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Cover photograph: During December 2016 there were several reports of up to six Common Crane Grus grus on the island especially from Akrotiri and Larnaca Salt Lakes. On 21st December a group of twenty adults and young were found at Phassouri by Keith and Raija Howard and photographed by Raija. They were again seen in the Akrotiri area 23rd December. Since early January 2017 the group has been in the Paphos area moving mainly between Mandria and Asprokremmos Dam. They now number 22 birds. This is the largest group of Common Crane ever recorded in December in Cyprus.
**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](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds)

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**BIRDTRACK UPDATE: CYPRUS PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE**

Since February 2016 users can now access the BirdTrack bird recording system via the Cyprus Portal. Instead of entering the system via the Global Portal as you had been doing, please now use the following link [blc.birdtrack.net](http://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.

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

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

If you would like to join please [click here](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds).

Email: [BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com](mailto: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 BirdLife Cyprus Recorder and adding them to the country database. Use the [Cyprus portal of BirdTrack](http://blc.birdtrack.net), download [our reporting excel](http://blc.birdtrack.net) or email the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder, Jane Stylianou janestycy@yahoo.co.uk
YOUR BIRDING SIGHTINGS ARE IMPORTANT.
PLEASE DON’T FORGET TO SEND THEM TO THE RECORDER
Jane Stylianou

Whether you go out bird watching regularly or just enjoy noting what you see when out on a walk, any record of what you see is important to help us keep an up to date database of the birds of Cyprus.

Most people submit their records on a monthly basis. To be included in the Systematic List that appears in the Monthly Checklist please make sure that Jane receives your records by the 10th of the following month or are added to BirdTrack by that date. But don’t worry if you miss the deadline; your sightings will still be added to the database and be used in compiling the annual Cyprus Bird Report. On occasions, you may be asked to provide extra details of rarer birds or of those seen out of season or away from their usual locations. This is something that happens to all observers and is not a reflection on anyone’s bird watching skills! A list of the species for which a Rare Bird Report is required can be obtained from Jane.

There are several ways to make sure that your records count by submitting them to the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder, Jane Stylianou who will add them to the country database:

Use the Cyprus portal of BirdTrack http://blc.birdtrack.net or download our reporting excel. The recorder is happy to receive your sightings by email but where possible please try to use either BirdTrack or the Excel form. Please contact her if you have any questions janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk mobile telephone 99558953.

BIRD SIGHTINGS RECORDS FOR 2016

Have you been out bird watching in 2016? Then please don’t forget to send all your 2016 sightings in to the Recorder if you haven’t already done so. They can be sent either via the Global portal of the BTO BirdTrack database http://app.bto.org/birdtrack2/main/data-home.jsp or on the excel form which you can either download from the BirdLife Cyprus website or the Recorder can send to you. Email lists are acceptable if you are not comfortable with either of those two methods.

So that the 2016 database can be completed it would be appreciated if they are received by February 10th 2017. If you are unable to meet that deadline but still have 2016 records to submit please let the Recorder know.

Make your birdwatching count and ensure that your sightings are included in the 2016 country database. Please note that the only way for your records to be included in the database is to ensure that the Recorder receives them. Unfortunately, she is unable to include those only noted on various social media sites, ‘round-robin’ emails, “BirdLine” etc.

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COMPILATION OF MONTHLY CHECKLIST

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

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 or interesting personal birding experiences that you feel fellow readers would enjoy. Please contact John Stapley johnstapley8@gmail.com or Dave Walker 99915907 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. Every effort is made to ensure that the work of as many contributors as possible is used but inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Please send photographs in JPEG format where possible. Please send to janestycy@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone: 99558953

SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Winter 2016 – Spring 2017

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.

To assist new members and visiting birders, who have access to a GPS or Google Earth, to locate our ‘meeting points more easily’, we have introduced coordinates into the following schedule. Simply copy and paste the coordinates into the “Search bar” in “Google Earth” and click on it. For most instruments it is unnecessary to type in the degree and minute symbols (° & ′) or the N and E letters.

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.

Σημαντική Ανακοίνωση: Η συμμετοχή σας στις εξορμήσεις του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου γίνεται με δική σας ευθύνη. Ο Πτηνολογικός Σύνδεσμος Κύπρου δεν φέρει καμία ευθύνη για τυχόν ατυχήματα, ασθένειες, απώλειες ή ζημιές σε προσωπικά αντικείμενα. Οι εξορμήσεις απαιτούν ελαφριά με μέτρια άσκηση. Παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με τον εκάστοτε υπεύθυνο εξορμήσεων για περισσότερες πληροφορίες που σχετίζονται με το βαθμό δυσκολίας, αποστάσεις και συνθήκες των εξορμήσεων.
February 2017

Saturday 11th February: Larnaca Sewage Works, Seafront and (possibly) Oroklini Marsh
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER
Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050
Wintering gulls and waterfowl.
Meet at 9.00 am, dirt track leading to Larnaca Sewage Pool hide. 34° 51.61’ N, 33° 37.64’ E

Saturday 18th February: Paphos Foothills
Leaders: Dave and Jan Walker, Tel: Mobile: 99915907
Winter thrushes and finches.
Meet at 9.00 am, roundabout Paphos end of motorway, lay-by at “Konia” exit.
34° 47.09’ N, 32° 26.74’ E

March 2017

Saturday 4th March: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER
Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050
Late winter visitors, early spring migrants and waterbirds
Meet 09.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall. 35° 03.25’ N, 33° 48.91’ E

Wednesday 8th March: Akrotiri Peninsula
Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665
Late winter visitors, water birds and spring migrants
Meet 8.30 am, (Please note the earlier start time) Viewing hide at Zakaki Marsh.
34° 38.57’ N, 33° 00.23’ E

Saturday 18th March: Paphos Lighthouse
Leaders: Ian and Kate Bloomer, Mobile: 99265661
Early Spring migrants
Meet 8.30 am (please note the earlier start time), Entrance of Archaeological area by the Paphos Harbour Car Park.
34° 45’36’ N, 32° 24.51’ E

Saturday 25th March: Larnaca Sewage Works & Oroklini Marsh
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER
Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893.
Spring migrants and waterbirds
Meet 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Works Hide. 34° 51.61’ N, 33° 37.64’ E

April 2017

Saturday 1st April: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria
Leader: Alan Crane, Mobile: 99276310
Spring migrants.
Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremmos Dam car park. 34° 43.666’ N, 32° 33.14’ E

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th April: Karpas Peninsula
Spring migrants and rare residents
Leader: Melis Charalambides. Home Tel: 22632155, Mobile: 99653205
Details will follow. Meet11.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall. 35° 03.25’ N, 33° 48.91’ E
Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides. Note, there is a 50 euro deposit on each booking

**Friday 14th April - Monday 17th April (Cypriot Easter)**

**Saturday 22nd April: Cape Greko**
**PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER**
Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050
Spring migrants
Meet 7.30 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off (please note earlier start time).
34° 58.54’ N, 34° 02.46’ E
Meet 9.30 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off (a second meeting time for those unable to make the earlier one)

**May 2017**

**Saturday 6th May: Kannaviou Dam & Paphos Forest**
Leaders: Dave and Jan Walker, Tel: Mobile: 99915907
Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds.
Meet 9.00 am, Stroumbi, Esso Petrol Station, opposite turn off to Polemi.
34° 52.62’ N, 32° 28.947’ E

**Saturday 13th May: Akrotiri Peninsula.**
Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665
Late spring migrants and water birds.
Meet 8.30 am, (please note the earlier start time), Akrotiri Marsh (Phassouri Reed-beds).
34° 37.964’ N, 32° 56.05’ E

**Saturday 20th May: End of Season Get Together Lunch**
12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou. 34° 39.49’ N, 32° 46.015’ E
For booking please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Tel: Mobile: 99413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

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**FIELD MEETING – AKROTIRI – 7th JANUARY 2017**
*by June Neal*

After an awful weather forecast for the whole of the day, I drove to Zakaki hide with expectations of sheltering in the Oasis Restaurant with a few ‘die-hard birdwatchers watching gulls on the sea shore. Twenty three of us assembled and were pleasantly surprised that the weather was fine, albeit cloudy. It was cool and windy with few birds around the Zakaki pool – just a handful of **Common Coot**, two male **Mallard** and a lone adult **Greater Flamingo** - until two female **Western Marsh Harrier** quartered the reed-bed and marsh. Other flying species included **Grey Heron**, **Common Black-headed Gull** and a **Common Buzzard** which perched obligingly on a tree by the trailers. A very brief glimpse of a **Moustached Warbler** was followed by a feeding **Common Chiffchaff** which flew across the open area in front of the hide. Everyone complimented the volunteer workers who had cleared away the reeds to provide a good view of the pool and island agreeing they had done excellent work.

**Cetti’s Warblers**, **Common Stonechats** and **Hooded Crows** were the only other species noted in the area before we set off to see the gulls on Lady’s Mile pools. We viewed these from the stadium-side of the pools as the track near the shore was water-logged after the recent heavy rains and full of deep potholes. Amongst the 1000+ **Common Black-headed Gull** we did
manage to see Yellow-legged, Caspian and Armenian Gulls but no Slender-billed, Common, Audouin or Mediterranean Gulls that had been reported in the vicinity over the previous week. Three Common Buzzard were seen later on the return route by a small group of people. Given the state of the track we took the long route to Bishop’s Pool where Little Grebe were plentiful with one Black-necked Grebe busily bobbing up from below the water as it fed. Ducks included a pair of Eurasian Wigeon (which took flight when a Marsh Harrier overflew the pool, to return later) a Ferruginous Duck, Eurasian Teal, Mallard and Northern Shoveler. When the heavens opened we rushed to the cars to drive to Akrotiri Marsh, stopping off at Sylvana’s Restaurant as the rain eased. There was no sign of the large flock of possible geese that had been seen from Zakaki, heading in that direction. In addition to more Flamingoes on the S edge of the salt lake a large flock was in the distance, partly hidden in the rain. Two more Marsh Harrier quartering the salt marsh included a probable immature male. Four Common Shelduck, a couple of flocks of Meadow Pipit and two Red-throated Pipit were noted as well as a trio of feeding White Wagtail and two flying, three European Serin in flight, followed by a lone Great Tit. En route to the aerials a Long-legged Buzzard was seen hunkered down on the ground looking rather bedraggled after the heavy rain.

In the field before the turning to the Marsh were dozens of Common chaffinch feeding then flying into the bushes and trees plus several Crested Lark. One lucky lady briefly saw the rump of a Brambling but it was not seen again amongst the Chaffinch flocks. More Chaffinches, Hooded Crows, Chiffchaffs, Stonechats and Meadow Pipits were around the water meadows and two Common Kestrel hovered overhead and another Marsh Harrier flew over the reed-bed. A couple of bird watchers who had rung to meet us there had witnessed the Crows mobbing a Ruddy Shelduck, forcing it down onto a stream near the reed-bed but it was not relocated by the rest of us.

Making our way back to the Oasis Restaurant for the New Year meal more Chaffinches, Meadow Pipits and two Kestrels were seen near Asomatos. A total of 34 species were recorded for the morning which was a lot more than we’d anticipated given the forecast and conditions. Thanks to Loria for organising the delicious luncheon and to everyone taking part in the field meeting and all the others who turned up for the meal making it an excellent day out.
Last Month's Quiz answer
Identifying gulls, especially immatures, can be a daunting task but better Field Guides and recent changes in gull taxonomy has fueled an increased interest and better understanding of gulls and their important identification features. Despite our improved knowledge however, some of the "large white-headed gulls" remain extremely difficult to separate. The occurrence of hybrids and intermediate birds further complicate matters and lead to identification headaches for even the most experienced birders.
Thankfully, our mystery bird is not one of the large white headed species but one which is reasonably straightforward to identify. Key to identifying it is determining its size, not always easy from a photograph of a bird flying alone. The bird's structure however; small head in relation to the rest of its body, long narrow wings and large tail should suggest that this is not one of the smaller species but a large species of gull. Once size is established identifying the mystery bird becomes quite easy. The flesh-coloured bill, dark mirror-less wing-tips and dark terminal tail band suggest this is an immature bird while the streaking behind the eye is unique to just one large gull species, Great Black-headed or Pallas's Gull. Despite being our largest regularly occurring gull species, Pallas's Gull is genetically closer to the smaller gulls attaining adult plumage after 3 years like most of the smaller gulls (not 4 years as is the case with other large gulls). It is placed in the genus Ichthyaetus with the much smaller Mediterranean and the medium-sized Audouin's Gull being its closest relatives.
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Τιμή / Price: €25
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
SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR DECEMBER 2016
Jane Stylianou

2875 bird records received
155 species and forms recorded December 2016, compared to 128 in December 2015.

[Please note, the list has been edited for the purposes of this newsletter and contains records that have not been corrected or corroborated. Some November records were received late and a few are included here for interest]

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Νεροβούτης

Largest counts:
Bishop's Pool  c30  2-Dec SC with A Leventis
Flamoudi Dam  30  9-Dec CC/MC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  210  27-Nov NCP

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούτης

Akhna Dam  1 2, 6, 19 & 27-Dec STi/AKe
Akhna Dam  2 16-Dec KH
Asprokremmos Dam  1 3-Dec JN
Asprokremmos Dam  2 26-Dec PWr
Evretou Dam  1 15-Dec DJW

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* Μαυροβούτης

Clapsides  2  26-Nov NCP
Clapsides  1  8-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Sewage Works  2  10-Dec JN
Larnaca Sewage Works  5  16-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  3  8-Dec CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh  1  26-Dec AKy
Paphos Headland  1  18-Dec KH

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* Κορμοράνος

Largest counts:
Agios Amvrosios  75  westerly coastal passage 26-Nov NCP
Akhna Dam  50  27-Dec AKe
Anarita Park  45  Flew east  8-Dec SB
Asprokremmos Dam  100+  7-Dec MSS

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας

Max count per location:
Cape Pyla  6  4-Dec BB
Kensington Cliffs  5  4 adults and 1 immature on rock near beach  9-Dec JN
Larnaca Airport Coast  3  16 & 18-Dec JS
Lefkonisos Island, Karpasia  1  9-Dec CC/MC
Mandria  1  8-Dec SB
Pafos Harbour  2  22-Dec RH/CN
Paphos Headland  2  16-Dec DJW
Pegeia, Sea caves  1  28-Dec RH
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery  4  9-Dec CC/MC

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus onocrotalus* Ροδοπελεκάνος

Larnaca Sewage Works  1  immature  2, 10, 16, 18, 23 & 24-Dec STi/JN/JS/KH/FGe
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON
*Nycticorax nycticorax* Νυχτοκόρακας

Black-crowned Night Heron, Zakaki Marsh, 17th December. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Zakaki Marsh 1 1cy 17-Dec KH

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Largest counts:
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 210 27-Nov NCP
Oroklini Marsh 257 at roost 21-Dec PWr
Paphos Sewage Plant 13 5-Dec CDa

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Max count per location:
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 8-Dec CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 1 2 &16-Dec STi/KH
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 6-Dec TRe
Zakaki Marsh 2 1-Dec TRe

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα

Achillea Canal 1 10-Dec CDa
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant 1 28-Dec FGe
Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Dec KH

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea* Σταχτοψαροφάς

Largest counts:
Agios Amvrosios 4 late westerly coastal passage 22-Nov NCP
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant 4 28-Dec FGe
Paralimni Lake 5 31-Dec AKe
Zakaki Marsh c300 2-Dec JS

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός

Lady's Mile 1 juv. 17-Dec FGe

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 juvenile 27-Nov NCP

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c30 27-Dec SC with Sergides
Akrotiri Salt Lake 550 31-Dec JN
Clapsides 33 8-Dec CC/MC
Fresh Water Lakes 1 8-Dec CC/MC
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 31 8-Dec CC/MC
Lady's Mile 46 17-Dec FGe
Larnaca Salt Lake 690 16-Dec JS
Meneou Pool 51 23-Dec FGe
Oroklini Marsh 7 17-Dec JS

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons* Αρκόσιηνα

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 10, 16, 18 & 19-Dec JN/KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 24-Dec KH

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea* Καστανόνταπια

Larnaca Salt Lake 16 in field to west of Salt Lake 22-Dec PWr
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16-Dec JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 18-Dec JN
Lefkoniko Dam 1 20-Nov NCP
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant 1 28-Dec FGe

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna* Αλάουρτος

Max count per location:
Agios Philon 11 Flying east along coast 25-Nov NCP
Akrotiri Salt Lake 23 feeding on salt marsh near the water and aerial compound 31-Dec JN
Clapsides 6 8-Dec CC/MC
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 27 8-Dec CC/MC
Lady's Mile 2 15-Dec MSS

Common Shelduck, Lady’s Mile, 14th December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.
Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 18-Dec JS
Larnaca Salt Lake c200 18-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 10 & 18-Dec JN/JS
Meneou Pool 6 23-Dec FGe
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant c70 28-Dec FGe

**EURASIAN WIGEON Anas penelope**
Αρμαπάσσιης
Agia Eirini Dam 22 21-Nov NCP
Alakati Beach 1 In raft of mixed ducks resting on the sea 23-Nov NCP
Kannaviou Dam 5 2 male, 3 fem 15-Dec DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 males 2-Dec STi
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 10-Dec JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 9 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant 4 28-Dec FGe
Zakaki Marsh 3 2m and 1f 2 & 3-Dec JS/MGr
Zakaki Marsh 1 8, 16, 17, 22, 24 & 31-Dec MG/MSJN/RH/CN
Zakaki Marsh 2 10-Dec JN

**GADWALL Anas strepera Κανναούρα**
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 21-Dec KH
Alakati Beach 15 In raft of mixed ducks resting on the sea 23-Nov NCP
Bishop's Pool 4 1m and 3f 20-Dec KH
Bishop's Pool 2 1m and 1f 21-Dec KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 2-Dec STi
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 2 pairs and a female 10-Dec JN
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 8 27-Nov NCP
Zakaki Marsh 2 2, 3 & 8-Dec JS/MGr
Zakaki Marsh 3 16-Dec MGr
Zakaki Marsh 4 1m and 3f 20-Dec KH
Zakaki Marsh 6 1 male, 5 females 22 & 25-Dec RH/CN/KH

**EURASIAN TEAL Anas creca Σαξάνα**
Largest counts:
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 60 8-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Salt Lake 157 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 291 16-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 800 8-Dec CC/MC
Phasouri reed-beds 80+ 15-Dec MSS
Zakaki Marsh 89 at least 24-Dec JN

**MALLARD Anas platyrhynchos**
Προσινοτζέφαλη
Largest counts:
Evretou Dam 42 15-Dec DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works c250 18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1000 8-Dec CC/MC

**NORTHERN PINTAIL Anas acuta**
Σουβλονούρα
Akhna Dam 1 6 & 16-Dec AKe/KH
Alakati Beach 19 In raft of mixed ducks resting on the sea 23-Nov NCP
Asprokremmos Dam 1 female overflying car park 3-Dec JN
Bishop's Pool 1 male 14-Dec KH
Bishop's Pool 2 1m and 1f 20-Dec KH
Clapsides 3 8-Dec CC/MC
Flamoudi Dam 1 9-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Sewage Works 3+ 1m and several f 2-Dec STi
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 2 pairs 10-Dec JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 12 10m and 2f 18-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 males 19-Dec KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 9 males 24-Dec KH
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 Female 15-Dec DJW
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 8-Dec CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 1 female 2-Dec STi
Oroklini Marsh 7 males 16-Dec KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 Female 2 & 22-Dec JS/RH/CN/KH

**NORTHERN SHOVELER Anas clypeata**
Σοξάνα
Largest counts:
Karaolos Lake 40 8-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Sewage Works c80 18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1000 8-Dec CC/MC
Vathi Gonia Water Treatment Plant c40 3-Dec JS JS

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD** *Netta rufina*
Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη
Akhna Dam 1 female 16-Dec KH

**COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya farina*
Κουντούρα
Agia Eirini Dam 45 21-Nov NCP
Bishop's Pool 1 female 6-Dec ABW
Flamoudi Dam 5 9-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 19-Dec KH

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*
Βαλτόπαπια
Bishop's Pool 12 2-Dec SC
Bishop's Pool c10 14-Dec KH
Flamoudi Dam 15 25-Nov NCP
Flamoudi Dam 14 27-Nov NCP
Flamoudi Dam 19 9-Dec CC/MC
Lefkoniko Dam 6 26-Nov NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 15 27-Nov NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 8-Dec CC/MC
Vathi Gonia Water Treatment Plant, Nicosia 4 3-Dec JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 17-Dec JN

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*
Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια
Flamoudi Dam 1 Female 25-Nov NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 Female 27-Nov NCP

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**EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus*
Γύπας

Eurasian Griffon Vulture, Mousere, 9th December. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Diarizos Valley 3 3-Dec JN/DJW
Kensington Cliffs 6 2-Dec RAt
Kensington Cliffs 11 9-Dec JN
Kensington Cliffs 12 17 & 25-Dec JN/KH
Kensington Cliffs 5 24-Dec JN
Kensington Cliffs 4 31-Dec JN
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 4 3-Dec DJW
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 1 7-Dec CDa
Mousere, Paphos 6 9-Dec DJW

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*
Βαλτοσιάχινο

Singles recorded throughout month from mainly wetland sites. All reports of two and more listed:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 2, 24 & 27-Dec SC/APL/JN/LS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 8-Dec CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 2 2 & 26-Dec STi/AKy
Paralimni Lake 2 6, 20, 24 & 27-Dec JS/AKe
Phasouri Reed-beds 8+ 15-Dec MSS
Zakaki Marsh 3 2, 15 & 24-Dec RAt/MSS/JN

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*
Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Records of 2+ birds listed:
Agios Sozomenos 2 A male and a female 10-Dec JS
Asprokremmos Dam 2 1m and 1f 26-Dec PWr
Mandria 2 1m and 1f 18-Dec KH/MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 male 2-Nov WAS/IKB
PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*
Παλλίδα Καρυρί
Lower Ezousas pools/Paphos Sewage Plant 1 juv. Photographed. 18-Dec
ABW/MSS

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*
Διπλοσιάχινο
Ha Potami 1 1-Dec ABW
Kantara Castle 1 9-Dec CC/MC
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 female 18-Dec MSS

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*
Ξεφτέρι
Agios Sozomenos 1 Being mobbed by Hooded Crows 10-Dec JS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 7-Dec MSS
Bishop's Pool 1 + 2-Dec SC with A Leventis
Filani 1 fem 10-Dec FG
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 1 30-Dec MSS
Mandria 1 3-Dec MSS
Mandria 2 18-Dec MSS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 6-Dec TR
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 1m and 1f 14 & 18-Dec MSS
Pegeia, near coast 1 31-Dec RH/CN
Phasouri 2 12-Dec KH
Phasouri 1 25-Dec KH
Wine Routes-Diarizos Valley 1 9-Dec SB
Zakaki Marsh 1 24 & 25-Dec JN/KH

COMMON BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*
Γερακίνα
Largest counts and interesting records:
Kensington Cliffs 3 9-Dec JN
Kyperounda 1 Attacked and chased away from utility pole on which it was sitting by a resident Long-legged Buzzard 4-Dec NK
Paphos Sewage Plant 3 14-Dec MSS
Phasouri reed-beds 20+ Between 12.30 – 13.15 20-Dec KH
Zakaki Marsh 5 13-Dec KH

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo b. vulpinus*
Στεπογερακίνα
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 photographed 18-Dec MSS

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*
Διπλογέρακο
Long-legged Buzzard, Phasouri, 20th December. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Largest counts and interesting records:
Arodhes 2 adult pair 6-Dec DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 with prey descended to a mound to eat and was mobbed by corvids 3-Dec JN
Asprokremmos Dam 2 26-Dec PWr
Choirokitia 2 together, probably pair 2-Dec SC with A Leventis
Kato Akourdalia 2 15-Dec DJW
Kyperounda 1 attacking and chasing off a Common Buzzard from utility pole on which it was perched 4-Dec NK

BONELLI’S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*
Σπιζαετός - Περτικοσιάχινο
Agia Varvara 1 18-Dec MSS
Arodhes 1 6-Dec DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 2 ads 27-Dec PWr
Kantara Castle 1 9-Dec CC/MC
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 3 3-Dec JN/DJW
Mavrokolymvos Dam 2 ads 27-Dec PWr
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 juvs hunting woodpigeons 3-Dec MSS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 6-Dec MSS
Phasouri reed-beds 1 First year bird 20-Dec KH
Stavrovouni 2 prob this species. Pair on southern slopes 3-Dec STi
Zakaki Marsh 1 First year bird 13 & 15-Dec KH/MSS

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*
Κίτσης
Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 4 10 & 13-Dec JS
Akrotiri Peninsula c6 2-Dec SC with A Leventis
Asprokremmos Dam 13 3-Dec JN
Mathiatis 4 26-Dec MH
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EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW *Burhinus oedicnemus* Τρουλλουρία

Eurasian Stone-curlew, Larnaca, 18th December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Dekeleia 27 12-Nov BB
Frenaros 1 3-Dec AKe
Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 18-Dec JS
Mandria 20+ 3-Dec MSS
Mandria 3 6-Dec TRe

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Akhna Dam 1 6-Dec AKe
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 10 8-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Kamares area 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 18-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 18 24-Dec KH

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι

Kermia Beach 2 19-Dec KH
Lady's Mile 12 17-Dec FGε
Larnaca Salt Lake 56 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 19-Dec KH
Macronissos Beach 7 6-Dec JS
Macronissos Beach 37 17-Dec JS
Paralimni Lake 10 27-Dec AKe
Tekke area Larnaka Salt Lake c35 23-Dec FGε

GREATER SAND PLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι

Agia Trias 1 6-Dec JS
Agia Trias 3 21-Dec PWr
Kermia Beach 1 19-Dec KH
Paphos Headland 4 9 & 16-Dec SB/CDa/DJW
Paphos Headland 2 11-Dec SB
Paphos Headland 3 18-Dec KH

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι

Eurasian Golden Plover, Mandria, 13th December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 27-Dec SC with L Sergides
Larnaca Airport Fields 400+ 24-Dec KH
Makedonitissa, Nicosia 3 Three flew over 5-Dec JS
Mandria 100+ 3-Dec MSS
Mandria 9 6-Dec TRe
Mandria 2 8-Dec SB
Mandria 1 11-Dec SB
Mandria 8 13-Dec TRe
Mandria 38 18-Dec KH
Paphos Headland 120+ 9-Dec CDa
Paphos Headland 40 11-Dec SB
Paphos Headland 116 16-Dec DJW
Paphos Headland c120 18-Dec KH
Paphos Headland min. 88 22-Dec RH/CN
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 Fly over 14-Dec MSS
Pervolia Fields c300 16-Dec KH
Pervolia Fields 50+ 24-Dec KH
Spiros Pool 12 16-Dec JS
Spiros Pool 40 19-Dec KH

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* Στακτοπλουμίδι

Grey Plover, Kermia Beach, 19th December. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Agia Trias 2 6-Dec JS
Agia Trias 3 17 & 21-Dec JS/PWr
Kermia Beach 1 19-Dec KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 2, 10, 18 & 24-Dec STi/JN/JS/KH
Neapolis Pond 3 20-Nov NCP
Paphos Headland 2 9-Dec CDa
Paphos Headland 1 16 & 18-Dec DJW/KH
Spiros Pool 2 19-Dec KH
Timi Beach 4 13-Dec TRe

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING Vanellus spinosus Πελλοκατερίνα
Max count per location:
Fresh Water Lakes 18 8-Dec CC/MC
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 4 8-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 16-Dec JS
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant <=70 28-Dec FGe
Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaiometocho 2 13-Dec FGe
Oroklini Marsh 30+ 15-Dec MSS
Paphos Sewage Plant 14 5-Dec CDa

NORTHERN LAPWING Vanellus vanellus Γιαννής

Max count per location:
Agios Sozomenos 132 13-Dec JS
Akhna Dam 4 2-Dec STi
Fresh Water Lakes 1 8-Dec CC/MC
Galatia Lake 8 8-Dec CC/MC
Larnaca Salt Lake 71 16-Dec JS
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant <=50 28-Dec FGe
Oroklini Marsh 65 21-Dec PWr
Paphos Sewage Plant 43 3-Dec MSS
Phasouri 36 25-Dec KH
Zakaki Marsh 22 Flew over and later seen flying over Lady's Mile 2-Dec JS

SANDERLING Calidris alba Λευκονεραλλίδι
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19-Dec KH

LITTLE STINT Calidris minuta Νανονεραλλίδι
Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 2 6 & 16-Dec AKe
Lady's Mile 1 16 & 17-Dec TRe/FGe
Larnaca Salt Lake 161 16-Dec JS

TEMMINCK’S STINT Calidris temminckii Σταχτονεραλλίδι
Asprokremmos Dam 1 7-Dec MSS
Famagusta Fresh Water Lake 1 26-Nov NCP
Lady's Mile 1 15-Dec MSS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 16-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 27-Nov NCP

DUNLIN Calidris alpina Λασπονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:
Akhna Dam 6 16-Dec KH
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 20 8-Dec CC/MC
Lady's Mile 6 17-Dec FGe
Paphos Headland 4 9-Dec SB
Tekke area, Larnaca Salt Lake <=60 mixed with Little Stints 23-Dec FGe

RUFF Philomachus pugnax Μοχητής
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 16-Dec KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19-Dec KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 24-Dec KH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 5 8-Dec CC/MC

JACK SNIPE Lymnocryptes minimus Κουφοπικάτσονο
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Kamares area 16-Dec JS

COMMON SNIPE Gallinago gallinago Πικατσόνι
Akhna Dam 2 6-Dec AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 14-Dec KH
Asprokremmos Dam 14+ 7-Dec MSS
Bishop's Pool 1 20-Dec KH
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1  3-Dec  FGe
Larnaca Salt Lake  21+  16-Dec JS
Larnaca Salt Lake  c15  18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant  1  28-Dec  FGe
Paphos Sewage Plant  2  26-Dec PWr
Phasouri reed-beds  3  15-Dec  MSS
Zakaki Marsh  1  1, 3 & 16-Dec  TRe/MGr

WHIMBREL  *Numenius phaeopus*
Φαιομπεκάτσα

![Whimbrel](image)

Whimbrel, Paphos Headland, 16th December. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland  1  9, 16 & 18-Dec
CDa/DJW/KH

EURASIAN CURLEW  *Numenius arquata*
Νερομπεκάτσα

Larnaca Airport Coast  6  16-Dec JS
Larnaca Airport Coast  2  18-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works  1  2-Dec STi
Larnaca Sewage Works  8  19-Dec  KH

SPOTTED REDSHANK  *Tringa erythropus*
Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Clapsides  1  26-Nov  NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  1  8-Dec
CC/MC

COMMON REDSHANK  *Tringa totanus*
Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam  10  16-Dec  KH
Larnaca Salt Lake  12  18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  8  24-Nov  NCP

COMMON GREENSHANK  *Tringa nebularia*
Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Fresh Water Lakes  1  8-Dec  CC/MC
Larnaca Sewage Works  1  19-Dec  KH

GREEN SANDPIPER  *Tringa ochropus*  
Δασονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam  1  12-Dec  AKe
Asprokremmos Dam  1  7-Dec  MSS
Larnaca Salt Lake  1  16 & 18-Dec JS
Paphos Headland  1  9-Dec  SB
Paphos Sewage Plant  1  5 & 14-Dec  CDa/MSS
Zakaki Marsh  1  1, 20 & 22-Dec  TRe/KH/RH/CN

COMMON SANDPIPER  *Actitis hypoleucos*
Ακτίτης

Agia Trias  1  17-Dec  JS
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake  1  3-Dec  FGe
Macronissos Beach  1  6-Dec  JS
Paphos Headland  1  9-Dec  SB
Paphos Headland  2  16-Dec  DJW
Potamos Liopetriou  1  6-Dec  JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE  *Arenaria interpres*
Χαλικονεραλλίδι

Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 16th December. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland  4  9 & 16-Dec
CDa/DJW
Paphos Headland  3  18-Dec  KH
GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ichthyaetus* Αετόγλαρος

*Great Black-headed Gull (centre), Lady’s Mile, 1st December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Lady’s Mile 1st winter 1-Dec TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 north end 22-Dec PWr

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος

*Lady’s Mile 1 1, 15, 16, 27, 29 & 31-Dec TRe/MSS/SC/LS/JN
Lady’s Mile 2 14 & 16-Dec TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 1st winter in NE corner 2-Dec STi

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus* Νανόγλαρος
*Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 1 8-Dec CC/MC

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus* Χωραφόγλαρος

Largest counts:
*Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 150 8-Dec CC/MC
Lady’s Mile c1,500 27-Dec SC with L Sergides
Larnaca Salt Lake 180 16-Dec JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei* Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος

*Slender-billed Gull, Lady’s Mile, 16th December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Lady’s Mile 5 1-Dec TRe

AUDOUIN’S GULL *Larus audouinii* Νησόγλαρος

Agios Philon 1 25-Nov NCP
Alakati Beach 11 Loafing on island 23-Nov NCP
Alakati Beach 8 Loafing on island 24-Nov NCP
Alakati Beach 6 25-Nov NCP
Clapsides 5 26-Nov NCP
Kermia Beach 1 6-Dec JS
Kermia Beach 2 19-Dec KH
Lefkonesos Island 1 9-Dec CC/MC
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery 2 9-Dec CC/MC

COMMON GULL *Larus canus* Θυελλόγλαρος

*Kermia Beach 1 29-Dec MSS
Kermia Beach 2 19-Dec JS
Kermia Beach 2 23-Nov NCP
Alakati Beach 11 19-Dec NCP
Alakati Beach 8 24-Dec NCP
Clapsides 5 26-Nov NCP
Kermia Beach 1 23-Nov NCP
Kermia Beach 2 19-Dec KH
Lefkonesos Island 1 9-Dec CC/MC
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery 2 9-Dec CC/MC

COMMON GULL poss heinei spp, Lady’s Mile, 31st December. Photograph by Jamie Partridge.

Akrotiri 1 23-Dec KH
Kermia Beach 1 29-Dec MSS
Lady’s Mile 1 15, 16 & 29-Dec MSS/TRe
Lady’s Mile 2 both appeared to be heinei.
Also 31st Dec 30-Dec JP
Lady’s Mile 3 inc one eastern race heinei 31-Dec PWr

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus* Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 only stayed briefly. Left with group of Yellow-leggeds and the Pelican 2-Dec STi
Mandria 1 11-Dec SB

HEUGLIN’S GULL *Larus heuglini* Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας
Cape Greco 2 29-Dec MSS
Lady's Mile  2  1, 12 & 15-Dec  
TRe/CDa/MSS
Lady's Mile  1  14 & 16-Dec  TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake  2  18-Dec  JS
Mandria  1+ Offshore  9-Dec  CDa
Mandria  1  18-Dec  MSS
Paphos Sewage Plant  4  3-Dec  MSS

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL  *Larus michahellis* Ασημόγλαρος
Agia Trias, Famagusta  4  17-Dec  JS
Agios Philon  2  25-Nov  NCP
Akrotiri Fish Farm  1  17-Dec  JN
Governor's Bay  5  17-Dec  FGe
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta  30  8-Dec  
CC/MC
Kensington Cliffs  11  6 in flight together
and 5 probable on rocks  9-Dec  JN
Lady's Mile PRESENT  17-Dec  FGe
Lady's Mile  5 at least 31-Dec  JN
Larnaca Salt Lake  9  3-Dec  FGe
Larnaca Salt Lake  2  16-Dec  JS
Larnaca Sewage Works  c10  2-Dec  STi
Mandria  50  4 & 9-Dec  SM/MCDa
Paphos Headland  10  16-Dec  DJW

CASPonian GULL  *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος
Alakati Beach  6  Loafing on island  24-Nov  
NCP
Alakati Beach  2  Loafing on island  23 &
25-Nov  NCP
Lady's Mile  c30  2-Dec  JS
Lady's Mile  10  7-Dec  CDa
Lady's Mile  20  10-Dec  JN
Lady's Mile  2  17-Dec  JN
Lady's Mile  2+ juvenile  27-Dec  SC with
L Sergides
Lady's Mile  25  31-Dec  JN
Larnaca Salt Lake  22  16-Dec  JS
Larnaca Salt Lake  15+  18-Dec  JS
Mandria  10+ Offshore  9-Dec  CDa
Mandria  20  11-Dec  SB
Paphos Headland  2  11-Dec  SB

ARMENIAN GULL  *Larus armenicus* Γλάρος Αρμενίας
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta  2  8-Dec  
CC/MC
Lady's Mile  c30  2-Dec  SC with A Leventis
Lady's Mile  10  7-Dec  CDa
Lady's Mile  34 at least  17-Dec  JN
Lady's Mile  c40  27-Dec  SC with L
Sergides
Lady's Mile  30  31-Dec  JN
Larnaca Sewage Works  c5  2-Dec  STi

Mandria  20 Offshore  9-Dec  CDa
Mandria  2  18-Dec  MSS
SANDWICH TERN  *Sterna sandvicensis* Χέιμωνογλάρονο

Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, 2nd December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Akrotiri Salt Lake  5  15-Dec  KH
Akrotiri  4  23-Dec  KH
Lady's Mile  2  1-Dec  TRe
Lady's Mile  c4  2-Dec  TRe
Lady's Mile  1  29-Dec  TRe

WHISKERED TERN  *Chlidonias hybridus* Λιμνογλάρονο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1 feeding along
shoreline  24-Dec  JN
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  1  27-Nov  
NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  1  8-Dec
CC/MC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  2  28-Dec  
FGe

ROCK Doves  *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο
Arodhes  c20  6-Dec  DJW
Bishop's Pool  c70  2-Dec  SC with A
Leventis
Cape Greco  300  (some pure)  15-Dec
AKE
Evretou Dam  2  7-Dec  SB
Flamoudi Dam  5  27-Nov  NCP
Kale Vounari Park  2  13-Dec  MGr
Kensington Cliffs  25  9-Dec  JN
Kensington Cliffs  6  24-Dec  JN

COMMON WOODPIGEON  *Columba palumbus* Φάσσα
Largest counts:
Flamoudi Dam  350+ birds coming down to
the water to drink and bathe  25-Nov  NCP
Mammari, Nicosia  c360 including single
flock of c340  26-Dec  FGe
Paphos International Airport  300  11-Dec  
SB
**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE**
*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνι
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 6 12-Dec AKe
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 8 8-Dec CC/MC
Mammari, Nicosia 7 26-Dec FG_e
Phassouri Reed-beds 6 together 31-Dec
JN
Souni 8 5-Dec JN

**ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE**
*Streptopelia orientalis* meena
Larnaca area 1 shot and photograph then sent to SC who ID’d it as the meena race of this species. Mid-Dec per SC (First Cyprus record.)

**LAUGHING DOVE**
*Stigmatopelia senegalensis* Φοινικοτρύγονο
Kouklia, Paphos 2 4-Dec CDa
Livadia c12 26-Dec AK_y
Mandria 7 9-Dec CDa
Potamos Germasogeia 3 26-Dec KH

**BARN OWL**
*Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλι
Outskirts of Paphos 1 Flew over road at dusk 4-Dec SB

**EURASIAN SCOPS OWL**
*Otus scops* Θουπί
t
Souni 1 heard calling from the carob grove opposite our home 31-Dec JN

**LITTLE OWL**
*Athene noctua* Κουκκουφκιάος
Little Owl, Arodes, 6th December. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Agios Sozomenos 1 3-Dec JS
Arodes 2 6-Dec DJW
Arodes 1 15-Dec DJW
Athalassa Park 2 23-Dec FGe
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 1 on rocks 3-Dec JN/DJW

Mammari, Nicosia 1 26-Dec FG_e
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 27-Nov
NCP
Souni 1 4 & 19-Dec JN

**SHORT-EARED OWL**
*Asio flammeus* Βαλτόθουπος
Paphos Headland 1 28-Dec PW_r

**COMMON SWIFT**
*Apus apus* Πετροχελίδονο
Common Swift, Bishop’s Pool, 14th December. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Bishop’s Pool 1 Photographed 14-Dec KH

**COMMON KINGFISHER**
*Alcedo atthis* Αλκυόνη
Agia Eirini Dam 2 21-Nov NCP
Agia Trias 1 17-Dec JS
Chlorakas, coast 2 19-Dec RH
Famagusta Fresh Water Lake 1 20 & 26-Nov NCP
Limassol Port Canal 1 15-Dec MSS
Pafos, Harbour 2 22-Dec RH/CN
Pegeia, Sea caves 1 28-Dec RH
Potamos Liopetriou 1 6-Dec JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 1 & 2-Dec TR_e/JS
Zakaki Marsh 2 17-Dec KH

**EURASIAN HOOPOE**
*Upupa epops* Πουπούξιος

Eurasian Hoopoe, Makedonitissa, 19th December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Makedonitissa, Nicosia 2 10-Dec VV
Makedonitissa, Nicosia  1  18-Dec SC  
Makedonitissa, Nicosia  7  At first saw two feeding in cut crops. Then when they flew nearer there were four. Finally, seven in air together as they flew towards cemetery wall and then back towards me. Distant shot of four together but not able to get all seven in shot at same time  19-Dec JS

**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha calandra* Μαυροτράσιλος  
Mandria  1  28-Dec PWr  
Mandria  2  29-Dec PWr  
Trachoni pools  6  24-Nov NCP

**CRESTED LARK** *Galerida cristata* Σκορταλλός  
Largest counts:  
Cape Greco  38  6-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works  19  10-Dec JN  
Paralimni Lake  40+  6-Dec JS

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea* Πευκοτρασιήλα  
Largest counts:  
Anarita Park  42  Flocks of 10+20+8+4  8-Dec SB  
Arodhes  45  5 + c40  6-Dec DJW  
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley  30  7-Dec CDa  
Paphos Sewage Plant  30  6-Dec MSS

**EURASIAN SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis* Τρασιήλα  
Largest counts:  
Agios Filonas to Afrentrika track  50  9-Dec CC/MC  
Larnaca Airport Coast  110+  16-Dec JS  
Mandria  300  8-Dec SB

**EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελιδόνο  
Largest counts:  
Agia Varvara  1  18-Dec MSS  
Latchi  2  25-Dec CN  
Mandria  2  27-Dec MSS  
Secret Valley Golf Course area  5+  28-Dec MSS

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι  
Bishop's Pool  1  2, 14 & 20-Dec  
AC/APL/KH  
Bishop's Pool  2  15-Dec ABW/JN  
Cape Greco  1  21-Dec PWr  
Famagusta Fresh Water Lake  2  26-Nov NCP  
Oroklini Marsh  1  29-Dec MSS/STi

**RICHARD’S Pipit** *Anthus richardi* Διπλογαλούδι  
Paphos Headland  2  28 & 29-Dec PWr

**MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis* Λιβαδογαλούδι  
Largest counts:  
Agios Sozomenos  c200  10-Dec JS  
Asprokremmos Dam  50  at least in one flock  3-Dec JN  
Paphos Sewage Works  60  8-Dec SB  
Phasouri  79  includes a flock of c70  17-Dec JN

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

*Red-throated Pipit, Agios Sozomenos, 3rd December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Agios Sozomenos  3  One seen, two heard only  3-Dec JS  
Agios Sozomenos  1  10-Dec JS  
Akhna Dam  2  16-Dec KH  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  at least, heard  24-Dec JN  
Akrotiri  12  15-Dec JN  
Larnaca Salt Lake  1  Heard near Tekke  16-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works  18  13 feeding on dried W pool and 5 in flight landed in field to feed near hide  10-Dec JN  
Makedonitissa, Nicosia  3  Area near cemeteries and airport  13-Dec JS  
Mandria  2  8-Dec SB  
Mandria  5  18-Dec KH  
Mandria, coast  2  20-Dec RH  
Mandria  9  29-Dec PWr  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  3  27-Nov NCP  
Paphos Headland  1  9-Dec SB  
Paphos Sewage Plant  2  3 & 14-Dec MSS  
Paphos Sewage Plant  1  5 & 8-Dec CDa/SB  
Phassouri Reed-beds  1  17 & 24-Dec JN
**WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinolaetta*
Nερογαλούδι
Akhna Dam 10+ various plumage states and potentially the Buff-bellied pipit but not could’t be definite 2-Dec STi
Akhna Dam 5 6-Dec AKe
Akrotiri marsh 1 22-Dec RH/CN
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 3-Dec FGt
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Kamares area 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 24-Nov NCP
Orklini Marsh 4 15-Dec MSS
Orklini Marsh 3 21-Dec PWr
Orklini Marsh 5 24-Dec KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 21 & 22-Dec KH

**YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*
Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης
Yellow Wagtail, Larnaca Salt Lake, 16th December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 First winter bird. (Photographed). Kamares area 16-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 First winter bird. Some characteristics of Eastern Yellow Wagtail. No note of call. 17-Dec GkO

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*
Σταχτοζευκαλάτης
Amiandos Botanical Gardens 1 9-Dec JS
Bishop’s Pool 1 5 & 20-Dec ABW/KH
Chlorakas, coast 1 28-Dec RH
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Kamares area 16 & 18-Dec JS
Mandria 1 4-Dec SMM
Manglis Dam 1 12-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 27-Nov NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 8-Dec CC/MC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 28-Dec FGt
Nicosia Quite Common all-Dec SC

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba*
Ασπροζευκαλάτης
Largest counts:
Akrotiri 27 15-Dec JN
Kale Vounari Park 18 13-Dec MGr
Larnaca Salt Lake c20 18-Dec JS
Mandria 30 8-Dec SB
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 80+ 27-Nov NCP
Paralimni Lake 300 31-Dec AKe

**WINTER WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Τρυποκάρυδο
Avakas Gorge 1 27-Dec PWr

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*
Θαμνοψάλτης
Souni 1 on top of a bush near the top of the north ridge 19-Dec JN

**EUROPEAN ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*
Κοτσινολαίμης
Largest counts:
Agios Filonas to Afrentrika track 10 9-Dec CC/MC
Cape Greco 25 5-Dec AKe
Flamoudi Dam 10 9-Dec CC/MC
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery 10 9-Dec CC/MC
Souni 27 19-Dec JN

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*
Γαλαζολαίμης
Bluethroat, Larnaca Salt Lake, 16th December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.
Agios Sozomenos 1 Singing 10 & 13-Dec JS
Agios Sozomenos 2 Different location from those seen earlier in month 18-Dec JS
Famagusta Fresh Water Lake 1 20-Nov NCP
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 3-Dec FGe
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Kamares area 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 28-Dec FGa
Oroklini Marsh 1 16 & 24-Dec KH
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3 & 6-Dec MSS/TrRe
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 7, 12 & 22-Dec ABW/TrRe/PH/CN
Zakaki Marsh 1 3, 13, 16, 21 & 22-Dec MGr/TrRe/KH/PH/CN
Zakaki Marsh 2 in flight 24-Dec JN

WESTERN BLACK REDSTART
*Phoenicurus ochruros* Καρβουνίαρης
Largest counts:
Arodhes 8 15-Dec DJW
Cape Greco 8 6-Dec JS
Kantara Castle 40 9-Dec CC/MC
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery 20 9-Dec CC/MC

COMMON STONECHAT *Saxicola rubicola*
Παπαθκιά
122 records received for this species in December. Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 32 13-Dec JS
Cape Greco 50 15-Dec AKe
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery 40 9-Dec CC/MC

SIBERIAN STONECHAT* *Saxicola maurus*
Σιβηρική Παπαθκιά
Mandria 1 possible male 18-Dec MSS (further details required)
Paphos Headland 1 male 10-Dec MSS (further details required)

FINCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii*
Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα
Agia Varvara 1 18-Dec MSS
Agios Sozomenos 3 2m and 1f 3-Dec JS
Agios Sozomenos 2 a male and a female 10 & 18-Dec JS
Agios Sozomenos 2 Males 13-Dec JS
Anarita Park 1 Male 6, 8 & 10-Dec SB

Arodhes 1 female 6-Dec DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 at Finikas 4-Dec CDa
Asprokremmos Dam 3 7-Dec MSS
Cape Greco 2 A male and a female 6 & 19-Dec JS/KH
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 4 3 males (probably 4) and 1 female 3-Dec JN
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 2 males 7-Dec CDa
Lefkoniko Dam 1 Male 20-Nov NCP

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*
Γαλαζοκότσυφος
Agia Varvara 1 18-Dec MSS
Agios Amvrosios 1 Male 22-Nov NCP
Agios Sozomenos 1 Female 3-Dec JS
Agios Sozomenos 1 Male 18-Dec JS
Asprokremmos Dam 2 7-Dec MSS
Cape Drepanum 1 27-Dec PWa
Cape Greco 1 Female 6-Dec JS
Cape Greco 2 1m and 1f 19-Dec KH
Cape Greco 4 21-Dec PWa
Kensington Cliffs 1 male 25-Dec KH

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
Largest counts:
Agios Filonas to Afrentrika track 10 9-Dec CC/MC
Bishop's Pool 5 20-Dec KH
Kantara Castle 5 9-Dec CC/MC
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery 5 9-Dec CC/MC

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris* Τρυονότζιηκλα
Palaiometocho 2 one adult & one 1st winter 14-Dec FGa

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*
Τζίηκλα
Largest counts:
Agios Filonas to Afrentrika track 25 8-Dec CC/MC
Akhnà Dam 12 12-Dec AKe
Bishop's Pool 10+ 20-Dec KH
Frenaros 300 7-Dec AKe
Galatia Lake 50 8-Dec CC/MC
Mammari, Nicosia 10 26-Dec FGa
Rizokarpaso to Apostolos Andreas Monastery 30 9-Dec CC/MC
Rizokarpasos rubbish dump 12 9-Dec CC/MC
MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα
Agios Filonas to Afrentrika track 1 9-Dec CC/MC
Bishop's Pool 4 Near beehives at entrance 20-Dec KH
Livadi tou Pashia 2 9-Dec JS
Livera Tank 4 21-Nov NCP
Rizokarpasos rubbish dump 1 9-Dec CC/MC

CETTI’S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνι
Agios Sozomenos 2 13-Dec JS
Evretou Dam 1 7-Dec SB
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 2 3-Dec FG
Larnaca Salt Lake 4+ Kamares area 16-Dec JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-Dec JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 10 & 16-Dec JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 7 27-Nov NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-Dec CC/MC
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 6-Dec TrE
Phasouri 1 heard 24-Dec JN
Phasouri Reed-beds 3 1 in flight and 2 heard calling 24-Dec JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 8, 10 & 31-Dec MGr/JN
Zakaki Marsh 4 16-Dec MGr
Zakaki Marsh 2 24-Dec JN

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης
Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 2 3-Dec JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 31-Dec JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 10-Dec JN
Paphos Headland 1 9-Dec SB
Paphos Sewage Works 2 10-Dec SB
Pervolia 1 18-Dec JS
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 10 & 15-Dec JN
Phasouri Reed-beds 3 24-Dec JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 2, 3 & 17-Dec JS/MGr/JN

MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus melanopogon*

Μουστακομουγιανούδι
Moustached Warbler, Larnaca Salt Lake, 16th December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Larnaca Salt Lake 3 Kamares area 16-Dec JS
Limassol Port Canal 1 15-Dec MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 7-Dec CDa

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia conspicillata*

Κοτσινοφτέρι
Spectacled Warbler, Nicosia, 19th December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Agios Sozomenos 7 3-Dec JS
Agios Sozomenos 2 18-Dec JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24-Dec JN
Anarita mast 1 7-Dec MSS
Cape Greco 25 5-Dec AKe
Cape Greco 30 15-Dec AKe
Cape Greco 1 17-Dec JS
Makedonitissa, Nicosia 2 & 19-Dec JS
Makedonitissa, Nicosia 3 13-Dec JS
Mammari, Nicosia 1 26-Dec FG
Zakaki, stadium 1 22-Dec RH

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia melanocephala*

Τρυποβάτης
Sardinian Warbler, Cape Greco, 16-Dec AKe

Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 7 13-Dec JS
Cape Greco 40 15-Dec AKe
Souni 14 16-Dec JN
CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*
Τρυπομάζης
Anarita Mast 2 7-Dec MSS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 male feeding 3-Dec JN
Cape Greco 1 6 & 15-Dec JS/AKe
Filani 1 10-Dec FGe
Governor's Bay 2 17-Dec FGe
Lefkonisos Island, Karpasia 2 9-Dec CC/MC
Panagia Stazousa 2 18-Dec JS
Souni 1 5, 12 & 16-Dec JN

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*
Αμπελοπούλλι
Largest counts:
Engomi, Nicosia 6 18-Dec FGe
Lower Ezousa 7 18-Dec ABW
Paphos Sewage Plant 4 6-Dec TRe
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 5 30-Dec FGe

Dusky Warbler* *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Σκουρογιαννούδι
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 Still present 3-Dec MSS

Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*
Μουγιαννούδι
Largest counts:
Diarizos valley 20 8-Dec SB
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 10 3, 16 & 18-Dec FGe/JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 30 8-Dec CC/MC
Phasouri Reed-beds 11 15-Dec JN
Souni 23 19-Dec JN

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*
Χρυσοβασιλίσκος
Neo Chorio, Smigies 1 25-Dec RH/CN

Coal Tit *Parus ater*
Πέμπτετσος
Amiandos Botanical Gardens 2 9-Dec JS
Filani 12 10-Dec FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 20+ 9-Dec JS
Platres 10 9-Dec SB

Great Tit *Parus major*
Τσαγκαρούδι
Largest counts:
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 16-Dec JS
Lefkonisos Island, Karpasia 5 9-Dec CC/MC
Mathiatis 5 26-Dec MH
Souni 11 19-Dec JN

Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria*
Τοιχοδρόμος
Avakas Gorge 1 12-Dec CDa

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*
Σκουρογιαννούδι
Platania Picnic site 1 9-Dec JS
Platres 2 9-Dec SB

Eurasian Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus*
Υφάντρα
Mia Milia Waste Water Plant 5 28-Dec FGe
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 10-Dec JN
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 15-Dec JN
Zakaki Marsh 1+ 22-Dec RH/CN/KH

Steppe Grey Shrike* *Lanius meridionalis pallidirostris*
Διπλοκεφαλάς του Νότου
Cape Greco 1 15-Dec AKe

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*
Κίσσα
Amiandos Botanical Gardens 1 9-Dec JS
Livadi tou Pashia 2 9-Dec JS
Platres 2 9-Dec SB

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*
Κατσικορώνα
Largest counts:
Arodhes 15 15-Dec DJW
Mammari, Nicosia 16 26-Dec FGe
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 11 26-Dec FGe
Panagia Stazousa 12 18-Dec JS
Souni 12 includes 11 on wires together 16-Dec JN

Western Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*
Κολοιός
Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 300+ 10-Dec JS
Evretou Dam c100 15-Dec DJW
Galatia Lake 100 8-Dec CC/MC

Hoodeed Crow *Corvus cornix*
Κοράζινος
Largest counts:
Lady's Mile 42 includes 2 large flocks seen at the same time 10-Dec JN
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 46 26-Dec FGe
Phasouri 63 includes 44 together on two occasions so presumed to be the same flock 17-Dec JN
Trachoni, Limassol 70 at least in one flock 24-Dec JN
COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*  
Λαζούρι  
Largest counts:  
Frenaros 3000 20-Dec AKe  
Paphos Sewage Plant 300+ 6-Dec MSS  
Paralimni Lake 3000 17-Dec AKe

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*  
Στρούθος  
Largest counts:  
Cape Greco 300 15-Dec AKe  
Kermia Beach 200 6-Dec JS  
Macronissos Beach 300 6-Dec JS  
Pervolia c300 18-Dec JS

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis*  
Αρκόστρουθος  
Largest counts:  
Anarita Park 300 At roost 10-Dec SB  
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c70 26-Dec FGe  
Paphos Sewage Plant 300+ 6-Dec MS

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*  
Σπίνος  
Largest counts:  
Evretou Dam c50 15-Dec DJW  
Filani c45 10-Dec FGe  
Phasouri 119 includes flocks of 20,14, 47 and 16 17-Dec JN  
Souni 142 at least with more males than recently but still mainly females seen 19-Dec JN

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*  
Μπασταρτοκανάρινο  
Largest counts:  
Agioi Iliofotoi c30 11-Dec FGe  
Kato Akourdaleia c30 15-Dec DJW  
Kensington Cliffs 37 at least in one flock 24-Dec JN  
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c60 26-Dec FGe

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*  
Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος  
Largest counts:  
Cape Greco 30 15-Dec AKe  
Phasouri 51 includes a flock of 45 17-Dec JN  
Souni 39 16-Dec JN

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*  
Σγαρτίλι  
Largest counts:  
Cape Greco 100 5-Dec AKe  
Mammari, Nicosia c55 26-Dec FGe  
Paphos Headland c50 16-Dec DJW  
Tekke area, Larnaka Salt Lake c80 23-Dec FGe

EURASIAN SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*  
Θκιολαρούδι  
Amiandos Botanical Gardens 4 9-Dec JS  
Evretou Dam 1 Flew over calling 7-Dec SB  
Platania Picnic site 6 9-Dec JS  
Psilo Dendron 40+ 30-Dec MSS

COMMON LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*  
Σταυρομούττη  
Largest count:  
Arodes c35 28-Dec MH  
Cape Greco 20+ 6-Dec JS  
Dhiarizos Valley 17 3-Dec JN  
Paphos Headland 20 9 & 11-Dec SB

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*  
Σταυρομούττη  
Largest count:  
Arodes c35 28-Dec MH  
Cape Greco 20+ 6-Dec JS  
Dhiarizos Valley 17 3-Dec JN  
Paphos Headland 20 9 & 11-Dec SB

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*  
Τζιεφαλόσπινος  
Livadi tou Pashia 1 9-Dec JS  
Myllomeris, Platres 1 30-Dec MSS

COMMON REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*  
Καλαμοπιτίλλα  
Akhna Dam 2 16-Dec KH  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 22-Dec RH/CN  
Galatia Lake 30 8-Dec CC/MC  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2+ 2-Dec STi  
Zakaki Marsh 3 1-Dec TRe  
Zakaki Marsh 1 15-Dec MSS

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*  
Τσακρόστρουθος  
Largest counts:  
Arodes 44 15-Dec DJW  
Larnaca Salt Lake 20 16-Dec JS  
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c35 12-Dec FGe  
Escape: Rose-ringed Parakeet Bishop’s Pool 1 20-Dec KH
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For December, 6 recorders covered 19 wetlands across the island where 8104 birds, of 56 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Eurasian Teal, with just under 1500 recorded individuals followed closely by the Mallard and the Greater Flamingo with 1369 and 1310 individuals respectively. The wetland holding the most birds was the Mia Milia Sewage Works with over 3000 recorded individuals almost half the overall count and was second in overall species with 17. The most species abundant site was the Larnaka Salt Lake with 29 different species recorded and also coming in second in most individuals with just over 1600. The number of individuals keeps going up as more birds are attracted to Cyprus' wetlands since rainfall was increased in December. In addition to that more sites from the North have been covered for December giving us a more complete picture of the wetlands in Cyprus.
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Η υποστήριξή σου για την Κυπριακή φύση

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2. Πληροφορίες συνδρομής

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