **Grey Herons** were put up by a raptor. This raptor flew off to the SW and we listed all the features we'd seen and checked the field guide not finding any species that fitted the description.

Disappointed that we had not managed to ID the raptor nor take a photograph, we returned to watching the 62+ **Little Grebe**, two **Black-winged Stilts** and checking if there were any ducks beside Mallard (there weren't) as well as the handful of **Coot** and a single **Little Egret**. **Barn Swallows** and a solitary **Sand Martin** plus a **White-winged Tern** fed over the pool.

Then the mystery bird returned (just as we were about to leave) plus 2 Honey Buzzards and photos were taken as they circled upwards and migrated to the S. After much deliberation, searching of web pages and consultation, the conclusion was that the bird had been a leucistic **Western Marsh Harrier**. Many thanks to Dinos for all his efforts.

A **ring-tailed Harrier** (very probably a **Montagu's**) was seen at Lady's Mile flying slowly along the shoreline, heading S. On the pools a **Little Egret**, five **Kentish Plover**, six **Little Stint**, two **Curlew Sandpiper**, four **Dunlin**, a **Ruff**, a **Common Ringed Plover** and a **Sanderling** were feeding. It was a pleasant variety of species to finish off the field meeting. We enjoyed ourselves and next time I promise to stay until 1030 if I suspect 'bushes' may really be distant Demoiselle Cranes!

AKAMAS WEEKEND AND BOAT TRIP 9th – 11th SEPTEMBER 2016

Jane Stylianou

Meeting at the Droushia Heights hotel on the evening of 9th September BirdLife Cyprus members and friends prepared for an interesting social and birding weekend which included the annual boat trip from Latchi. Before the buffet meal, the BirdLife Cyprus Illegal Bird Killing Campaigns Manager, Tassos Shiallis, gave a presentation on recent developments in the fight against illegal trapping and hunting. This proved to be thought-provoking, worrying and optimistic all at the same time.

The next morning a group of five enthusiastic birders met at 6.30 am outside the hotel and headed off to the valley behind the nearby village of Arodes for some early morning bird watching. The first bird found was a **Woodchat Shrike**, followed by the first of at least twenty juvenile **Red-backed Shrike**, with only one attractive male bird seen. Several **Willow Warbler** were flitting around in the trackside vegetation and at least twelve **Sardinian Warbler**, four **Whinchat** and four **Cyprus Wheatear** were seen. A flock of 30 **Chukar** flew in front of us and then we spotted a **Little Owl** on the lower branches of a roadside tree. While Dinos took many photos of the Little Owl, a **Cretzschmar's Bunting** flew off but it couldn't be found again.



Little Owl, Arodes photographed by Dinos Konis.

After breakfast back at the hotel, the group joined with other members and friends in Latchi harbour and boarded the renovated Koulla boat for the eagerly anticipated trip along the coast to Cape Amaouti. The sea was calm and there was little wind this year. The number of birds seen on this annual outing is variable but this year was one of the better birdwise. Two '**Baltic**' **Gull** glided past the boat almost as soon as it left the harbour. A few flocks of **Grey Heron**, **Little Egret** and **Cattle Egret** were seen roosting on the rocky shore and **Eurasian Shag**, **Yellow-legged Gull** and migrant **Common Black-headed Gull** were also found. At least ten, and probably more, **Western Marsh Harrier** were observed coming in off shore from the north. A probable **Peregrine Falcon** was on the cliff face but the rarity of the trip was an unexpected **Eurasian Oystercatcher** spotted by Melis as it flew along the shore.

The boat dropped anchor in the 'Blue Lagoon' and the more energetic took advantage of the lovely September weather and warm water and jumped in for a swim. While waiting for the souvla to be cooked those still on board added **Little Ringed Plover**, **Barn Swallow**, **Yellow Wagtail**, **European Turtle Dove** and a ring-tailed Harrier (probably Pallid) to the day's list. As usual the boat trip was a great success and thanks to Loria Phylacti for organising it.

Back at the hotel the social side of the weekend continued with the evening meal and drinks and lively chatter on the hotel patio. Thanks also go to Melis Charalambides for organising the group's time and stay at the Droushia Heights.



*Above: Little and Cattle Egret on the Akamas Coast photographed by Dinos Konis.
Below: European Shag and a migrating Grey Heron photographed by Dinos Konis.*

FIELD MEETING REPORT **PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE - 17th SEPTEMBER 2016**

By John Stapley

Over twenty members, guests and overseas visitors assembled at the Beach cafe on a very hot and dry morning before setting off with sun hats and plenty of water along the shore. While still in the car park, three **Yellow-legged Gulls** headed slowly out across the bay.

We very soon encountered a pair of **Crested Larks** close to the path and uttering their familiar 3-note liquid contact call. A small group of **Hooded Crows** were scavenging among the nearby rocks and grasses whilst a Common Kestrel hovered inside the fenced area searching for a meal. A few moments later, a **Whimbrel** flew in and settled on the rocks at the water's edge. This species (probably the same bird) has become a regular winter visitor to Paphos for a number of years. It is a smaller cousin of the Curlew and probes for worms and takes various insects and molluscs. Less than 20 metres away sat a **Common Kingfisher**, brilliant in the morning sunshine but, regrettably, flew down the shore before everybody could get a good view.

A lone **Ruddy Turnstone** appeared and immediately set off looking for a tasty morsel among the rocks. While all of the group were able to watch it through binoculars, it refused to remain still and views through telescopes proved impossible.

From a distance, we had seen a gull resting on one of the large concrete blocks at the extreme south-westerly corner of the headland. It appeared to have a particularly dark back and hopes were raised that it might be a Baltic Gull. As we approached closer, we had to settle on it being a Yellow-legged Gull. However, we did spot first one, then two, then four **Greater Sand Plovers** sitting motionless – two, partially hidden - on the rocky shore. This is another species that regularly visits our coasts in winter and, once again, four seem to be attracted to this area of Paphos. A Common Sandpiper was also spotted but it quickly became concealed amongst the rocks and failed to make another appearance.

Turning towards the harbour and fort, we caught glimpses of a pair of **Zitting Cisticolas** and a **Sardinian Warbler** but they disappeared into a thick bush before most of the party was able to catch up with the leaders to see them. A **Common Kestrel** was perched on a distant bush inside the fences area.

By the time we entered the Archaeological Site, our numbers had swollen to 26 with some late arrivals joining the group. Things looked promising when within the first 200 metres or so, we had ticked six new species – all passage migrants. The first was a stunning **Masked Shrike**, a species that does breed in Cyprus occasionally. It was strategically perched near the top of a tall bush, ready to swoop on an unsuspecting insect or other prey. The others comprised a **Whinchat**, two **Northern Wheatears**, a **Red-backed Shrike**, an **Isabelline Wheatear** and at least two **Spotted Flycatchers**.

For the rest of the walk, new species were in short supply. We did however add, **Collared Dove**, **House Sparrow**, **Great Tit** and **Lesser Grey Shrike** to the morning's tally. After that, it was a matter of seeing a few more of the same – in particular, Red-backed Shrike, Spotted Flycatcher and a pair of Whinchats which posed on a tall grass stem showing off their orange-buff breast and throat, together with the obvious pale supercilium (stripe above the eye).

I would be in serious trouble with some members of the group if I did not mention that a rare (in Cyprus) Plain Tiger Butterfly (aka African Monarch) was spotted during the walk.

Having exited the Site, the morning finished in what has become a traditional ending to this field trip – a well deserved liquid refreshment at a nearby harbour cafe, with well over half of the group partaking before retracing our steps back along the coastal route to our cars.

The total of 21 species seen was a reasonable score for this field trip at this time of year.

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 42



Last Month's Quiz answer

Pointed wings, moustachial stripe and long tail point to our August mystery raptor being a species of Falcon. In Cyprus, Falcons are well represented with four species breeding (Common Kestrel, Hobby, Eleonora's Falcon and Peregrine), four more occurring as passage migrants or winter visitors (Lesser Kestrel, Red-footed Falcon, Merlin and Saker) and three occurring as very rare vagrants with 3 records or less (Amur Falcon, Sooty Falcon and Lanner Falcon).

Falcons can be very difficult to separate, especially when they offer just glimpses or are seen soaring at a distance on migration. Even with good views, some species are very similar and only with careful observation is correct identification possible. Size and structure are key to identification. The relatively large head and short wings suggest our mystery bird is one of the small species of falcon, while the well defined moustachial stripe, head pattern, white cheeks curving around the ear-coverts, suggest it is one of three possible species, Hobby, juvenile Sooty Falcon or juvenile Red-footed Falcon. Both Sooty and Red-footed Falcons show a dark trailing edge to the their wings, something missing from our bird. The photographed bird is therefore a **Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*. Eleonora's Falcon can look similar but is considerably larger, longer tailed and longer winged and has rounded white cheeks. The yellowish vent (red in adults) as well as buff underparts suggest our bird is an immature.

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Birds of the Akamas Peninsula



We are happy to announce the arrival of the new BirdLife Cyprus 2017 calendar which showcases pictures of the birds and habitats of Akamas. This is one of the larger, distinctive and key sites for bird conservation in Cyprus. It is the top breeding site on Cyprus for the European Roller *Coracias garrulus*. It is also a Mediterranean Biome Site with scrub hosting high breeding densities of six endemics. The coastline is important for waterbird passage.

Each photograph is accompanied by information about the species and the photographer. The calendar has a new modern design (dimensions 21.5 X 30.5 cm) and it costs €7 for members and €10 for non-members. You can find the new calendar at our offices or you can place your order by contacting Romina Constantinou, BirdLife Cyprus on 22455072 or at romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy



BC IS SEEKING HAWK-EYED BIRDWATCHERS TO ASSIST IN NEW STUDY

John Stapley

A study is being undertaken led by Dr S J Reynolds of Birmingham University and he has requested assistance from BirdLife Partners including BirdLife Cyprus. Members of BirdLife Cyprus are therefore invited to take part in this new study. The history behind the study goes back a number of years when two seabird species on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic exhibited a rare abnormality known as sublingual oral fistulas. It was also reported later in Griffon Vultures. More recent information from a few ringers has suggested that this 'rare' condition might not be as rare as was first thought. We are therefore seeking help from people who routinely interact with free-living birds at close quarters. Whilst ringers/banders are the most likely people to find incidents of the condition, those who are regular watchers and/or photographers of wild birds may encounter it, and we would like to hear from you.

It is suspected that there are many more birds living with this condition than have already been detected and the aims of this study are to determine its:

- prevalence within and across species to assess whether some are more predisposed to it than others
- spatial distribution to assess whether birds favouring some habitats are more predisposed to it than others
- pathology to assess whether its onset and progression differ across species
- cause(s)

Needless to say, photographs of any birds showing this condition would be especially welcome and useful. You will, of course, retain copyright on them and they will not be used to illustrate written output from the study without the authors' first obtaining consent from you. Each image will also be accompanied by a photo credit.

Below, is an extract from an information paper plus a sample Reporting Form indicating the information being sought. Kindly submit your completed form with any photographs to Christina Ieronymidou Christina.ieronymidou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy at BirdLife Cyprus and we will forward them to Dr Reynolds.

Investigation of prevalence, distribution, pathology and causes of a 'rare' condition in birds

For those of us who spend much of our time working with and observing free-living birds, we are used to seeing some birds with obvious abnormalities such as missing toes, feet and even legs, and swellings around the bill caused by diseases such as Avian Pox. However, a condition which was thought to be far rarer was first described in the 'Vulnerable Stitchbird' (*Notiomystis cincta*) in New Zealand by Castro and Taylor (2001). They described a condition called an "oral fistula" in which the skin and muscle of the lower mandible were missing in some birds; the tongue would protrude through the opening, and it was often permanently outside the mouth cavity. Since this first report, the condition has been described in Eurasian Griffon Vultures (*Gyps fulvus*) (Camina and Guerrero 2013) and in two seabird species on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic – the Sooty Tern (*Onychoprion fuscatus*) (Reynolds et al. 2009; Fig.1) and the Masked Booby (*Sula dactylatra*) (Hughes et al. 2013).

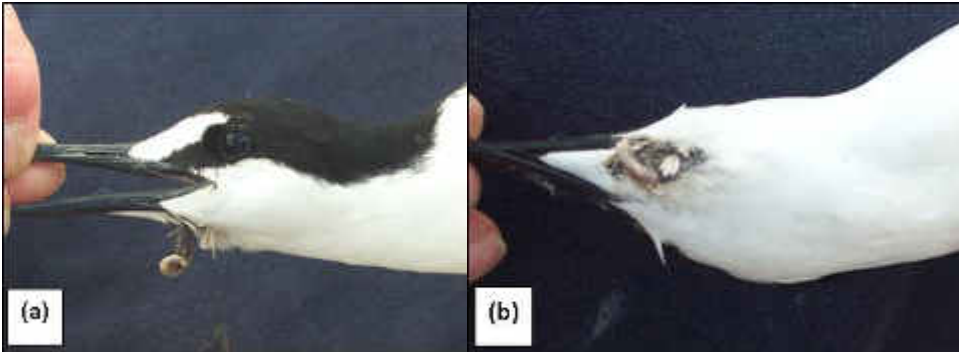


Figure 1 (a) Lateral and (b) ventral views of a sub-lingual oral fistula in an adult Sooty Tern on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic. The tongue permanently protrudes through a hole in the floor of the mouth. (Photos: R. Dickey. Source: Reynolds et al. 2009).

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FORM FOR REPORTING ORAL FISTULAS IN BIRDS**(NOTE: Please complete a separate form for each bird observed with condition)**

Record # (please leave blank)	
Date	
Time	
Species' name (common, scientific or both)	
Was the bird alive (A) or dead (D)?	
Age of bird ([A] adult or [C] chick)	
Location (GPS coordinates, county or region, country etc.)	
Where was the bird seen (e.g. woodland, farmland, urban, landfill, harbour, river, lake, canal, on the coast, at-sea etc.)?	
Behaviour of bird (e.g. feeding, resting, incubating or brooding, fighting with another etc.)	
Was the bird ringed? (Y/N) (If ' Y ' please also supply the ring number if you have it)	
Is this the only time that you have seen this bird? (Y/N) (If ' N ' please provide further details including how many times in total you have seen it and at which sighting you first noted the oral fistula)	
Was the protruding tongue extended and coloured OR constricted, dry and discoloured?	
Did you photograph the bird? (Y/N) (If ' Y ' please send the photograph(s) via e-mail. You will retain copyright and permission will be sought from you before being used for an output)	
Were you ringing/banding, birdwatching, on a walk, photographing birds or something else when you made the observation?	
Your name and contact details	
Any other relevant information?	

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SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR AUGUST 2016

Jane Stylianou

2078 bird records received

152 species and forms recorded August 2016, compared to 159 in August 2015

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

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιης

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 24 12-Aug JS

Bishop's Pool 62 27-Aug JN

Fresh Water Lake (South) 3 13-Aug

MC/CC

Larnaca Sewage Works 29 13-Aug JS

Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 14-Aug DJW

Zakaki Marsh 1 Heard 31-Aug JS

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus*

yelkouan Μύχος της Μεσογείου

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Photographed flying over pool just inland from coast 27-Aug

SS

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax*

carbo Κορμοράνος

Fresh Water Lake (South) 2 13-Aug

MC/CC

Kamares (Tala) 1 14-Aug DJW

Kato Pyrgos 89 two migrating flocks of 29 and 60, low over sea, flying east along coast 17-Aug FGe

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax*

aristotelis Θαλασσοκόρακας

Cape Kormakitis 4 12-Aug DK

Kensington Cliffs 2 22-Aug DJW

Paphos Headland 1 1-Aug JS

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron, Asprokremmos Dam, 8th August. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agios Theodoros 16 Heading S towards sea 7.10pm 31-Aug JS

Akhna Dam 22 23-Aug NK/GF

Asprokremmos Dam 2 8-Aug DJW

Bishop's Pool 3 in trees near pump house close to boundary fence 17-Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 1 22-Aug DJW

Zakaki Marsh PRESENT Both adults and juveniles. Very active behind reeds so not counted 4-Aug LDz

Zakaki Marsh 28 at least in flight over reed-bed on 2 occasions - includes 6 adults (some carrying twigs back to the pool)- the rest were immatures including at least 2 x 2CY birds with some carrying twigs back to the pool 15-Aug JN

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Fresh Water Lake (South) 3 13-Aug

MC/CC

Zakaki Marsh 2 4-Aug LDz

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης



Cattle Egret, Agia Napa Football Fields, 12th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Agia Napa Football Fields 18 9-Aug AKe

Agia Napa Football Fields 28 12-Aug AKe

Agia Napa Football Fields 16 16-Aug AKe

Agia Napa Football Fields 4 22-Aug AKe

Agia Napa Football Fields 20 29-Aug AKe

Akhna Dam 3 13-Aug BB

Frenaros 6 19-Aug AKe

Fresh Water Lake (South) 120 seven nests still had young in them 13-Aug

MC/CC

Paphos Sewage Plant 6 1-Aug JS
Phasouri Reed beds 1 4-Aug LDz
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 20 & 31-Aug
JE/JS

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Akhna Dam 1 17-Aug BB
Akhna Dam 2 24-Aug BB
Cape Kormakitis 29 12-Aug DK
Fresh Water Lake (South) 10 one nest
with three juvs seen 13-Aug MC/CC
Lady's Mile 1 20, 22, 27, 29 & 31-Aug
JN/DJW/TRe/FGe/SC/APL
Piania Dam 1 28-Aug DJW
Zakaki Marsh 3 4-Aug LDz
Zakaki Marsh 1 15, 20 & 22-Aug JN/DJW

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Σταχτοψαροφάς
Max count per location:
Akhna Dam 3 1-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 31-Aug TRe/JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake c20 31-Aug JS
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 flying over sewage
treatment plant 21-Aug FGe
Asprokremos Dam 3 31-Aug DJW
Bishop's Pool c50 8-Aug ABW
Evretou Dam 2 14-Aug DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 13-Aug JS
Pachyammos Coast 4 In flock with ten
Purple Heron 20-Aug CS
Phassouri Reed-beds 1 15-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh 5 15-Aug JN

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυροψαροφάς
Akhna Dam 1 1-Aug FGe
Pachyammos Coast 10 In flock with four
Grey Heron 20-Aug CS

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός

Πελαργός
Pegeia 3 16-Aug ChSh

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Aug TRe
Aradippou Farms 14 23-Aug NK/GF
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 31-Aug JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 28-Aug DJW
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 31-Aug DJW
Polis Chrysochou Bay 30 Flew W 14.50
1-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 16 moving around
in bay from E to W and back again low over

water as if lost for at least an hour from
14.50 8-Aug JS

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο



Greater Flamingo, Larnaca Sewage Works, 16th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri 18 0840-0846 in flight S of base
circling bay then to NW and then SE then
NW very high 31-Aug JS/JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 2, 7 & 9-Aug
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11 & 15-Aug
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 adults 13-Aug
JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 27 23 flew in off
sea, over Spiros Pool and joined four
already on Sewage Pools 16-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c20 31-Aug JS

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 13-Aug JN/JS

EURASIAN TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Bishop's Pool 12 all females 17-Aug JN
Bishop's Pool 2 20 & 22-Aug JN/DJW
Bishop's Pool 1 female 27-Aug JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 female and 2
male 13-Aug JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 1+ 16-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c20 31-Aug JS

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοτζέφαλη
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 12-Aug JS
Bishop's Pool 67 4 males (3 in eclipse)
and rest female/juveniles 17-Aug JN
Bishop's Pool 80 includes 4 males in
eclipse 20-Aug JN
Bishop's Pool c50 22-Aug DJW
Bishop's Pool 60 at least including a few
males in eclipse plumage 27-Aug JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 239 13-Aug JS

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*

Μασουρατζής

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 being attacked by two Eleonora's Falcon 10-Aug TR
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 19-Aug TR
 Bishop's Pool 5 3 adults and 2 juveniles 17-Aug JN
 Bishop's Pool 1 female 20-Aug JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 8 7-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 6 13-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 15-Aug JS

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Σαζάνα

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 females 13-Aug JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 16-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works c20 31-Aug JS

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 2-Aug JS

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιόπαπια

Bishop's Pool 7 includes 1 juvenile, 2 males and 2 females, rest in flight 17-Aug JN
 Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 13-Aug MC/CC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 2-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Pools 3 7-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 7 13-Aug JS

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis**apivorus* Μελισσοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 One on ground 23-Aug TR
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 Gaining height 9.30 am 31-Aug JS
 Akrotiri 15 at least reported over RAF base Akrotiri 21-Aug JN
 Akrotiri 31 at least reported over RAF base 22-Aug JN
 Akrotiri 1 0847-0857 1 adult over W end of base to Bishop's Pool chased by Hooded Crow very high and lost in haze, probably migrated to S or SW 31-Aug JN
 Amathus Archaeological site 7 coming from sea 17-Aug NK/GF
 Bishop's Pool 2 spiralling up with the probable Marsh Harrier migrating S together 27-Aug JN
 Dipotamos dam 1 heading SSE 11.00am 21-Aug NK/GF

Souni 11 26-Aug JN

Souni 40 29-Aug JN

Souni 16 30-Aug JN

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 on salt marsh 24-Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 3 22-Aug DJW

Souni 1 0750 - 0752 flew up with Honey Buzzard to SE and lost sight of behind trees 30-Aug JN

EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps**fulvus* Γύπας

Kensington Cliffs 6 an additional vulture was seen in the morning at the motorway tunnel, these were seen in the afternoon 22-Aug DJW
 Sanctuary of Apollo Hylates 6 flew over towards Zapalo bay 29-Aug FGe

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus**aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 24, 28 & 31-Aug JN/MGr/JS
 Bishop's Pool 1 22 & 27-Aug DJW/JN
 Lady's Mile 1 22-Aug DJW
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 female mobbed by 3 Hooded Crows (probably the same female that appeared above the hide later in the morning) 13-Aug JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 13-Aug JS
 Mandria 2 31-Aug DJW
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 31-Aug JS
 Zakaki Marsh 2 1 female resting on Akrotiri Lake salt marsh near run-off and other female took off from a bush on the dunes towards the shore 15-Aug JN
 Zakaki Marsh 1 25-Aug NK/GF

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*

Καμποσιάχινο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 25-Aug NK/GF
 Lady's Mile 1 a very probable juvenile flying along shore from E to W, migrating 27-Aug JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Juvenile 31-Aug JS
 Panagia Stazousa 2 Males heading SW 31-Aug JS

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο

Kamare (Tala) 1 14 & 15-Aug DJW
 Mavrokolympos Dam 1 Juvenile flew in front of car flying after a group of flying

Chukar. Landed on slope but didn't catch anything. Flew again in front of car and appeared to land on opposite slope but not seen again 10-Aug JS

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο

Arodhes 1 14-Aug DJW
Asprokremnos Dam 4 Flew over 2 + 2 3-Aug JS
Frenaros 2 15-Aug AKe
Kathikas 1 5 & 8-Aug JS
Panagia Stazousa 1 Below two migrating Montagu's. Probably local bird. 31-Aug JS
Prodromi, Polis 1 8-Aug JS
Tsada Golf Course Track/Minthis Hills 1 1-Aug JS

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαετός - Περικοσιάνο

Arodhes 2 Adults 5-Aug JS
Arodhes 1 Immature 14-Aug DJW
Kamares (Tala) 2 1 adult, 1 immature 27-Aug DJW

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίτσης

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 3 31-Aug DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 29-Aug FGe

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Δεντροφάλοκο

Akhna Dam 1 1-Aug FGe
Arodhes 1 5 & 8-Aug JS
Arodhes 2 Near nest site??? Calling to each other or to young? 10-Aug JS
Kamares (Tala) 1 heard 20.30 1-Aug DJW
Kamares (Tala) 2 13-Aug DJW
Kamares (Tala) 3 19, 24 & 30-Aug DJW
Kamares (Tala) PRESENT heard 22-Aug DJW

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonorae*

Μαυρομμάτης



Eleonora's Falcon, Kensington Cliffs, 22nd August. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Flew over, mobbed by Spur-winged Lapwing 12-Aug JS

Agia Varvara 1 31-Aug DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 attacking a Garganey 10-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 24 & 28-Aug JN/MGR
Akrotiri 21 31-Aug JN
Asprokremnos Dam 1 High with Long-legged Buzzards 3-Aug JS
Asprokremnos Dam 3 31-Aug DJW
Episkopi Town 1 hunting as flying SW over the village 31-Aug JN
Kamares (Tala) 1 27-Aug DJW
Kensington Cliffs 4 22-Aug DJW
Lady's Mile 1 High over the area 31-Aug JS
Mandria 1 31-Aug DJW
Mavrokolympos Dam 1 10-Aug JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 28-Aug DJW
Souni 1 flying S to N 11-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 hunting dark morph 15-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh 3 on salt marsh near a shallow, narrow strip of water 20-Aug JN

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάνος

Arodhes 1 8-Aug JS
Panagia Stazousa 1 31-Aug JS

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:

Anthoupolis 33 27-Aug FGe
Dipotamos dam 57 in five groups 16-Aug FGe
Frenaros 50 adults & young 30-Aug AKe

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus**francolinus* Φραγκολίνα

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 3 22-Aug AKe

Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 5 20-Aug FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 27-Aug FGe

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορνίτι

Frenaros 1 28-Aug AKe

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα

Zakaki Marsh 2 4 & 15-Aug LDZ/JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 20 & 22-Aug JN/DJW

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετεινάρο

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 2 1-Aug FGe

Bishop's Pool 7 3 juveniles and 4 adults 17-Aug JN

Fresh Water Lake (South) 10 four juvs 13-Aug MC/CC

Lymbia Dam, Nicosia 11 of which 4 juv 27-Aug FGe

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 5 three juvenile 10-Aug FGe

Zakaki Marsh 3 1 adult seen feeding and 2 at least heard calling 15-Aug JN

EURASIAN COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 1 13-Aug BB

Bishop's Pool 12 22-Aug DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works 12 13-Aug JS

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Grus virgo*

Νυφογερανός



Demoiselle Crane, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 30th August. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Akrotiri Salt Lake 100+ very distant dark 'blobs' on far E shore of salt lake but too hazy to be certain until they took flight - seen from Agios Georgios Church on the

Gravel Pits. Possibly as many as 150 27-Aug JN

Akrotiri Salt Lake 67 circling over before disappearing to the south 29-Aug FGe

Akrotiri Salt Lake c27 30-Aug TRE

Kamares (Tala) PRESENT heard flying west 27-Aug DJW

Kamares (Tala) PRESENT heard flying south east at 22.35 and 23.30 27-Aug DJW

Stroumbi c60 Flew over 19.50 23-Aug DW

Stroumbi Heard large flocks flew over calling 21.35 and 21.45 27-Aug DW

Tala Heard flocks heard passing over at 21:15 and 21:45 26-Aug ABW

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus**himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς

Akhna Dam 4 1-Aug FGe

Bishop's Pool 1 4, 17 & 20-Aug LDZ/JN

Bishop's Pool 2 22 & 27-Aug DJW/JN

Fresh Water Lake (South) 15 13-Aug MC/CC

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 7-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 9-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 7 11 & 13-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 15-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 16-Aug JS

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1 ad and 1 juv 7-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Juvenile 9, 11, 13, 15 & 16-Aug JS/JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 Photographed 30-Aug VTV/GKo

EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus**oediconemus* Τρουλλουριά

Achelia 2 31-Aug DJW

Asprokremnos Dam 1 In carob grove 3-Aug JS

Dhekelia Barracks 6 17-Aug BB

Dhekelia Barracks 4 27-Aug BB

Frenaros 25 15-Aug AKe

Larnaca Airport Pools South 26 30-Aug JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 17 31-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 13-Aug JS

Meneou Pool 1 9-Aug JS

Meneou Pool 19 13-Aug JS

Ormedia 20+ next to track on way to Lidl
29-Aug STI
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 1-Aug JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3-Aug JS

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glaeola*

pratincola Νεροχελιδόνο
Akhna Dam 4 9-Aug BB
Akhna Dam 1 20-Aug BB
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 11-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16-Aug JS

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

Akhna Dam 13 1-Aug FGe
Akhna Dam 7 13-Aug BB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 3-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4 & 22-Aug
TRe/ABW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 8-Aug TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 2 & 9-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 7-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 9-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 11-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 15-Aug JS

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

hiaticula Αμμοπλουμιδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 22 & 31-Aug TRe/JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 23 & 27-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 30-Aug TRe
Lady's Mile 1 feeding 27-Aug JN
Lady's Mile 2 30-Aug TRe/SC/APL
Lady's Mile 3 31-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 11 & 13-Aug
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 31-Aug JS

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius*

alexandrinus Νανοπλουμιδι



Kentish Plover, Lady's Mile, 22nd August.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12 31-Aug JS
Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 28-Aug MGr

Lady's Mile 91 25 definite adults and 57
probable plus 9 definite juveniles 15-Aug
JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 30+ 31-Aug JS
Spiros Beach 24 20-Aug FGe
Spiros Pool 57 13-Aug JS

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius*

leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμιδι



Greater Sand Plover, Paphos Headland, 12th
August. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Trias 4 20-Aug SSk
Paphos Headland 3 1 & 12-Aug JS/DJW
Paphos Headland 4 3 & 28-Aug JS/DJW

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμιδι
Agia Trias 1 20-Aug SSk
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 30-Aug VTV

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus*

spinosus Πελλοκατερινα



Spur-winged Lapwing chick, Larnaca Sewage
Works, 9th August. Photograph by Jane
Stylianou

Max count per location and interesting
reports:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 One mobbed
Eleonora's Falcon that flew over 12-Aug
JS
Akhna Dam 66 max count during month
13-Aug BB

Fresh Water Lake (South) 15 13-Aug
MC/CC
Larnaca Salt Lake 7 Kamareas area 13-
Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 39 includes 6 in
field (1 very young chick) 13-Aug JN
Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaiometochi 10
10-Aug FGe
Paphos Headland 1 28-Aug DJW
Paphos Sewage Plant 12 1-Aug JS
Spiros Pool 1 13-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 on marsh at E side of pool
20-Aug JN

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Λευκονεραλλίδι



Sanderling, Spiros Beach, 13th August.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Lady's Mile 1 27 & 30-Aug JN/TRe
Lady's Mile 2 31-Aug TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 2 & 15-Aug JS
Spiros Beach 1 2, 13 & 20-Aug JS/FGe

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 2 1-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 3 & 5-Aug TRe
Lady's Mile 15 15-Aug JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 48 7-Aug JS
Meneou Pool 5 13-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 4 15-Aug JN

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri 2 26-Aug JE
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 7, 9 & 13-Aug
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 11 & 15-Aug
JS

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

Δρεπτανονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 27-Aug TRe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 30 & 31-Aug

TRe/JS

Lady's Mile 1 15-Aug JN

Lady's Mile 2 25 & 27-Aug NK/GF/JN

Lady's Mile 3 26-Aug JE

Lady's Mile 4 30-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 5 31-Aug TRe/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2 & 11-Aug JS

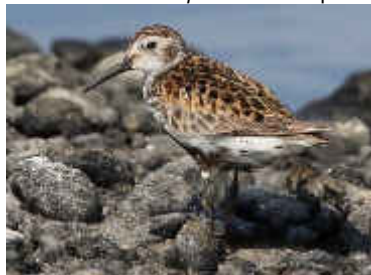
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 7-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 9-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 13-Aug JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Aug DJW

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι



Dunlin, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 3rd August.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 22,
27 & 31-Aug TRe/JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 11 & 12-Aug
TRe/ABW

Lady's Mile 1 22-Aug TRe

Lady's Mile 2 27-Aug JN

Lady's Mile 3 30-Aug TRe/SC/APL

Lady's Mile 5 31-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 7-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 9 & 31-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 11, 13, 16 & 30-
Aug JS/VTV

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Limicola*

falcinellus Παβδονεραλλίδι



Broad-billed Sandpiper, Lady's Mile 26th
August. Photograph by John East

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Aug TRe/JS
Lady's Mile 2 close together 20-Aug JN
Lady's Mile 1 26, 29 & 30-Aug
JE/FGe/TRe/SC/APL
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15-Aug JS

RUFF *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής



*Ruff, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 3rd August.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Akhna Dam 1 3 & 6-Aug BB
Akrotiri gravel Pits 1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 27-Aug
TRe
Lady's Mile 1 22, 27 & 30-Aug
DJW/JN/SC/APL
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 2-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 7-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 9-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 11-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 13-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 16-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 31-Aug JS

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*
Πικατσόνι



*Common Snipe, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 8th
August. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Akhna Dam 2 24-Aug BB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Aug TRe
Lady's Mile 2 25-Aug NK/GF

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*
Λιμόζα
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 6, 7 & 31-Aug
JS

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*
Θαλασσολιμόζα



*Bar-tailed Godwit, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 8th
August. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 8-Aug TRe

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*
Φαιομπεκάτσα



*Whimbrel, Paphos Headland, 12th August.
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Paphos Headland 1 12 & 28-Aug DJW

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*
Νερομπεκάτσα
Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 2
20-Aug FGe
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 31-Aug DJW

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*
Μαυρονεραλλίδι
Larnaca Sewage Pools 2 7-Aug JS

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*
Κοκκινονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Aug TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 7 & 13-Aug
JS/JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 9-Aug JS

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 4 20-Aug BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 23-Aug TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 7-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 9, 15 & 16-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 7 13-Aug JS

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 3 1-Aug FGe

Akhna Dam 2 13-Aug BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 22, 23 & 26-Aug TRe/ABW

Bishop's Pool 1 26-Aug JE

Frenaros 1 14-Aug AKe

Lady's Mile 1 26, 29, 30 & 31-Aug

JE/FGe/TRe/SC/APL/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 9 & 15-Aug JS

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 14 1-Aug FGe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 5-Aug TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 9-Aug JS

Mavrokolympos Dam 4 10-Aug JS

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 1 24-Aug BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5 & 12-Aug TRe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 11-Aug TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 7 & 9-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 11 & 13-Aug

JS/JN

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακτίτης



Common Sandpiper, Paphos Headland, 28th August. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 8 4-Aug TRe

Larnaca Airport Coast 4 15-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 15-Aug JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Χαλικονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 23rd August. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 23, 29 & 30-Aug TRe/FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24 & 31-Aug NK/GF/JS

Spiros Beach 1 Adult. Still breeding plumage 11-Aug JS

Spiros Beach 3 one juv. 20-Aug FGe

Spiros Beach 1 27-Aug FGe

Spiros Beach 6 Five together and one

elsewhere alone 30-Aug JS

Spiros Beach 5 31-Aug JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 13 & 31-Aug JN/JS

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 Floating off shore 3-Aug JS

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus*

michahellis Ασημόγλαρος

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3 & 8-Aug TRe

Fresh Water Lake (South) 20 All this

year's birds 13-Aug MC/CC

Larnaca Airport Coast 90+ 15-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c60 11-Aug JS

Spiros Beach c60 27-Aug FGe

Spiros Pool 92 All juveniles 7-Aug JS

GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Γελογλάρονο



Gull-billed Tern, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 1st August. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akhna Dam 1 1-Aug FGe
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 11-Aug TRe
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 probable flying
 W over bund of W pool, away from the hide
 13-Aug JN
 Mandria, Paphos 1 31-Aug DJW

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida*

Λιμνογλάρονο

Akhna Dam 1 13-Aug BB
 Akhna Dam 2 24-Aug BB
 Bishop's Pool 3 One a probable 22-Aug
 ABW
 Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 13-Aug
 MC/CC
 Lady's Mile 1 30-Aug SC
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 31-Aug JS

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias**leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρονο

Akhna Dam 1 27-Aug BB
 Akrotiri North 1 flying low into wind and
 dipping into saltbush - presumably feeding
 on ?spiders. Did 2 runs into the wind while I
 was present 22 & 27-Aug MGr
 Bishop's Pool 1 20 & 27-Aug JN
 Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 28-Aug MGr
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 2, 11, 13 & 15-
 Aug JS/JN
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 7-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 6 9-Aug JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16 & 31-Aug
 JS

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο

Adonis baths area PRESENT 17-Aug
 ChSh

Bishop's Pool 60 49 took to the air as
 aircraft lifted off and 11 on sides of pool 17-
 Aug JN

Bishop's Pool 49 20-Aug JN
 Bishop's Pool 106 4 in flight around pool
 then 65 up around 0951 and another 37
 between 1011 and 1018 flying high 31-Aug
 JN
 Tochni 3+ 1-Aug LL

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba**palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Asprokremnos Dam 30+ 3-Aug JS
 Kamares (Tala) c150 14-Aug DJW
 Paphos Sewage Plant c50 1-Aug JS

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικοτούνι

Largest counts:

Asprokremnos Dam 10 3-Aug JS
 Frenaros 40 14-Aug AKe
 Kato Pyrgos 12 17-Aug FGe
 Paphos Sewage Plant 20+ 3-Aug JS

EURASIAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia**turtur* Τρυγόνι

Agios Georgios Kafkallou 3 including one
 juv 14-Aug FGe
 Arodhes c10 5-Aug JS
 Arodhes 4+ 8-Aug JS
 Arodhes 2 10-Aug JS
 Arodhes 1 14-Aug DJW
 Bishop's Pool 7 at least seen together but
 very mobile so probably more 17-Aug JN
 Bishop's Pool 8 5 in flight and 3 at water's
 edge (possibly more) 20-Aug JN
 Bishop's Pool 3 27-Aug JN
 Filani 2 1 juv. 7-Aug FGe
 Frenaros 1 28-Aug AKe
 Kamares (Tala) 1 14-Aug DJW
 Kolossi 2 in flight together 20-Aug JN
 Pano Lefkara 3 16-Aug FGe
 Phassouri Reed-beds 2 in flight 15-Aug
 JN
 Stroumbi 1 10-Aug JS

LAUGHING DOVE *Stigmatopelia**senegalensis* Φοινικοτρυγόνιο

Frenaros 1 in song 8-Aug AKe
 Frenaros 2 pair 14 & 17-Aug AKe
 Larnaca port area 2 1-Aug FGe

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO*Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά

Akhna Dam 1 juvenile 9-Aug BB

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 22-Aug AKE
Frenaros 1 4 & 17-Aug AKE
Souni 1 male disturbed by Chukars taking flight, flew across the track onto pine tree near me on the wooded area beyond the ridge. It stayed for a few minutes before flying off into the wood, heading S 19-Aug JN

BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι
Kato Paphos 1 Seen twice at 19.50 and 21.10 near Neapolis University 20-Aug DJW
Pegeia 1 10.10pm 12-Aug IF

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*
Θουπί
Agios Theodoros 1 Heard and seen in village 31-Aug JS

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*
Κουκουφκιάος
Agios Theodoros 2 On wires on road from sea to Agios Theodoros at 7pm 31-Aug JS
Analiontas, Nicosia 1 16-Aug FGe
Souni 2 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 23-Aug JN
Souni 3 2 & 12-Aug JN
Souni 1 3, 11, 14 & 20-Aug JN
Tochni 3+ 1-Aug LL

LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*
Αρκόθουπος
Frenaros 1 17-Aug AKE

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι
Asprokremnos Dam 1 Flushed by accident in the car park area. Flew to another pine where seen for several minutes before it flew off and was not seen again. 3-Aug JS
Asprokremnos Dam 4 3 flushed near carpark another 1 flushed in south woods 6-Aug DJW
Asprokremnos Dam 1 31-Aug DJW
Mandria, Paphos 5 29-Aug DJW

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*
Πετροχελίδονο
Agia Napa Football Fields 3 22-Aug AKE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1+ 17 & 19-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 18 feeding, probably in advance of migrating 15-Aug JN
Akrotiri North 15 feeding with Pallid Swift and swallows 13-Aug MGr
Akrotiri North 6 27-Aug MGr
Asomatos Plantations 2 20-Aug JN

Lamaca Sewage Works c20 2-Aug JS
Livadi tou Pashia 1 6-Aug JN
Phassouri Reed-beds 13 feeding prior to moving S to migrate 15-Aug JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 24-Aug JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 8 31-Aug JS
Trachoni 25 at least feeding low over fields 3-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh 5 feeding as migrating S 15-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh 10 20-Aug JN

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*
Στακτοπετροχελίδονο
Agia Napa Football Fields 2 22-Aug AKE
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 29-Aug AKE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 2 & 8-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4, 5 & 17-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 12-Aug TRe
Akrotiri North 20 feeding with Common Swift and swallows 13-Aug MGr
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 31-Aug JS
Troodos Square c5 10-Aug SC
Zakaki Marsh 2 feeding low as migrating S 15-Aug JN

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*
Ασπροπετροχελίδονο
Agia Napa Football Fields 2 22-Aug AKE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 19-Aug TRe
Asomatos Plantations 1 20-Aug JN
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 31-Aug JS
Stroumbi 1 1-Aug JS
Tsada to Stroumbi road 1 3-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 2 20-Aug JN
Zakaki Marsh c10 22-Aug DJW

LITTLE SWIFT *Apus affinis*
Μικροπετροχελίδονο



Little Swift, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 16th August.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Photographed 16-Aug TRe (poss 18th Cyprus record)

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη

Akhna Dam 2 1-Aug FGe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5, 10, 16, 17 & 31-Aug TRe/JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 11 & 12-Aug TRe

Akti Beach, Paphos 1 23, 24 & 28-Aug DRS

Larnaca Airport Coast 2 2-Aug JS

Paphos Headland 1 12 & 28-Aug DJW

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 31-Aug DJW

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1

chased by Hooded Crows 10-Aug FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 4-Aug LDz

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος

Acheleia Dam 5 1-Aug JS

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 flock 22-Aug AKe

Akrotiri North 30 single flock along treeline 24-Aug MGr

Akrotiri 67 over Bishop's Pool then over

base in 3 groups migrating S 31-Aug JN

Filani 2 heard high in sky 7-Aug FGe

Larnaca Airport Pools South c20 31-Aug JS

Meneou Beach 2 Flew over 17.00pm 11-Aug JS

Meneou Beach PRESENT Heard 7.05 am 12-Aug JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 3 28-Aug DJW

Prodromos Dam 4 at least 4 heard flying over 14-Aug FGe

Pyla Heard 26-Aug BB

Tochni 7+ 1-Aug LL

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 2 20-Aug BB

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 8-Aug TRe

Frenaros 2 4-Aug AKe

Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 9-Aug JS

Phassouri Reed-beds 2 9, 20 & 31-Aug ABW/JN/JS

EURASIAN HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουξίος

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 24-Aug JN

Asprokremos Dam Carpark 3 6 & 8-Aug DJW

Paphos Sewage Plant 3 31-Aug DJW

Phassouri Reed-beds 7 feeding together in field 25-Aug ABW

Souni 6 two birds seen in three areas 26-Aug JN

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός

Largest counts:

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 32 27-Aug FGe

Frenaros 100 31-Aug AKe

Vougies 20 16-Aug FGe

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Οχθοχελίδονο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Aug JS

Akrotiri North 1 27-Aug MGr

Asprokremnos Dam 10+ 3-Aug JS

Bishop's Pool 1 27-Aug JN

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne**rupestris* Βραχοχελίδονο

Amiantos area 1 10-Aug SC

Kamareas (Tala) 2 14-Aug DJW

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c70 1-Aug FGe

Phassouri Reed-beds 61 feeding and migrating S 20-Aug JN

Troodos 43 includes 4 juveniles on wires 6-Aug JN

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Hirundo**daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 16 includes 5 feeding together - probably all about to migrate 15-Aug JN

Almirolivado (Troodos) 7 4 adults and 3

juveniles in flight together 6-Aug JN

Troodos 11 6 in flight together, 1 juvenile on wires and 4 others in flight 6-Aug JN

COMMON HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon**urbicum* Ασπροχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Almirolivado (Troodos) 46 at least 6-Aug JN

Livadi tou Pashia 29 6-Aug JN

Troodos 33 6-Aug JN

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

Ωχρογαλούδι



Tawny Pipit, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 31st August.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Aug JS/TRe

YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava*

Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Football Fields 20 29-Aug AKe

Larnaca Airport Coast 20+ 31-Aug JS

Paphos Sewage Plant c100 28-Aug DJW

Phassouri Reed-beds 136 at least 20-Aug JN

BLACK-HEADED WAGTAIL *Motacilla*

f.feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Phassouri Reed-beds c30 9-Aug ABW

Phassouri Reed-beds 1 adult male feeding then in flight 15-Aug JN

Zakaki Marsh 2 1m and 1f 31-Aug JS

WINTER WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάρυδο

Almirolivado (Troodos) 1 heard calling from vegetation at side of stream 6-Aug JN

Platania Picnic Site 1 10-Aug SC

WHITE-THROATED ROBIN *Irania*

gutturalis Λευκόλαιμο Αηδώνι

Adonis baths area 1 17-Aug ChSh

(Further details requested of this possible 20th record)

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 29-Aug AKe

Mandria 1 31-Aug DJW

Panagia Stazousa 1 31-Aug JS

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

isabellina Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 22-Aug AKe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 19-Aug TRe

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 3 18-Aug FGe

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 2 21 & 24-Aug FGe

Kalo Chorio, Larnaca 1 27-Aug FGe

Lady's Mile 1 20-Aug TRe

Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 1 20-Aug FGe

Meneou Pool 1 27-Aug FGe

Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 1 24-Aug FGe

Ormedia 1 On track on way to Lidl 29-Aug STi

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 31-Aug DJW

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

oenanthe Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 31-Aug JS

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 31-Aug JS

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*

Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Mavrokolympos Dam, 10th August.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agios Georgios Kafkallou 6 including two juv 14-Aug FGe

Arodhes c10 8-Aug JS

Dipotamos Dam 13 three juvenile 16-Aug FGe

Filani 7 three juv 7-Aug FGe

Lythrodontas 8 one juv. 16-Aug FGe

Pano Lefkara 8 16-Aug FGe

Souni 6 10-Aug JN

Tochni c10 1-Aug LL

Troodos 12 6-Aug JN

Vougies 8 16-Aug FGe

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσουφος

Kamares (Tala) 2 1 male 1 fem/juv 14-Aug DJW

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Agia Napa Football Fields 1 16-Aug AKe

Almirolivado (Troodos) 4 2 males in flight plus one bird in flight and another heard calling 6-Aug JN
Kamares (Tala) 1 14-Aug DJW
Troodos 2 1 juvenile seen feeding then in flight and 1 other calling bird nearby 6-Aug JN

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνη
Akhna Dam 5 1-Aug FGe
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 16-Aug AKE
Akrotiri North 1 13-Aug MGr
Akrotiri North 2 27-Aug MGr
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 31-Aug JS
Filani 1 7-Aug FGe
Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 1 27-Aug FGe
Lymbia Dam 2 27-Aug FGe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 21-Aug DJW
Tochni 4+ 1-Aug LL

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης
Largest counts:
Achna Dam 12 1-Aug FGe
Frenaros 80 in song 14-Aug AKE
Paphos Sewage Plant 6+ 1-Aug JS
Phassouri Reed-beds 6 20-Aug JN

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιανούδι



Sedge Warbler, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 16th August. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 feeding and perched 25-Aug JN

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus
Καλαμομουγιανούδι
Akrotiri North 8 13-Aug MGr
Akrotiri North 2 27-Aug MGr
Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 28-Aug MGr
Zakaki Marsh 4 15 & 20-Aug JN

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι
Akrotiri North 1 passing through reeds and edge of scrub while watching Willow Warblers 27-Aug MGr

EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER

Iduna pallida Τρυβητούρα
Largest counts:
Agia Napa Football Fields 10 16-Aug AKE
Agia Napa Sewage Works 15+ 5 seen and others heard only 12-Aug JS
Frenaros 20 14-Aug AKE

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 feeding 27-Aug JN

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia*

conspicillata Κοτινοφτέρη
Max count per location:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 12-Aug JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 23-Aug TRe
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 5 18 & 24-Aug FGe
Lady's Mile 1 20-Aug JN
Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 5 27-Aug FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 2-Aug JS
Spiros Beach 2 16-Aug JS
Tsada Golf Course Track/Minthis Hills 1 1, 8 & 10-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 3 15-Aug JN

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia*

melanocephala Τρυποβάτης
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 24-Aug JN
Arodhes 6+ 5 & 8-Aug JS
Asprokremnos Dam 7 4m and 3f 3-Aug JS
Souni 16 29-Aug JN

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Female 12-Aug JS
Agios Georgios Kafkallou 3 14-Aug FGe
Lythrodontas 5 one immature 16-Aug FGe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 One male seen well. Other two heard only 10-Aug JS
Panagia Stazousa 2 Males 31-Aug JS
Prodromos Dam 1 immature 14-Aug FGe
Souni 6 2-Aug JN
Souni 1 4 & 9-Aug JN
Souni 4 11, 17 & 30-Aug JN

Souni 3 19 & 26-Aug JN
Souni 2 23-Aug JN
Tochni 10+ at least 10 (males, females
and juv) 1-Aug LL

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia
crassirostris* Θαμνογαλαούρα
Agia Napa Sewage Works 7 Five seen
and two others probably this species 12-
Aug JS

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*
Γιαλλούρα
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 One seen
well. Another probable 12-Aug JS
Frenaros 1 11 & 14-Aug AKe

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*
Συκαλλίδι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 12-Aug JS
Frenaros 5 19-Aug AKe
Frenaros 1 24-Aug AKe
Frenaros 2 30-Aug AKe
Panagia Stazousa 1 31-Aug JS
Troodos, Almirolivado 1 bathing 10-Aug
SC

COMMON WHITETHROAT *Sylvia
communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
Agia Napa Football Fields 2 9-Aug AKe
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 16-Aug AKe
Akoursos 1 14-Aug DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 31-Aug JS
Frenaros 1 11-Aug AKe

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*
Κηποσυκαλλίδι
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 29-Aug AKe

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*
Αμπελοπούλλι
Frenaros 2 30-Aug AKe

EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER
Phylloscopus orientalis Βουνογιαννούδι
Souni 1 feeding in pine then a carob tree
at side of the track 16-Aug JN (Further
details requested)

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus
trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι



*Willow Warbler, Mavrokolympos Dam, 21st
August. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agia Napa Football Fields 2 29-Aug AKe
Agia Varvara 1 31-Aug DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 22, 26 & 31-Aug
TRe/ABW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 23-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 27-Aug TRe
Akrotiri North 2 calling and then came very
close along edge of reeds and scrub 27-
Aug MGr
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 31-Aug JS
Akrotiri Village 3 22-Aug ABW
Engomi 1 25-Aug FGe
Frenaros 1 28-Aug AKe
Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 1 27-
Aug FGe
Mavrokolympos Dam 2 21-Aug DJW
Platania Picnic Site 1 30-Aug SC with A P
Leventis
Sanctuary of Apollo Hylates 1 29-Aug
FGe
Souni 2 1 in carob tree and 1 calling
nearby 30-Aug JN
Troodos, Almirolivado c5 30-Aug SC
with A P Leventis

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa
striata* Μουγιοφάς
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 30-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 in flight along the track
to Lady's Mile 20-Aug JN
Almirolivado (Troodos) 5 includes an adult
with a juvenile together, others singletons
6-Aug JN
Frenaros 1 24 & 28-Aug AKe
Livadi tou Pashia 6 4 perched and 1 adult
with a juvenile 6-Aug JN
Panagia Stazousa 3 31-Aug JS
Souni 1 in pines 26-Aug JN
Troodos, Almirolivado 2 10-Aug SC

Troodos 4 includes a probable family group of 3 together including at least one juvenile 6-Aug JN

EURASIAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομουσιοχάφτης
Almirolivadho 1 female 30-Aug SC with A P Leventis (Rare Bird Report form submitted)

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπτετσος
Max count per location:
Almirolivado (Troodos) 49 at least 6-Aug JN
Filani 16 7-Aug FGe
Kamares (Tala) 4 14-Aug DJW
Kapoura c25 14-Aug FGe
Kykkos Monastery 30 13-Aug FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 18 6 in flight, 6 feeding and another 6 at least heard calling 6-Aug JN
Platania Picnic Site c4 1 seen, more heard only 30-Aug SC with A P Leventis
Platres 9 in flight and 8 heard 6-Aug JN
Prodromos Dam c50 14-Aug FGe
Troodos 24 3 in flight and 3 feeding, rest heard calling 6-Aug JN

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι
Largest counts:
Asprokremos Dam 7 6 & 8-Aug DJW
Neo Chorio 8 5-Aug JS
Souni 15 26-Aug JN

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης
Platania Picnic Site 1+ 10-Aug SC
Platania Picnic Site c5 1 seen, more heard only 30-Aug SC with A P Leventis
Prodromos 1 heard only 30-Aug SC with A P Leventis
Troodos, Almirolivadho 1 10 & 30-Aug SC
Troodos 4 1 seen feeding and 3 heard calling 6-Aug JN

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio* Κεφαλάς
Earliest records and largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 4m, 5f and 2 juv 31-Aug JS
Akrotiri South 1 very probable - in flight away from me 15-Aug JN
Frenaros 20 31-Aug AKe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 10-Aug DJW
Phassouri Reed Beds 6 1m and 5 juv 31-Aug JS

Souni 2 males 16-Aug JN
Vougies 1 male 16-Aug FGe

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*
Σταχτοκεφαλάς



Lesser Grey Shrike, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 17th August. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Earliest records and largest counts:
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 12-Aug JS
Agia Napa Football Fields 20 29-Aug AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 at least, mostly adults or distant birds 27-Aug JN
Arodhes 1 10-Aug JS
Frenaros 20 31-Aug AKe
Lady's Mile 18 Near football pitch. Large fall 20-Aug TRe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 10-Aug JS
Souni 1 in Souni Carob Grove 12-Aug JN

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator* Κοκκινοκεφαλάς
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 29-Aug AKe
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 12-Aug JS
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 24-Aug FGe
Arodhes 2 8 & 10-Aug JS
Arodhes 1 14-Aug DJW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 10-Aug DJW
Meneou Pool 1 16-Aug JS
Souni 1 male 18-Aug JN
Tochni 1 1-Aug LL

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus* Δακκανούρα
Largest counts:
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 14 only two adult 21-Aug FGe
Arodhes 16 12 ad and 4 juv 8-Aug JS
Dipotamos dam 9 16-Aug FGe
Frenaros 10 31-Aug AKe
Souni 8 2 in flight together includes 1 juvenile; 1 perched in distance and 2 in flight (one a possible female); 3 juveniles including 1 feeding 11-Aug JN

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα
Almirolivado (Troodos) 6-Aug JN
Kapoura 1 14-Aug FGe
Kykkos Monastery 4 13-Aug FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 1 heard calling 6-Aug
JN
Platania Picnic Site c5 10-Aug SC
Platania Picnic Site c3 30-Aug SC with A
P Leventis
Platres 2 in flight 6-Aug JN
Prodromos Dam 2 14-Aug FGe
Troodos, Almirolivado 2 10-Aug SC
Troodos, Almirolivado 1 30-Aug SC with
A P Leventis
Troodos 7 3 in flight and at least 3 heard
calling 6-Aug JN

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*
Κατσκορώνα
Largest counts:
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 18 24-Aug FGe
Arodhes 10+ 5, 8 & 10-Aug JS
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 10 24-Aug
FGe
Saramas Valley 12 14-Aug DJW

WESTERN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*
Κολοιός
Largest counts:
Arodhes 30+ 10-Aug JS
Kantou 56 22-Aug JN
Paphos Sewage Plant 50 1-Aug JS

HOODED CROW *Corvus cornix* Κοπάζινος
Largest counts:
Agia Varvara c40 6-Aug DJW
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 44 24-Aug FGe
Paphos Sewage Plant 100 1-Aug JS

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*
Στρούθος
Largest counts:
Achna Dam 220 1-Aug FGe
Agia Napa Football Fields 300 9, 16 & 22-
Aug AKe
Leoforos Nisi c100 11-Aug SF
Phassouri Reed-beds 86 20-Aug JN

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer*
hispaniolensis Αρκόστρουθος
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 12 24-Aug FGe
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 1-Aug JS

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*
Σπίνος
Almirolivado (Troodos) 10 6-Aug JN

Kapoura 22 14-Aug FGe
Kykkos Monastery 18 13-Aug FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 9 6-Aug JN
Platania Picnic Site c15 + 10 & 30-Aug
SC/APL
Prodromos Dam 12 14-Aug FGe

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*
Μπασταρτοκανάρινο
Arodhes 1 Flew over calling 10-Aug JS
Filani 3 one juv 7-Aug FGe
Kamares (Tala) 2 14-Aug DJW

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis*
chloris Λουλουδός η Φλώρος
Largest counts:
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 9 27-Aug FGe
Bishop's Pool 8 includes 4 juveniles 20-
Aug JN
Frenaros 50 adults & young 14-Aug AKe
Souni 8 26-Aug JN

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis*
carduelis Σγαπρίλι
Largest counts:
Agia Napa Football Fields 25 12-Aug JS
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 60 24-Aug FGe
Frenaros 100 11, 14 & 31-Aug AKe
Pano Lefkara c25 16-Aug FGe

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*
Τσακροσγάριλο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 31-Aug JS
Arodhes 2+ 8-Aug JS
Kamares (Tala) 4 14-Aug DJW

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*
Σταυρομούττη
Troodos, Almirolivado c8 including older
juv 10-Aug SC
Troodos, Almirolivado c12 + 30-Aug SC
with A P Leventis

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza*
caesia Σιταροπούλλι
Agios Georgios Kafkallou 3 14-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 31-Aug JS
Androlίκου 1 5-Aug JS
Arodhes 1 5-Aug JS
Filani 7 at least 1 juv. 7-Aug FGe
Kamares (Tala) 2 14-Aug DJW
Souni 1 2-Aug JN
Souni 2 11 & 29-Aug JN
Souni 4 heard calling 18-Aug JN
Tochni 3 1-Aug LL

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

August 2016

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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 August, 7 recorders covered 11 wetlands (with one coastal site) across the island where 995 birds, of 44 different species were recorded between the 13th and the 17th of August.

The most abundant species by far was the Mallard, with just above 300 recorded individuals with second most abundant being the Kentish Plover with 159 recorded individuals almost half the number of Mallards. The wetland holding the most birds was Larnaka Sewage Works with half the recorded individuals for August, coming up at 488 individuals. Not surprisingly it also had the highest number of species with 29 species recorded. The Akrotiri sites (Merás, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile) come second in both recorded individuals and species with 176 and 10 respectively. Four sites had less than 6 individuals with Kannaviou Dam only having a single individual, a Cormorant.

Site coverage for the August 2016 Waterbird Count

SITE	RECORDER	DATE	WATER LEVEL
PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE	Dave & Jan Walker	12-8-216	coastal
PHASSOURI REED BED	June Neal	15-8-216	
AKROTIRI MERAS, SALT LAKE & LADY'S MILE	June Neal	15-8-216	
BISHOP'S POOL	June Neal	17-8-216	
ZAKAKI POND	June Neal	15-8-216	
LARNAKA SALT LAKE	Jane Stylianou	13-8-216	
LARNAKA SEWAGE WORKS	Jane Stylianou	13-8-216	
ACHNA DAM	Bill Barker	17-8-216	
EVRETOU DAM	Dave & Jan Walker	14-8-216	43%
MAVROKOLYMBOS DAM	Dave & Jan Walker	14-8-216	21%
KANNAVIU DAM	Dave & Jan Walker	14-8-216	32%

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2016	Paphos Lighthouse	Phassouri Reed Bed	Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Bishop's Pool	Zakaki Pond	Larnaka Salt Lake	Larnaka Sewage Works	Achna Dam	Evetou Dam	Mavrokolymbos Dam	Kannaviou Dam	Total
Little Grebe				20			29			3		52
Cormorant											1	1
Night Heron				3	27							30
Cattle Egret								1				1
Little Egret			1					1				2
Grey Heron		1	1	49	3		6		2			62
Greater Flamingo							4					4
Ruddy Shelduck							1					1
Teal				12			1					13
Mallard				67			239					306
Garganey				5			6					11
Shoveler							1					1
Ferruginous Duck				7			7					14
Marsh Harrier			2				1					3
Water Rail					1							1
Moorhen				7	3							10
Coot				5			12					17
Black-winged Stilt				1			7					8
Avocet							1					1
Stone-curlew						19						19
Spur-winged Lapwing						8	36	35				79
Kentish Plover			91			57	11					159
Greater Sand Plover	3											3
Little Ringed Plover								3				3
Ringed Plover							1					1
Sanderling						1						1
Little Stint			19			5	36					60
Temminck's Stint							2					2
Curlew Sandpiper			1				5					6
Dunlin							4					4
Ruff							8					8

WETLAND BIRD COUNT AUGUST 2016	Paphos Lighthouse	Phassouri Reed Bed	Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Bishop's Pool	Zakaki Pond	Larnaka Salt Lake	Larnaka Sewage Works	Achna Dam	Evretou Dam	Mavrokolymbos Dam	Kannaviou Dam	Total
Whimbrel	1											1
Redshank							1					1
Greenshank								2				2
Marsh Sandpiper							7					7
Green Sandpiper								2				2
Wood Sandpiper							1	1				2
Common Sandpiper	1						3					4
Slender-billed Gull							3					3
Yellow-legged Gull						12	52					64
White-winged Black Tern							2					2
Kingfisher	1											1
Yellow Wagtail		17	1				1					19
Reed Warbler					4							4
Total	6	18	116	176	38	102	488	45	2	3	1	995
Species Count	4	2	7	10	5	6	29	7	1	1	1	44



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