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Cover photo: *When the first Cyprus Desert Finch Rhodospiza obsoleta was found at Apostolos Andreas on 5th April many local birders were disappointed that it didn’t stay and they missed the chance to see it. Another was then found at Cape Greco on 18th April but was only seen by its finder Eric Roualet. Luckily Nick Antcliff found a male and a female there on 30th April and more birders had the chance to see the pair as they stayed into early May. Desert Finch are common in Turkey, have expanded their range in Jordan and since the 1950s have established a breeding population in Israel. This photograph of the male was taken by Filippos Georgiades on 30th April 2017.*
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

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 BirdLife Cyprus Recorder and adding them to the country database. Use the Cyprus portal of BirdTrack, download our reporting excel or email the BirdLife Cyprus Recorder, Jane Stylianou janestycy@yahoo.co.uk
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.

Οι καταγραφές σας είναι σημαντικές για μας για να μπορέσουμε να κρατήσουμε τη βάση δεδομένων για τα πουλιά της Κύπρου ενημερωμένη. Για να συμπεριληφθούν οι καταγραφές σας στον Μηνιαίο Συστηματικό Κατάλογο παρακαλούμε συμπληρώσετε το έντυπο αυτό και στείλτε το στην Jane την Υπεύθυνη Καταγραφών, μέχρι τις 10 του επόμενου μήνα ή ανεβάστε τις καταγραφές σας στο BirdTrack μέχρι εκείνη την ημερομηνία. Μην ανησυχείτε όμως εάν χάσετε την προθεσμία. Οι καταγραφές σας θα προστεθούν στη βάση δεδομένων και θα χρησιμοποιηθούν στην Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά.

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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 janesytcy@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 janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone: 99558953
LET'S TIDY UP DURING OUR FIELD MEETINGS IN CYPRUS
June Neal

I think we all accept that rubbish left around beauty spots in Cyprus is commonplace. It is such a shame that birds have to wade through debris to find their food. Mosquitoes also thrive in rubbish that is filled with rain water and these insects then bite the unwary in rubbish-strewn areas.

Whilst attending the World Wetlands Day talks on 2nd February, rubbish was highlighted as a main threat and on Saturday 4th February, whilst helping in the clean-up of Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) it occurred to me that birdwatchers could help reduce the amount of litter during their bird watching expeditions.

At a recent Council Meeting, Members agreed with these sentiments and therefore BirdLife Cyprus wishes to promote this intention and provide before-&-after pictures of some of our outing venues, providing the birdwatchers with gloves and bags to collect the rubbish. If *everyone* attending a field meeting brought along a standard plastic bag, they could fill this during the outing and contribute to a gradual clearance of rubbish in the area. It would certainly not be compulsory nor take any great deal of time but will be encouraged by the respective leader of each field meeting.

We hope that this positive action will prove to be a way of enhancing our birds’ habitats across the island.

SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The Autumn/Winter schedule up to the end of 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.
• **August 2017**

**Wednesday 23rd August Akrotiri Salt Lake**  
Leader: June Neal. Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665.  
Demoiselle Cranes and early autumn migrants.  
Meet at 8.30 am, Sylvana Restaurant, 34° 36.65’ N, 32° 57.6’ E. Please note earlier start time.

**Saturday 26th August: Akrotiri Salt Lake**  
Leader: June Neal. Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665.  
Demoiselle Cranes and early autumn migrants.  
Meet at 8.30 am, Sylvana Restaurant, 34° 36.65’ N, 32° 57.6’ E. Please note earlier start time.

• **September 2017**

**Saturday 2nd September: Cape Greko**  
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER  
Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893  
Autumn migrants: Raptors and passerines.  
Meet at 9.00 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turnoff, 34° 58.54’ N, 34° 02.46’ E  
**Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8th, 9th & 10th September: Akamas Weekend, including Latchi Boat Trip**  
Joint Leaders: Melis Charalambides and Loria Phylakti.  
An enjoyable, sociable, birding weekend to see seabirds and autumn migrants.  
**Further details to follow. However please book in advance separately for accommodation and dinners with Melis Charalambides, Mobile: 99653205, or for the boat trip with Loria Phylakti, Mobile 99413383**

**Saturday 16th September: Paphos Lighthouse**  
Leader: Ian and Kate Bloomer. Mobile: 99265661  
Autumn passerines and shore birds.  
Meet 8.30 am, near beach cafe at CTO beach, west end of Paphos Lighthouse archaeological site, 34° 45.89’ N, 32° 24.44’ E. Please note earlier start time.

**Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th September: Karpasia Peninsula**  
Leader: Melis Charalambides. Mobile: 99653205, Home Tel: 22632155  
Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.  
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.**

• **October 2017**

**Sunday 1st October: EuroBirddwatch 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 Crane, Mobile: 99276310

**Saturday 7th October: Akrotiri Peninsula**  
Leader: June Neal. Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665.  
Birds of prey, water birds & autumn passerines.  
Meet at 9.00 am, Phassouri Reed-beds, 34° 37.964’ N, 32° 56.05’ E
Saturday 14th 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, 34° 41.88’ N, 32° 31.9’ E.

Saturday 21st October: Larnaca Sewage Works
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER
Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050
Early wintering gulls and waterfowl.
Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide, 34° 51.61’ N, 33° 37.64’ E

Saturday 28th October: Paphos Lighthouse
Leader: Ian and Kate Bloomer. Mobile: 99265661
Winter visiting passerines and shore birds.
Meet at 8.30 am, near beach cafe at CTO beach, west end of Paphos Lighthouse archaeological site, 34° 45.89’ N, 32° 24.44’ E.

November 2017

Wednesday 8th 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, 34° 38.57’ N, 33° 0.23’ E.

Sunday 12th November: Family Birdwatching Day at Athalassa Park
Leaders: Elena Markitani / Martin Hellicar
Meet at 10.30 am, more details to follow

Saturday 18th 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.
Take the ‘Tseri/Dali Industrial Estate’ exit (junction 6) from the Nicosia-Limassol highway and meet in parking area in front of the EKO petrol station on the old Nicosia-Limassol road, 35° 03.13’ N, 33° 23.273’ E.

Saturday 25th 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, 34° 55.3’ N, 32° 52.65’ E.

Sunday 26nd November: Family Birdwatching Day at Oroklini Marsh
Leaders: Elena Markitani / Martin Hellicar
Meet at 10.30 am, Oroklini Marsh, More details to follow

December 2017

Saturday 2nd December: Kidasi
Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665
Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.
Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park, 34° 43.664’ N, 32° 33.14’ E.
FIELD MEETING REPORT – KARPASIA PENINSULAR 7th – 9th APRIL 2017

Dave and Jan Walker

We met up at Achna Dam on Friday 7th April, where there were a number of Spur-winged Lapwing and Black-winged Stilts feeding on the opposite bank. A Common Kingfisher perched near to us briefly; there were also a couple of Grey Heron in the distance along with a Little Egret. Both Common Swift and Barn Swallow were feeding overhead.

Once we had all gathered we drove the short journey across the border to have a picnic lunch at Agios Lucas – Fresh Water Lakes; here 22 Glossy Ibis, 5 Black winged stilt, 4 Ferruginous Duck, 8 Yellow-legged Gull, 200 Cattle Egret were in nests. There were also 10 Coot, 3 Little Grebe, 10 Barn Swallow, 5 Mallard and 10 Eurasian Collared Dove observed.

Moving onto Karaolos Lake, there were 33 Greater Flamingo with 15 White-winged Tern, 20 Black-winged stilt, 10 Spur-winged Lapwing, 10 Common Black-headed Gull and 5 Cetti’s Warbler - we did not stay too long as this was near an army base.

We moved onto a couple of lakes at Klapsidhes. At the first 5 Little Egret, 2 Spur-winged Lapwing, 20 Ruff, a Squacco Heron, 15 Barn Swallow were spotted, while a Black Francolin was heard. At the second lake, 4 Little Stint were feeding along with 16 Black-winged stilt, 5 Little Egret and 8 Crested Lark.

Our last birding stop for the day was Galatia Lake where a Common Greenshank and Wood Sandpiper were feeding around the water’s edge. In the same locality 14 Corn Bunting, 5 Great Tit, 10 European Goldfinch and 2 Great Spotted Cuckoo were observed.
The following day, 8th April, around the Koca Reis and Livana accommodation 6 Chukar Partridge, 1 Cyprus Wheatear, 12 Common Wood Pigeon, a Common Nightingale, Cetti’s Warbler and Eurasian Sparrowhawk were seen and along the shore line 2 Audouin’s Gull and 2 European Shag were observed.

Along the drive from the Koca Reis to Burhans Beach we were able to see a couple of Corn Bunting, a couple of Northern Wheatear, 3 Cetti’s Warbler, 10 Crested Lark, 3 Tree Pipit and 2 White Wagtail.

At Burhans Beach itself there were around 30 Spanish Sparrow, 3 Cyprus Wheatear, 2 Common Kestrel, 2 Tree Pipit and around 10 Barn Swallows feeding overhead.

We continued our trip from Apostolos Andreas Monastery to the end of the peninsula (Cape Apostolos Andreas), where we saw a Little egret, 3 Northern Wheatear, 2 Eurasian Hoopoe, 1 Black Francolin, 2 Yellow-legged Gull, 3 Woodchat Shrike, 2 Common Kestrel; good views of a Pied Flycatcher and 3 Common Redstart were had. 4 Cyprus Wheatear, 2 Common Chiffchaff, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 European Shag, 2 Black-eared Wheatear, 1 Isabelline Wheatear, 2 Common Linnet, 3 Yellow-legged Gull, and a Tawny Pipit were also observed.

In the early evening we went to a viewing point just out of the village of Rizokarpaso which afforded us great views of the surrounding area; although a little windy, we still managed to see 10 Eurasian Collared Dove, 12 Common Wood Pigeon, a Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Common Kestrel and a Little Owl was seen in the village.

The following day of 9th April at Golden Island Apartments, single birds of White Wagtail, Common Redstart and a Eurasian Sparrowhawk were seen. A drive to Agios Phylonas saw good views of a Western Marsh Harrier, while around 30 Black-headed Wagtail, 20 Grey-headed Wagtail and 5 Blue-headed Wagtail were feeding in the fields of beautiful wild flowers. An Audouin’s Gull was seen along the coast. Also 3 Rock Dove, 20 Greater short-toed Lark, 10 Crested Lark and 3 Common Linnet were observed. The highlight of the day being a pair of Bonellis Eagles being chased by a Northern Raven seen on the drive back to Rizokarpaso.

We were really surprised by the low number of Black Francolin calling. During the whole trip we heard and saw only 4 male birds.

List compiled by Chris Charalambides. 85 Species seen with 36 people attending.

Thank you Melis Charalambides for organising such an enjoyable weekend that was had by all.
14 of us met at the early time of 07.30 at the side of the old Ayia Napa to Protaras road outside Kermia Hotel. The hotel was being renovated and the street was lined with cars as builders and contractors worked through the weekend to meet their deadlines. In spite of this small inconvenience, by 7.40 we were all gathered and set for our first port of call, Cape Greco Park and the lower bushes on the way towards the antennas.

Easter this year meant that our mid-Apr Cape Greco Fieldtrip was delayed a week, giving us an opportunity to look for some later spring migrants. Some very interesting birds had recently been reported although the previous day (Friday) appeared to have been very slow. The northerly breeze was not a good sign and at our first stop we managed little more than a Northern Wheatear and a Lesser Whitethroat in flight. A singing Spectacled Warbler and a calling Chukar lifted our spirits somewhat but these were resident birds and it was evident that finding migrants would be hard work.

We moved on to the nearby set of bushes where we hoped to find more activity. On arrival, we were greeted by a buzzing territorial male Cyprus Wheatear, a Tawny Pipit and a fly-by Yellow Wagtail. Warblers were again conspicuous by their absence as we came across a group of visiting birders. They had just seen a very pale finch which they thought might have been the Desert Finch reported a couple of days earlier, a second record for the island and one which would be a lifer for most of the field trip participants. We wasted no time and walked to the area where they last saw the bird. After a brief but rather steep climb we reached the top and looked down. We quickly located the bird but instead of a Desert Finch the bird appeared to be a rather drab female Trumpeter Finch, another very rare migrant and a new bird for most of the participants. The excitement had hardly died down when I received a phone call from Filippos Georgiades who had just found a White-throated Robin at the nearby Cape Greco Caves. This was turning out to be quite a day. Despite migration being slow some great birds were around! We drove off to the Caves in an attempt to relocate the bird. Unfortunately despite searching the area well, we couldn’t find the bird and it was time for me to go back to Kermia to meet the rest of the participants. Two more participants joined us and after a brief return to the Caves we set off for our next stop, the Cape Greco Picnic Site.

After our rest and refreshments we took a short walk along the paths surrounding the picnic area. A Lesser Whitethroat was the only migrant but two singing male Cyprus Warblers, including one that perched nicely in the open kept us entertained.

Our penultimate stop was a few hundred metres further up in an area of bushes opposite Gefiri tou Geraka. This is an area good for migrants but on this day it was very quiet, with just a couple of migrant Tree Pipits as well as resident Greenfinches and Goldfinches. Our final stop was the area of eucalypts and acacias by the Agia Napa Sewage Works gate. The acacias can be good for Flycatchers and leaf warblers while the tall eucalyptus trees have nesting Spanish Sparrows. On arriving there we were greeted by a cacophony of noise from the Spanish Sparrow colony. While we watched the sparrows fly back and forth carrying nesting material we spotted a male Semi-collared Flycatcher, by far the least common and most sought after of the “black-and-white” flycatchers. It gave great views as it flew back and forth and we noted its incomplete collar and extra white bar on its upper wing. It was joined by a Spotted Flycatcher, a much commoner species and it was interesting to compare the size and jizz of these two related species.

On that positive note it was time to say our goodbyes. Despite it being a rather slow day for migration and the disappointment of missing out on the White-throated Robin, I left feeling that the trip was once again a great success as we enjoyed some fine weather, good company and managed to see some good birds.
A total of 24 members and visitors met at the meeting point near Stroumpi where there were a number of House Martin and Barn Swallow feeding above. Our convoy of cars then started the drive to Paphos Forest, just past the village of Kannaviou. A walk around the forested area was slow with birds to start with struggling even to locate a Masked Shrike. We saw a Corn Bunting and heard a couple of Cetti’s Warbler. There were a pair of Sardinian Warblers close to us that gave us fleeting glimpses. Olivaceous Warblers were heard but could not be located in the thicket and a few Coal Tit were heard and seen. We were also hearing Turtle Doves when eventually a pair flew close to us. A Cyprus Wheatear was observed flycatching insects. A raptor had been spotted earlier by some in the group but a definitive ID was not possible until it was seen again by us all and was identified as a Northern Goshawk. Also seen were Spanish Sparrow, Wood Pigeon, European Goldfinch and Greenfinch, a Spotted Flycatcher and Common Swift. Whilst having coffee a Masked Shrike turned up on the wires, there were a male and female Eurasian Blackcap and House Sparrow also in the area. Moving onto the wall of Kannaviou Dam we were pleasantly surprised to find a number of wetland birds including a couple of Black-winged Stilt, Squacco Heron, Purple Heron and a Grey Heron. Also Cyprus Wheatear, European Goldfinch, Great Tit, Eurasian Magpie, Corn Bunting were using the area with Barn Swallow and House Martin feeding over the water. We had brief stop in the village of Pano Panagia to observe the hundreds of Common House Martin that use the village yearly to nest and bring up their young. The participants were not disappointed to see close views of the Martins feeding their young and repairing nests. There were also a number of Common Swift feeding with Barn Swallow. Despite looking were not able to identify any Pallid Swift amongst the Common.

We had lunch overlooking the deserted village of Vretsia where a Black-headed Bunting was singing and eventually located with 2 being seen. A Eurasian Golden Oriole flew past our picnic site and many more were observed as we neared the village. Cyprus Wheatear and Masked Shrike were in abundance along with Cretzschmar’s Bunting. A distant Bonelli’s Eagle was observed and a Red-rumped Swallow flew nearby. Other birds in the area were Crested Lark, House Sparrow, Great Tit, European Greenfinch, Long-legged Buzzard, Olivaceous Warbler, and European Goldfinch were seen.
On the way back to Stoumpi some of us saw a number of European Roller near Choulou and a large number of Turtle Dove and European Bee Eater near Lemona. A total of 33 species were observed.
A look back at the autumn of 2016 and winter of 2016/17 – a review of the sightings of less common birds and other notable events. This resumé refers to reports that may not yet have been verified, some of which are under consideration by the Rarities Committee. Observers’ names have not been included. Covers August 2016 – March 2017.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*: Up to 57 were first seen at Phasouri on 10-Jan. Then moved to Larnaca area and seen there 14-Jan to 18-Feb with 28 on 19-Feb and one on 23rd. This appears to be largest group recorded in Cyprus. A single was seen Rizokarpasos on 18-Feb.

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*: A single was at Larnaca Sewage Works on 13-Aug. Two were there on 5-Nov and 18-Dec with one on 7-Nov and 16-Dec. One was at Lefkoniko Dam on 20-Nov and another at Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant on 28-Dec. 16 were at Larnaca Salt Lake on 22-Dec rising to 17 on 13-Jan then up to 40 were in the Larnaca Sewage Works area 15-Jan – 19-Feb, with up to 19 remaining until 18-Mar then just two 29-31-Mar. Elsewhere in early Jan: singles Akhna Dam, Phasouri Reed-beds and Paralimni Lake, 33 Akrotiri Salt Lake on 15th, eight Agia Eirini Dam on 17th and 22 at Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant on 28th. In Feb: one Paralmini Lake 2nd to 9th and two Clapsides on 17th.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*: One was at Flamoudi Dam on 25-Nov and four at Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant on 27th. In Jan singles were at Larnaca Sewage Works on 14th and Agia Eirini Dam on 17th with up to 12 at Athalassa Dam 5th – 22nd and 16 at Mia Milia on 28th. Six were still at Mia Milia on 17-Feb and in Mar a male was at Larnaca Sewage Works on 1st and three were at Mavrokolympos Dam 17th – 22nd.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*: A good winter for this species with birds recorded late Nov – mid Mar from Akhna Dam, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, Asprokremos Dam, Evretou Dam, Mavrokolympos Dam, Panagra Dam, Paphos Harbour and Zygi. A bird was seen displaying at Panagra in Mar and max were present at Akhna 1st – 4th Mar.

HORNED GREBE *Podiceps auritus*: A possible third Cyprus record was reported offshore Lady’s Mile on 14-Nov. Last record in 1958.

ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia orientalis*: One shot in Larnaca area in mid Dec. Photograph seen and ID’d as *meena* sub-species. One, maybe two, thought to be of this species seen Mandria 22 & 23-Mar. Possible first and second records for Cyprus.

BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE *Pterocles orientalis*: Three flew over Akrotiri Salt Lake on 14-Jan.
ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*: Two recorded at Paphos Sewage Plant on 30-Jan 2017 were only the second record of this species for that month.

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*: A late record of one at Bishop’s Pool on 14-Dec 2016.

LITTLE SWIFT *Apus affinis*: Singles at Akrotiri Gravel Pits 16-Aug, Phasouri 25-Sep and Oroklini Marsh 18-March 2017 are possible 18th, 19th and 20th Cyprus records.

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Anthropoides virgo*: Several migrating flocks were seen leaving Akrotiri Salt Lake between 27-Aug – 15-Sep with max 100+ on 27-Aug and min two on 5, 13 and 19-Sep. Migrating flocks were heard some nights over Stroumbi and Tala between 23 – Aug – 3-Sep.

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus*: Largest reported flock in autumn 2016 was of c40 over Agioi Trimitthisas on 19-Oct with 20 at Cape Greco on 31st and up to nine over Akrotiri on several dates during the month. In December the largest group ever wintering in Cyprus was 20 found at Akrotiri Gravel Pits/Phasouri 21st and 23rd. The birds moved to the Mandria/Paphos Sewage Plant/Asprokremmos area with 22 seen there 3 – 23-Jan 2017. Elsewhere three were at Larnaca Salt Lake 2 – 18-Dec 2016 and two were flying past Kensington Cliffs on 11th Jan and seen at Lady’s Mile the next day. Spring 2017 migration was very poor with two flocks seen: seven at Larnaca on 15-Feb and 132 going N over Phasouri on 10-Mar.

LITTLE BUSTARD *Tetrax tetrix*: One was seen briefly at Paphos Headland on 28-Dec with another report (possibly of same individual) at Mandria on 31-Dec.

SCOPOLI’S SHEARWATER *Calonectris diomedea*: Several Oct records from Paphos area: six off Paphos Headland on 3rd and five there on 5th; then 20+ on 10th, 139 on 13th and 72 on 14th heading W off Pomos. One was off Mandria on 31-Mar 2017.

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan*: One passed over Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 27-Aug and 17 headed W off Pomos on 13-Oct. Singles in early 2017 were seen: Mandria 3-Jan and Lady’s Mile 10-Jan.

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra*: Singles recorded during the period of review were seen at Kannaviou Dam on 16-Sep, Phasouri Reed-beds on 24-Sep and 19-Nov, Cape Greco on 10-Oct and Lady’s Mile on 17-Dec.

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia*: Three were at Pegeia on 16-Aug; five at Frenaros on 16-Sep; up to four in the Akrotiri area 14 – 28-Sep and 14 at Mandria 18-Sep; three at Paphos Sewage Plant 3 – 11-Oct and one Pyla on 13-Oct.

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia*: Up to five were recorded at various locations Sep – Nov 2016: Agia Eirini Dam, Akrotiri Peninsula, Athalassa Dam, Larnaca Sewage Works, Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant and Zakaki Marsh.

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*: One was seen heading N over Akrotiri Salt Lake on 10-Oct. In Mar 2017 one was at Phasouri Reed-beds on 6th and 9th with another at Zakaki Marsh on 25th and 27th. One was found dead on the road to Bishop’s Pool on 30th.

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus onocrotalus*: Five were at Akrotiri on 28-Sep with one at Fresh Water Lake (South) on 25-Sep. Singles were seen during Oct at Akrotiri Salt Lake, Bishop’s Pool, Cape Greco, Kyrenia and Kensington Cliffs with four staying at Larnaca Sewage Works 4th – 22nd. From early Nov 2016 to end Mar 2017 an immature bird was seen regularly moving between Akhna Dam and Larnaca Sewage Works.

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*: Singles were seen at Latchi on 10th and Kazivera on 23th and 24th Sep; and at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 28-Feb 2017.

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*: A single was at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 6-Sep; nine at Larnaca Sewage Works on 22-Oct with one there on 5-Nov; singles in Jan were at Clapsides, Larnaca Salt Lake, Larnaca Sewage Works and Silver Beach; larger groups were seen in Mar: 15 Larnaca Sewage Works and eight Meneou Pool on 1st and four Akrotiri Salt lake on 18th.

EURASIAN DOTTEREL *Eudromias morinellus*: One was at Paralimni Lake on 28 – 29-Mar 2017 with two seen there on 30-Mar.

CASPIAN PLOVER *Charadrius asiaticus*: A single at Paralimni Lake on 23-Mar with three there on 26th and two on 27th and 28th.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*: The regular individual that overwinters on Paphos Headland was present throughout the period of review with another bird seen on Lady’s Mile 31-Mar 2017.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*: One was seen briefly at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 8-Aug then another remained there 16 to 24-Sep.
RUDDY TURNSTONE Arenaria interpres: Recorded regularly during the autumn migration of 2016 with up to six being found at Akrotiri Gravel Pits, Clapsides, Kazivera, Lady’s Mile, Larnaca area and Polis Chrysochou Bay. At least three individuals over wintered around Paphos Headland and Harbour Sep -Mar.

RED KNOT Calidris canutus: One was at Zakaki Marsh 30-Jan to 2-Feb 2016 with another at Livadia 14-15-Feb and then at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 21-Feb and Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4-Mar.

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER Calidris falcinellus: A single was at Larnaca Sewage Works on 15-Aug with two at Lady’s Mile on 20-Aug then one moving between there and Akrotiri Gravel Pits 26-Aug to 9-Sep.

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE Phalaropus lobatus: One was at Larnaca Airport Pools (North) on 30th and 31st Mar.

LITTLE GULL Hydrocoloeus minutus: Singles at Karaolos Lake (Famagusta) on 8-Dec; Larnaca Sewage Works on 10-Jan 2017; Lady’s Mile on 13 & 24 Jan.

PALLAS’S GULL Larus ichthyaetus: A good winter for this species with up to six in the Larnaca area 8 – 29-Jan 2017 and up to three there 2 – 19-Feb. During Mar singles were at Mandria on 1st, Lady’s Mile on 9th, Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 12th and 14th and Paphos Headland 20th and 21st.

COMMON GULL Larus canus: Also a good winter for this gull with up to five at Lady’s Mile 15-Dec 2016 to 8-Feb 2017 inc individuals of the henei race. Singles were at Kermia Beach on 29-Dec and then again at Lady’s Mile on 7-Mar.

CASPIAN TERN Hydroprogne caspia: One was offshore at Macronissos Beach on 23-Nov. During Mar 2017 two were seen at Mandria on 13th with three there on 28th with singles Lady’s Mile on 20th and Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 29th.

WHISKERED TERN Chlidonias hybrida: Up to two overwintering individuals were at Athalassa Dam 6 - 29-Jan 2017 with another at Larnaca Sewage Works on 14-Feb.

ARCTIC SKUA Stercorarius parasiticus: One was seen heading W from Pmos on 10 and 14 Oct with three seen also heading W on 13th. All were pale.


OSPREY Pandion haliaetus: Several birds migrating through during autumn 2016 with some spending several days at suitable locations. Reported during Sep, Oct and Nov from Akhna Dam, Akrotiri Salt Lake area, Arakapos Dam, Larnaca Sewage Works, Mandria and Phasouri.

EGYPTIAN VULTURE Neophron percnopterus: Two captive bred birds from Bulgaria with satellite tags passed over the island in Sep. One landed near Pmos on 8-Sep and the other Akamas on 13-Sep. Neither seen by observers here. Both later reported lost/drowned off Israel/Lebanon. One was seen over Akrotiri Gravel Pits 28-Sep.
SHORT-TOED SNAKE-EAGLE *Circaetus gallicus*: Singles at Akrotiri Gravel Pits 17-Sep, Pissouri 20-Sep, Timi 21-Sep, Nikokleia 23-Sep, Akrotiri Salt Lake 8-Oct and Akrotiri Gravel Pits 26-Oct.

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Clanga pomarina*: Four reports during autumn 2016 of singles and all from the Akrotiri area on 13, 25 and 28-Sep and Secret Valley (Paphos) on 9-Oct.

BOOTED EAGLE *Hieraaetus pennatus*: Singles seen in Sep and Oct 2016: Mandria 18 and 30-Sep, Asprokremmos Dam 19-Sep, Timi 21-Sep, Zakaki Marsh 24-Sep and Akrotiri 3-Oct. One was then seen on 28-Mar 2017 at Mavrokolympos Dam.

PALLID HARRIER * Circus maccrorus*: A juvenile was at Paphos Sewage Plant/Lower Ezousas on 18-Dec with another young male at Lady’s Mile on 23-Jan 2017.

LEVANT SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter brevipes*: Just one record in autumn 2016 of one Phasouri on 19-Sep.

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans*: One winter record of this species was from Lower Ezousas on 23-Jan 2017.

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*: At least seven were reported overwintering near Nicosia Airport during Dec-2016.

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis*: One was on the Paphos coast after an overnight storm 1-Nov and another was at Bogazi on 20-Jan 2017. One was seen around the Oroklini coast and surrounds 12 – 25-Mar with another at Secret Valley (Paphos) 28-Mar.

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*: A winter record of this bird ususally recorded on migration from Oroklini Marsh on 4-Jan.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*: One reported from Anarita Park on 31-Oct; then singles Mandria 4 & 5-Nov and Paphos Sewage Plant on 18-Nov; in Dec two were at Paphos Sewage Plant on 6-Dec with singles at Akrotiri, Mandria, Paralimni Lake and Paphos Sewage Plant on other dates that month; singles were at Akrotiri on 17-Jan and 18-Mar, and at Mandria on 29-Jan 8 & 14-Feb and 30-Mar.

STEPPE GREY SHRIKE *Lanius excubitor pallidirostris*: An individual first seen at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 26-Oct was ID’d as this sub-species on 7-Nov and remained in the area until 18-Nov. Another was at Cape Greco 21-Nov until 15-Dec, where another (or the same having overwintered?) was seen on 9 & 19-Mar 2017.

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*: Two of this rare resident were at St Hilarion Castle on 6-Oct. One was at Limnia on 15-Jan 2017 with two at Agios Sozomenos on 10-Feb and one at Kyra (Morphou) on 26-Feb.

LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK *Alaudala rubescens*: A single was at Mandria on 5-Nov.

HORNED LARK *Eremophila alpestris*: A male and a first year bird was found on the Artemis Trail at Troodos on 25-Oct 2016 and was the fourth Cyprus record.

*Horned Lark at Troodos on 25th October 2016. Photograph by Brian Robertson.*

OLIVE-TREE WARBLER *Hippolais olivetorum*: One was reported from a Nicosia garden on 12-Sep 2016.


EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER *Phylloscopus orientalis*: Not common in autumn, nevertheless one was found at Souni on 16-Aug.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*: One at Platania on 4 and 10-Nov and another at Larnaca on 20-Nov are possible 16th and 17th Cyprus records respectively.

DUSKY WARBLER *Phylloscopus fuscatus*: The second record for Cyprus of this species was of at least two birds at Paphos Sewage Plant between 8-Nov to 3-Dec with a possible third record at Goudi on 16 & 17-Nov.

MOUNTAIN CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus sindianus*: The possible 3rd Cyprus record of this species was found at Avakas Gorge on 6-Nov.

ASIAN DESERT WARBLER *Sylvia nana*: Two were seen and photographed near the Enviroment Centre of Akrotiri on 25-Feb 2017. Possible 17th record for Cyprus.

BARRIED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*: A few autumn records of this species: two Agia Napa Sewage Works on 12-Aug and one Frenaros 11 & 14-Aug plus a very late record of one Cape Greco on 31-Oct.
RÜPPELL’S WARBLER *Sylvia rupelli*: An unusual finding of this species was of a male at Mandria on 21-Jan.

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria*: Up to two were at Avakas Gorge from 6-Nov – 12-Dec 2016. One was seen in the Baths of Aphrodite area on 26 & 28-Mar 2017.

ROSY STARLING *Pastor roseus*: A juvenile dropped in briefly at Zakaki Marsh on 1-Nov.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*: The rarest of the wintering thrush species, one was at Kalo Horio, Nicosia on 23-Nov 2016.

RED-BREASTED FLYCatcher *Ficedula parva*: Two individuals were trapped and ringed during autumn 2016: one at Larnaca Salt Lake on 19-Sep and another at Prodromos on 1-Oct. One was seen at Protaras on 10-Oct and another at Cape Greco on 7-Nov.

SEMI-COLLARED FLYCatcher *Ficedula semitorquata*: The possible first autumn record of this species was at Asprokremmos Dam 12–19-Sep.

EUROPEAN PIED FLYCatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*: Two autumn records of this species, more commonly recorded in the spring. A female at Almirolivado on 30-Aug and another at Asprokremmos Dam 19–26-Sep.

RUFOUS-TAILED ROCK-THRUSH *Monticola saxatilis*: Males were seen at Akrotiri Gravel Pits, Anarita Park and Phinkas Village in late Mar 2016 with a male and a female at Lady’s Mile on 30-Mar.

EASTERN STONECHAT *Saxicola torquatus maurus*: Several reports of possible individuals, usually males, of this sub-species in Nov, Dec, Jan and Mar from Bishop’s Pool, Cape Greco, Lady’s Mile, Larnaca Sewage Works, Mandria and Paphos Headland.

DESERT WHEATEAR *Oenanthe deserti*: Never common in the autumn, one was at Paphos Headland 10 & 13-Oct.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*: One was seen on the Atalante Trail in Troodos on 30-Oct with five at Livadi tou Pashia the same day. In Nov up to five reported from: Almirolivado, Livadi tou Pashia and Platania. One was at Neo Horio on 25-Dec and Platania on 18-Jan.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*: Several records of this secretive and probably under recorded winter visitor during the period under review. Up to two found at Agios Minas, Anavargos Hills, Avakas Gorge, Livadi tou Pashia, Minthis Hills, Neo Horio, Panagia Stazousa, Platania, Platres and Souni.

EURASIAN TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*: At least one was at Livera on 21-Oct and is the fourteenth record of this species since 2000.

ROCK SPARROW *Petronia petronia*: Five were at Syngrasi 24 & 27-Nov 2016.

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT *Anthus hodgsoni*: The possible 5th Cyprus record of this species was at Makedonitissa (Nicosia) on 5-Nov.

BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT *Anthus rubescens*: One was at Makedonitissa on 8-Nov with another at Akhna Dam 19–29-Nov. The fourth and fifth Cyprus records of the species first recorded here in 2013.

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*Buff-bellied Pipit, Makedonitissa, Nicosia 8th November 2016. Photograph by Stavros Christodoulides*
**BLYTH’S PIPIT** *Anthus godlewskii*: Another rare pipit reported during the period of review. The possible 3rd Cyprus record was at Paphos Sewage Plant on 11-Oct with another reported at Mandria on 31-Oct. A possible 5th record was at Livera on 20-Jan 2017.

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla citreola*: Less records than in recent years. One was at Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant on 18-Sep with another at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 26-Sep. On Oct singles were at Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 4th and 10th.

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*: Several records of this species during the winter with some away from its usual location of the Troodos mountains. One was at Paphos Sewage Plant on 25-Oct. In Nov up to two were at the Troodos locations of Almirolivado and Giant Juniper Picnic Site. In Feb 2016 singles were found at Athalassa Park on 4th, Phasouri Reed-beds on 7th and Mandria on 22nd. A female was in the olive groves near Kykkos Church, Nicosia on 8-Feb with a single at Troodos on 25-Mar.

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*: Up to six were reported at various locations in the Troodos area in Nov 2016. In Dec two were seen: one at Livadi tou Pashia on 9th and another at Mylomeris, Plate on 30th. Two were at Arsos on 22-Jan 2017 and also at Livadi tou Pashia on 27-Mar.

**EURASIAN CRIMSON-WINGED FINCH** *Rhodopechys sanguineus*: One was ringed and released at Phasouri Reed-beds on 14-Feb 2017 after being rescued from trappers earlier in the month. The 4th Cyprus record.

**RED-FRONTED SERIN** *Serinus pusillus*: One was at Livera on 24-Mar 2017 – the 11th Cyprus record.

**CINEREOUS BUNTING** *Emberiza cineracea*: Singles reported at Anarita Park on 20-Mar and Paphos Headland on 30-Mar 2017.

**YELLOWHAMMER** *Emberiza citrinella*: One on the Atalante Trail at Troodos on 30-Oct was the first report during the period of review. After that up to 20 were reported in the Troodos area during Nov.

**PINE BUNTING** *Emberiza leucocephalos*: A female was at Livadi tou Pashia on 4-Nov and then up to three were reported in Troodos 15th and 18th. One was at Livadi tou Pashia on 24-Mar 2017.

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*: Flocks of at least 30 were found at Galatia Lake on 8-Dec and Akrotiri Gravel Pits on 17-Feb

**RUSTIC BUNTING** *Emberiza rustica*: A first winter female was briefly at a pool of water at Paphos Sewage Plant on 24-Nov and is the first Cyprus record of the species.

*Rustic Bunting, Paphos Sewage Plant, 24th November. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*
As the title to this photo quiz shows, this is the 50th such quiz that Stavros has provided – not an easy task. Congratulations and a big “Thank you” are in order!

PHOTO # 50

Last Month’s Quiz answer

Small head, long neck and long thin legs suggest that April's mystery bird is a species of wader. Late spring, (mid-Apr to mid-May) is a great time to observe waders, with many birds in their colourful and/or distinctive breeding plumage.

Our bird appears rather plain looking with greyish upperparts and white underparts. It has a white forehead and although its head is turned towards the camera, the bill appears long, ruling out all species of plovers and lapwings. The most interesting characteristic however is the colour of the legs which appear dark yellow, almost orange. This characteristic alone should rule out all wader species except three; Common Redshank, Terek Sandpiper and Ruff. Ruffs are possibly the most variable species of wader, both in terms of colours and in terms of size. Male Ruffs are considerably larger than females while in breeding plumage males can be any colour from black to brown to even white, while their legs can be olive-green, flesh-coloured or orange. However, Ruffs have a very long neck, small head, a rather short bill and don't show a clear contrast between greyish upperparts and clean white underparts. Redshanks usually show darker orange legs, browner upperparts and streaky underparts and can also be ruled out leaving us with Terek Sandpiper, a rare migrant that can usually quite easily be identified by its long upturned bill, bright yellow-orange legs, grey upperparts and clean white underparts.
The Cyprus Bird Report 2015 is now available.

The report contains 55 colour photos, the 2015 Systematic List of 301 observed species or recognised forms which was compiled from nearly 66,000 records, the 2015 Ringing report, papers on the first Lesser Flamingo in Cyprus, putting geolocators on Cyprus Wheatears, the BirdLife Cyprus 2015 monitoring programmes, the diet of Red-footed Falcons while in Anarita Park, and autumn bird numbers in Western Paphos. The Report includes species charts and tables and a full Cyprus bird List. The front cover features a male Bearded Reedling – one of a pair at Lower Ezousas in November 2015.

The Report will be sent automatically to those BirdLife Cyprus members whose subscription includes it. Extra copies can be purchased at the price of €12 by contacting romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy
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Τιμή / Price: €25
BirdLife Cyprus adopts the Taxonomic Classification of the Handbook of the Birds of the World/BirdLife International by Jane Stylianou

It has recently become more and more apparent that BirdLife Cyprus has been using an outdated classification system for the ordering of the Cyprus List. For many years, its taxonomic order has largely echoed that of Voous (1977) with some updating of names as appropriate. Earlier this year Melis Charalambides, Stavros Christodoulides, Martin Hellicar, Christina Jeronymidou and myself discussed how to proceed and which of the more frequently used and up-to-date taxonomic systems was appropriate for the needs of the Cyprus bird list.

Over the years, the family groupings into which the different families and species of birds have been ordered has benefited greatly from scientific research, especially current DNA analysis, and this has resulted in many changes and realignments to the order in which the birds are grouped. Many birders will have field guides such as the Collins Bird Guide and will see that the birds appear in a different order from edition to edition. This is not down to the whim of the publisher (!) but to updated scientific knowledge.

There are currently four primary taxonomic lists with each one differing slightly in its primary goals and philosophy. These are the IOC (International Ornithological Committee - now known as the International Ornithologists Union) World Birds List, The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World, The Howard & Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World, 4th Edition, and HBW Alive/Bird Life International list. At a recent meeting of the IOC it was agreed that the ‘Improved alignment of these independent taxonomic works is a goal of the newly structured International Ornithologists Union, including a Round Table discussion at the 2018 meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia.’ Hopefully this will lead to a more unified classification but BirdLife Cyprus could not wait until this happens.

Following the publication of the two-volume Handbook of the Birds of the World and BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World, ornithologists have been provided with an updated and scientifically robust checklist. After much deliberation, BirdLife Cyprus has decided to adopt their taxonomy for two main reasons: Firstly, it is readily available (both in the two-volume HBW set) and on the internet (HBW Alive, BirdLife International checklist) and secondly, it appears to be supported by the best and most up-to-date scientific research. Updated information is available to all online and future changes, such as species splits etc, can therefore be easily incorporated into our Cyprus list.

The main changes that local birders and BirdLife Cyprus members will notice:

1) The order in which species will now appear in the Monthly Systematic List, our yearly Checklist and Cyprus Bird Reports plus other official publications as appropriate, will change. It will obviously take a bit of getting used to but whichever classification we had adopted that would apply.

2) We add a few species to the Cyprus list with some birds that we had previously treated as one species being treated by HBW/BLI as two, eg Isabelline Shrike is now two separate species: Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* and Red-tailed (Turkestan) Shrike *Lanius phoenicuroides*. Likewise, Siberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus tristis* has full species status for HBW/BLI whereas we previously treated it as a sub-species of the Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*. We do however lose a few species from our list such as Siberian Stonechat which was previously considered a full species under our old system but now reverts to sub-species status. If we had adopted other classification systems the same would apply to other species/sub-species.
3) The names we use for some species will change. We have tried to avoid this as far as possible and kept the name we had used where it was listed by HBW/BLI as an alternative name. Some new names may appear clumsy at first but the renaming has been done to reflect scientific research. Many of us will remember when the Hedge Sparrow was renamed Dunnock when it was shown it was not part of the Sparrow family and most renaming is done for this reason.

A new recording excel has been prepared for those who send in regular sightings to the Recorder which will be sent to regular contributors and is available via the BirdLife Cyprus website. At the moment, the old recording excel with the old classification order can still be used and the Recorder will make the necessary alterations when she receives it. Users of BirdTrack should continue to enter their records as before.
9244 bird records received
243 species and forms recorded April 2017, compared to 231 in April 2016.

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

The following species were also recorded in April 2017: Chukar, Black Francolin (136 records), Mallard, Common Teal, Little Grebe, Rock Dove, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Swift (147 records), Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Little Egret, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Ruff, Little Stint, Common Snipe, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Black-headed Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Hoopoe (136 records), Common Kestrel (167 records), Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Little Egret, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Ruff, Little Stint, Common Snipe, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Black-headed Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Hoopoe (136 records), Common Kestrel (167 records),

COMMON QUAIL Coturnix coturnix Ορτύκι
Akrotiri 1 26-Apr PJV/RH
Agios Sozomenos 3 two heard only, third flew in front of me and dipped into wheat field 5-Apr FGv
Cape Greco 1 Found dead on a track near the sea caves. Hit by a car? 14-Apr ER
Cape Drepanum 3 1-Apr MaS
Evretou Dam 1 2-Apr IKB
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 heard 10-Apr DJW
Nata Ford 1 Heard only 1-Apr LMN
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 1 15-Apr FGv
Panagia Stazousa 1 Heard 21-Apr JS
Paphos Headland 2 1 & 5-Apr LMN/IKB
Paphos Headland 1 calling 13-Apr STH
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 calling 7-Apr STH
Pervolia 2 Heard 3-Apr JS
Pervolia 1 Heard 15 & 24-Apr JS
Phasouri reed-beds 3 Heard only 11-Apr ABW
Saramas Valley 1 15-Apr DJW
Smygiles, Paphos 1 4-Apr DJW
Stavrokonou 1 heard in crop field 20-Apr JN

RUDDY SHELDUCK Tadorna ferruginea Καστανόπαπια
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 2, 3 & 4-Apr JS/LMN/FMM/JW

RED-CRESTED POCHARD Netta rufina Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 Pair 16-Apr JLS
Oroklini Marsh 2 1, 3, 8 & 13-Apr JW/FMM/BCW/JS
Oroklini 1 male 11, 18, 21, 22 & 24-Apr KSa/BCW/LAC
Oroklini Marsh 4 two pairs 17-Apr CC

COMMON POCHARD Aythya farina Κουντόρα
Bishop's Pool 1m 12 & 13-Apr JE/IKB

FERRUGINOUS DUCK Aythya nyroca Βαλτόπαπια
Max count per location:
Bishops Pool 20 8-Apr KSa
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 5 25-Apr JLS
Oroklini Marsh 4 one female with six young ducklings 17-Apr CC
Paralimni Lake 2 8-Apr ER
Phasouri Reed Beds 5 26-Apr JS
Zakaki Marsh 6 3-Apr JW
GARGANEY *Anas querquedula*
Μασουράτζις
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 600 Large flock in bay 9-Apr JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c500 raft on sea 10-Apr JE
Cape Drepanum 200 9-Apr JCW/STH
Cape Greco 380 sea watch 6.30 - 8.30 4-Apr PWr

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*
Σαξάνα
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 in mixed duck flock 6-Apr WAS/PDw
Cape Drepanum 4 moved N 0900-1230 9-Apr STH
Cape Greco 40 In flight 13-Apr ER
Larnaca Sewage Works 60 Later seen heading out to sea 2-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 20 21-Apr JCW
Paralimni Lake 5 23-Apr AKe
Timi Beach 1 5-Apr HSt

GADWALL *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα
Evretou Dam 1 19-Apr DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 3-Apr BCW

EURASIAN WIGEON *Anas penelope* Αρμαπάσσιης
Oroklini Marsh 1 20-Apr LAC

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta* Σουβλονούρα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 40+ 6-Apr JE
Phasouri reed-beds c50 flock overhead 6-Apr AnK
(Reports may refer to same flock in adjacent locations)

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούττης
Asprokremnos Dam 1 1 & 2-Apr DJW/JN/LAC/MSS

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* Μαυροβούττης
Oroklini Marsh 4 1-Apr JW
Oroklini Marsh 1 2, 11 & 18-Apr LMN/WAS/BCW
Oroklini Marsh 2 3 & 14-Apr FMM/BCW
Oroklini Marsh 3 8 & 13-Apr AnK/JS

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1000+ 1, 2 & 3-Apr JS/LMN
Curium Bay c130 swirling cloud over sea 11-Apr ABW
Larnaca Airport Pools South 72 2-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 122 4-Apr JW

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur* Τρυγόνι

European Turtle Dove, Nata Ford, 17th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Double figure counts:
Akhna Dam 50 26-Apr AKe
Frenaros 20 19-Apr AKe
Kiti Dam 50+ 30-Apr AKe
Kivisili Fields c50 29-Apr SC

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis* Φοινικοτρύγονο
Agia Napa 1 10-Apr SC
Agia Napa 2 12-Apr ER
Agia Napa 4 including 1 very young juvenile 18-Apr SC
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 1-Apr JW
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 2 14-Apr FGe
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 3 21-Apr FGe
Dasoudi Beach, Limassol 1 25-Apr MGr
Frenaros 1 singing 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29 & 30-Apr AKe
Frenaros 2 pair 28-Apr AKe
Geramogeia Dam 1 Finikaria 24-Apr JS
Kiti village 2 Pair in village 27-Apr JS
Limassol 10 Near Kapetanios Odysia Hotel 8-Apr JS
Limassol 1+ Several heard. Near Kennedy Avenue 9-Apr JS
Limassol 4 Near Kennedy Avenue 15-Apr JS
Livadhia  4  Two in village itself, two flew over motorway towards village  2-Apr  LMN
Mandria  3  9 & 15-Apr  LAC/STH
Mandria, Paphos  1  3, 5, 7, 12, 22 & 24-Apr  LAC/JS/STH
Mandria  2, 6, 14 & 19-Apr  LAC/STH
Petounta Point  2  4-Apr  SC

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* Νυκτοπούλι
Cape Greco  1  Flushed from the ground near the sea caves  13-Apr  ER
Kivides fields  1  very probable heard 7 times from pine stand near quarry  8-Apr  JN
Loutra tis Afroditis  1  singing  30-Apr  RH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  1  25-Apr  JLS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square  36  heard  27-Apr  JN

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba* Ασπροπετροχελίδονο
Largest counts:
Asprokremmos Dam  20  17-Apr  DJW
Giouti Point  40  calling (different to swift) and landing on ledges in large cave above road. Then flock gone by 14.30...breeding or passing through?  21-Apr  JLS
Kensington Cliffs  20  26-Apr  JS
Trachoni Pools  150  Flocks of alpines came in low over the pools, 125, 25 and 20, circled then continued north. Truly amazing!  24-Apr  JLS

LITTLE SWIFT*  *Apus affinis*
Μικροπετροχελίδονο
Afendrika Ruins  1  17-Apr  DB (Rare Bird Report received)

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*
Στακτοπετροχελίδονο
Atalante Trail, Troodos  6  22-Apr  MH
Cape Greco  1  10-Apr  ER
Mandria  1  2-Apr  MSS
Mandria  4+  14-Apr  LAC
Meneou Pools  3  29-Apr  SC
Oroklini Marsh  1  In with Swift flock flying W  2-Apr  LMN
Troodos  2  3-Apr  LMN
Troodos  10  5-Apr  JW/FMM
Troodos  4  11-Apr  JS
Zakaki Marsh  2  26-Apr  JS

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά

Great Spotted Cuckoo, Kidasi, 20th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Ones and twos reported at many locations islandwide. Larger counts:
Akhna Dam  4  17-Apr  CC
Anarita Park  3  16-Apr  IKB
Arodes  5  2 pairs  22-Apr  DJW
Kiti Dam  3  14-Apr  BCW
Mennogia  3  23-Apr  JS
Old Kivides (derelict village area)  5  2 chased off by a Magpie  18-Apr  JN
Panagia Stazousa  3  Inc a pair  3-Apr  JS
Pera Orinis  4  1-Apr  MH
Stavrokonou  3  chased off by Magpies  20-Apr  JN

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus* Κούκος

Common Cuckoo, rufous morph, Vretsia, 26th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Singles seen at many locations. Interesting records and those of two or more birds below:
Akhna Dam  1  rufous phase  17-Apr  CC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  rufous phase  8-Apr  KSa
Cape Greco  4  9-Apr  JDo/JLo
Evetou Dam  2  only one seen  4-Apr  HSt
Germasogeia Dam  2  By new church  5-Apr  WAS/PDw
Kiti Dam  2  17-Apr  BCW
Meneou Pool  2  one rufous female  27 & 29-Apr  JS
Prodromos, towards Prodromos reservoir  1  1 singing male  24-Apr  RH
Prodromos, W of Cyprus Forestry College  1  1 singing male  24-Apr  RH
Troodos Village  1  Heard only  3, 11 & 18-Apr  LMN/JS/GSa
Vretsia  6  including one rufous-phase  26-Apr  IKB

ORIENTAL CUCKOO *Cuculus saturates*
Leivadia  1  possibly this species  13-Apr  AKy
Further details needed for possible Cyprus first

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*
Oroklini Marsh  2  18-Apr  BCW
Zakaki Marsh  1  11, 12, 14, 26, 28 & 30-Apr  JS/MGr/WAS/AnK/LAC/FGe
Zakaki Marsh  2  1 feeding and 1 other heard  29-Apr  JN

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*
Karpasia Donkey picnic  1  Stumbled into bottom shelf as we put up the nets!  21-Apr  JLS
Oroklini Marsh  2  To left of south hide in reeds  13-Apr  JS
Paralimni Lake  2  2, 11 & 12-Apr  JDo/JLo/ER
Paralimni Lake  1  3, 8, 13 & 24-Apr  JDo/JLo/ER
Trachoni Pools  1  seen by pool  24-Apr  JLS

LITTLE CRAKE *Porzana parva*
Μικροπουλάδα

Agia Varvara  1  15 & 19-Apr  LAC/JS
Polis Reed Beds  1  4-Apr  RD
Zakaki Marsh  1  1, 2, 3, 22 & 29-Apr  JS/LMN/MSS/JW/WAS/PCu/MGr/JN
Zakaki Marsh  3  4-Apr  MJH
Zakaki Marsh  2  11, 16 & 28-Apr  JS/WAS/AnK

BAILLON'S CRAKE* *Porzana pusilla*
Νανοπουλάδα
Agia Varvara  1  19-Apr  JS
Zakaki Marsh  1  1, 3, 16, 26 & 28-Apr  JS/MSS/JW/WAS/LAC

SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER *Calonectris diomedea*
Πελαγόμυχος
Cape Greco  1  sea watch 6.30 - 8.30  4-Apr  PWr
Timi Beach  2  Seen separately heading W close to shore c10.15  14-Apr  JS

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan*
Μύχος της Μεσογείου
Cape Greco  1  1, 4 & 5-Apr  JW/PWr/JDo/JLo
Shearwater spp  Pomos  1  23-Apr  AnK

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra*
Μαύρος Πελαργός
Akrotiri Salt Lake  1  Zakaki run off circling up to N of area  26-Apr  JS

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia*
Λευκός Πελαργός
Sea Caves, Pegeia  1  14-Apr  AnK

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia*
Κουταλάς
Akhna Dam  1  7 & 8-Apr  AKe/BB
Oroklini Marsh 18 & 19-Apr BCW/AKy

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*
Χαλκόκοτα
Largest counts:
Cape Greco c 280 Three migrating flocks c150, c80, c50 13-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c100 Over in three groups 13.00 - 15.00 heading E 27-Apr JS
Mandria c82 8-Apr LAC
Paphos headland 110 Moved W - 35 c.0900, 75 at 1700 6-Apr STH
Petounta Point 90 Flocks of 20 and 70 migrating east along coast 27-Apr JS

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*
Βουρωδιός
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Dead on roadside between village & Bishop’s Pool. Appeared to have been struck by vehicle 2-Apr LMN (Probably same bird as seen dead on 30-Mar)

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus*
Νανορωδιός
Agia Varvara 1 4 & 29-Apr MJH/LAC
Akhna Dam 1 24-Apr AKe
Akrotiri 1 26-Apr PJV
Argaka Dam 1 25-Apr RAt
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 3-Apr MSS
Phasouri Reed Beds 2 1m and 1f 26-Apr JS
Polis Campsite 1 9-Apr KSa
Trachoni Pools 1 24-Apr JLS
Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 13, 18, 17, 21 & 23-Apr WAS/PDw/IKB/RH/MGr
Zakaki Marsh 2 20, 22, 26 & 30-Apr SC/AKir/APL/WAS/PCu/JS/FGe
Zakaki Marsh 3 28 & 29-Apr LAC/JN

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON
*Nycticorax nycticorax*
Νυχτοκόρακας
Largest counts:
Cape Drepanum 51 flocks of 27 and 24 9-Apr LAC

Oroklini Marsh 25 Flock migrating westwards viewed from Oroklini 2-Apr LMN
Paphos Headland 24 10-Apr LAC
Zakaki Marsh 75+ flew into roost in fading light after 7.00pm 28-Apr AnK

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*
Βορτακοφάς
Squacco Heron, Evretou Dam, 15th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
Bishop’s Pool 6 13-Apr ABW
Evretou Dam 6 26-Apr RAt
Meneou Beach 6 Roosting in field next to sea 29-Apr JS
Phasouri Reed-beds 5 13-Apr ABW
Zakaki Marsh 5 14 & 29-Apr WAS/JN

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*
Πορφυροψαροφάς
Purple Heron, Asprokremmos Dam, 17th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 16 21-Apr LAC
Cape Drepanum 21 in flight 12-Apr BCW
Paphos-Limassol Motorway (near Pissouri) 25 Flying high north 10-Apr KSa
Zakaki Marsh 42 Over area heading E at 17.00pm 11-Apr JS
**GREAT WHITE EGRET** *Ardea alba*

Χάνούμισσα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 overflying from S to NW 29-Apr JN

Akrotiri 1 on shoreline 28-Apr JN

Asprokremmos Dam 1 15-Apr LAC

Cape Greco 8 1-Apr JDo/JLo/SC

Cape Greco 1 14-Apr GSa

Lady's Mile 1 17 & 19-Apr WAS/KSa

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 25-Apr JS

Oroklini Marsh 11 14-Apr AKy

Oroklini Marsh 1 21-Apr LAC

**EUROPEAN SHAG** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

Θαλασσοκόρακας

Akrotiri 4 near buoys 28-Apr JN

Cape Apostolos Andreas 1 8, 18 & 20-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip/JLS

Cape Drepanum 3 moved N, in singles 9-Apr STH

Cape Drepanum 2 10-Apr JS

Karpasia Peninsula 2 Koca Reis/Livana Hotel area 8-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip

Kensington Cliffs 4 3, 26 & 27-Apr JW/JS/PJV

Latchi Town 2 4-Apr LMN

Mandria 1 7 & 23-Apr STH

Paphos Headland 1 1 & 6-Apr LMN/STH

Timi Beach 1 Flying E 12-Apr JS

**GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Κορμοράνος

Asprokremnos Dam 1 1-Apr DJW/JN/LAC

**EURASIAN THICK-KNEE (STONE CURLEW)** *Burhinus oedicnemus*

Τρουλλουρία

Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Eurasian Thick-knee, Mandria, 22nd April.

Largest counts:

- Frenaros 10 9-Apr AKe
- Geroskipou 12 6-Apr JCW
- Larnaca Airport Pools South 12 2-Apr JS

Meneou Pool 7 Dropped in from the south 2-Apr LMN

Vasilis Nikoklis Inn, Nikokleia 6 Calling at dusk from around inn 1-Apr LMN

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 feeding after arrival then sleeping in shallows 29-Apr JN

Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 17-Apr CC

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus himantopus*

Καλαμοκαννάς

Largest counts:

- Akrotiri Salt Lake 74 28-Apr AnK
- Karaolos 20 7-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip
- Lady's Mile 35+ 14-Apr WAS
- Larnaca Airport Pools South 27 8-Apr JS
- Larnaca Salt-lake 35 10-Apr DJW
- Oroklini Marsh 55 17-Apr MH

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 22 & 26-Apr JS

Lady's Mile 1 27-Apr TRe

**EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria*

Χρυσοπλουμίδι

Paralimni Lake 3 2-Apr PWr

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula*

Αμμοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 28-Apr AnK

Lady's Mile 2 22-Apr JS

Lady's Mile 1 28 & 29-Apr TRe/JN

Larnaca Airport Pools North 2 27-Apr JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 8-Apr FGe

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius dubius*

Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Largest counts:

- Akhnna Dam 10 7-Apr AKe
- Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 30-Apr MGr
- Lady's Mile 5 4-Apr JE
- Zakaki Pool 5 Fresh in; dropped onto puddle before flying off high north 2-Apr LMN
GREATER SANDPOaver Charadrius leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμίδι

Greater Sand Plover, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 6th April. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 6-Apr  JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 14 Ten together to south of ship wreck and four to north 22-Apr WL/JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 ad in breeding plumage 8-Apr AnK
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 4-Apr JW
Mandria 1 & 2-Apr LAC/MSS
Mandria 3 12-Apr LAC/JS/JCW/STH
Petounta 1 4-Apr JW
Spiros Pool 2 4-Apr PWr

CASPian Plover* Charadrius asiaticus Στεποπλουμίδι

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 5-Apr BCW (Further details and rare bird report requested.)

NORTHERN LAPWING Vanellus vanellus Γιαννής
Evretou Dam 1 2-Apr MaS

WHIMBREL Numenius phaeopus Φαιομπεκάτσα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 flew in and stayed briefly 6-Apr WAS/PDw/TrE
Lady’s Mile 2 6 & 12-Apr  JE/MGr
Timi Beach 6 5-Apr 1kB
Timi Beach 1 13-Apr LAC

EURASIAN CURLEW Numenius arquata Νερομπεκάτσα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 6-Apr WAS/PDw
Lady’s Mile 4 6-Apr JE
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 14 & 17-Apr ER/CC
Spiros Pool 8 1-Apr FGe

BAR-TAILED GODWIT Limosa lapponica Θαλασσολιμόζα

Bar-tailed Godwit, Lady’s Mile, 27th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Lady’s Mile 1 27, 28, 29 & 30-Apr TRe/JN/FGe

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT Limosa limosa Λιμόζα

Lady’s Mile 1 3, 23 & 28-Apr LMN/WAS/PDw/LAC
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 1-Apr SC
Meneou Pool 15 2-Apr LMN
Oroklini Marsh 1 8 & 11-Apr BCW/KSa

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER Calidris falcinellus Ραβδονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 feeding on crusty area of shoreline between the edge of the salt lake and vegetation 29-Apr JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Zakaki run-off 30-Apr FGe
Lady’s Mile 1 feeding (possibly 1 seen earlier at the Salt Lake Zakaki run-off area) 29-Apr JN

CURLEW SANDPIPER Calidris ferruginea Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

Lady’s Mile 2 19 & 21-Apr KSa/MGr
Lady’s Mile 3 20-Apr SC with A Kirschel & A P Leventis
Lady’s Mile 8 22 & 27-Apr JS/TrE
Lady’s Mile 12 24 & 28-Apr LAC
Lady’s Mile 10+ 26-Apr TrE
Lady’s Mile 1 29-Apr JN
Lady’s Mile 6 30-Apr FGe
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 25-Apr JS

TEMMINCK’S STINT Calidris temminckii Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 2 24 & 30-Apr AKe/BB
Lady’s Mile 1 12, 22, 24 & 26-Apr TRe/WAS/PCu/LAC/PCV/JS
Paralimni Lake 2 2-Apr PWr
Paralimni Lake 1 9-Apr ER
**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*
Λευκονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 1 24-Apr LAC
Mandria 2 on beach in front of picnic site 8-Apr JCW

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 1 12-Apr MG
Lady's Mile 2 22 & 26-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 3 28 & 30-Apr AnK/FG
Larnaca Airport Pools North 2 25-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 50 3-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 20 4-Apr PW
Larnaca Airport Pools South 14 8-Apr AnK
Meneou Pool 30+ 2-Apr LMN
Meneou Pools 5 4-Apr JW
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Apr JLS
Phasouri Reedbed 6 8-Apr KSa

**GREAT SNIPE** *Gallinago media*
Διπλοπικάτσονο
Great Snipe, Timi Beach, 29th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Minthis Hills 1 30-Apr MSS
Timi Beach 1 29-Apr IKB

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus lobatus* Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας
Larnaca Airport Pools North 3 19, 25 & 27-Apr BCW/JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 2, 3 & 4-Apr LMN/JS/FMM/SC

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*
Μαυρονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 1 19-Apr TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 25-Apr JS

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*
Κοκκινονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri 1 26-Apr PJV

Lady's Mile 1 10-Apr JE
Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Apr AnK

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*
Βαλτονεραλλίδι
Largest counts:
Lady's Mile 7 22-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 50 4-Apr PW

**COLLARED PRATINCOLE** *Glareola pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο
Akhna Dam 4 17-Apr CC
Akhna Dam 2 20-Apr AKe
Akhna Dam 15 21-Apr LAC
Akhna Dam 3 24-Apr AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 17-Apr WAS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 26-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage works fields 9 14-Apr ER
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 27-Apr JS
Mandria 12 18-Apr LAC
Mandria 22 late afternoon 19-Apr JCW
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Apr JLS
Paralimni Lake 1 2-Apr PW

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus genei*
Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 12-Apr TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 Zakaki run off area 26-Apr JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 28-Apr AnK
Cape Greco 25 sea watch 6.30 - 8.30 4-Apr PW
Larnaca Airport Pools North 30+ 11-Apr WAS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 9 19-Apr BCW
Larnaca Airport Pools North c12 24 & 25-Apr LAC/JS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 8 27-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South c6 1-Apr SC
Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 2 & 8-Apr LMN/AnK/FG
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 3-Apr FMM/JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 31 10-Apr DJW
Timi Beach 4 Heading W offshore 5-Apr JS

**AUDOUIN'S GULL** *Larus audouinii*
Νησόγλαρος
Agios Phylonas 1 9-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip
Agios Therissos Church 1 17-Apr JLS
Blue Sea Hotel and Marina, Karpasia 2
17 & 20-Apr JLS
Cape Greco 1 4 & 7-Apr PWr/SC
Karpasia Peninsula 2 Koca Reis/Livana
hotel area 8-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip
Cape Apostolos Andreas 1 20-Apr JLS
Mandria 2 Landed on rocks offshore as we
watched Sandplovers. Then flew off E 12-
Apr LAC/JS
Spiros Beach 1 immature 4-Apr SC
Xylofagou 1 on rocky coast SW of
Xylofagou 8-Apr AnK

**BALTIC GULL** *Larus fuscus fuscus*
*Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής*
Akrotiri 1 11-Apr JS
Asprokremmos Dam 2 adults, on the
water 7-Apr STH
Asprokremmos Dam 3 12-Apr LAC
Cape Greco 2 sea watch 6.30 - 8.30 4-
Apr PWr
Lady's Mile 1 3-Apr MSS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 2-Apr LMN
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 1 ad and 2 imm
heading E over area 3-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Apr JS
Mandria 7 1-Apr DJW
Mandria 2 moved W, 1130 7-Apr STH
Mandria 5 8-Apr LAC
Mandria 1 moved W, 1210 13-Apr STH
Meneou Pools 4 4-Apr JW
Oroklini Marsh 1 3-Apr BCW
Oroklini 4 11-Apr KSa
Paphos headland 5 moved W, from hotel,
early evening 6-Apr STH
Paphos headland 9 moved W, from hotel,
0730-0745 7-Apr STH
Paphos Headland 4 Migrating W over area
midday 14-Apr JS
Paphos headland 6 adults, flew W over
headland, approx 0900 14-Apr STH
Petounta Point 2 Adults migrating E along
coast 3-Apr JS
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 13-Apr IKB
Spiros Beach 1 ad 4-Apr SC
Timi Beach 3 10-Apr TRe
Timi Beach 13 11 + 1 + 1 heading W 14-
Apr JS
Xylofagou 2+ on rocky coast SW of
Xylofagou 8-Apr AnK

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus*
*Γλάρος Αρμενίας*
Lady's Mile 2 7-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 1 13 & 14-Apr WAS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 3-Apr FMM
Spiros Beach 3 + 4-Apr SC

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος
*Κασπίας*
Timi Beach 1 14-Apr IKB

**LITTLE TERN** *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι
Akhna Dam 2 22 & 26-Apr AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 Zakaki run off area
26-Apr JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 29-Apr JN
Lady's Mile 2 17-Apr WAS
Lady's Mile 1 26 & 29-Apr TRe/JN
Lady's Mile 3 27-Apr TRe
Lady's Mile 4 28-Apr TRe
Lady's Mile 6 30-Apr FGb
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 4-Apr SC
Larnaca Airport Pools South 6 11-Apr
WAS
Larnaca Airport Pools South c5 16-Apr
GSa

**COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN**
*Gelochelidon nilotica* Γελογλάρον

Common Gull-billed Tern, Timi Beach, 10th
April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 11-Apr TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 62 Zakaki run off area
26-Apr JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 27 25 resting on the
shoreline and 2 in flight 29-Apr JN
Asprokremmos Dam 27 12-Apr
JCW/JS/LAC/MJH
Cape Drepanum 2 9-Apr JCW
Lady's Mile 3 9-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 3-Apr JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 near Tekke mosque 3-Apr AnK
Paphos headland 7 flew W over the headland, approx 0845 14-Apr STH
Timi Beach 4 10-Apr TRe
Zakaki Marsh 2 24-Apr LAC

CASPIAN TERN Hydroprogne caspia
Γιγαντογλάρονο
Cape Drepanum 4 9-Apr JCW
Lady's Mile 1 3-Apr MSS
Mandria 2 fly past heading W 8-Apr JCW
Timi Beach 1 Large tern heading E along coast 12-Apr JS

WHISKERED TERN Chlidonias hybrid
Λιμνογλάρονο
Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 30-Apr MGr

WHITE-WINGED TERN Chlidonias leucopus Αργυρογλάρονο
Akna Dam 5 24-Apr AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 26-Apr JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 16 15 at least in flight and 1 on shore 29-Apr JN
Karaolos Lake, Famagusta 15 7-Apr
MC/CC/BC trip
Lady's Mile 1 in flight 29-Apr JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24 & 25-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 27-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c5 29-Apr SC
Orokli Marsh 1 19-Apr BCW/AKy

COMMON TERN Sterna hirundo
Θαλασσογλάρονο

SANDWICH TERN Thalasseus sandvicensis Χειμωνογλάρονο
Cape Greco 12 sea watch 6.30 - 8.30 4-Apr PWr

Eurasian Scops Owl Otus scops
Θουπί
Local endemic sub-species regularly recorded but of interest also is:
Mandria 1 Roosting on offshore rocks.
Thought to be of nominate race 18-Apr JCW/LAC

NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL Asio otus Αρκόθουπος
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
1 heard 27-Apr JN
Polis 1 heard 1-Apr HSt

SHORT-EARED OWL Asio flammeus
Βαλτόθουπος
Cape Greco 1 In flight along the coast to the west 13-Apr ER
Cape Greco 1 seen well for more than five minutes 17-Apr CC

OSPREY Pandion haliaetus Ψαραετός
Akhna Dam 1 14, 15, 17 & 18-Apr
AKe/CC/BB
Cape Greco 1 1 & 13-Apr JW/ER
Evretou Dam village 1 2-Apr MaS
Mandria 1 heading west 13-Apr PNi

EGYPTIAN VULTURE Neophron percnopterus Ασπρόγυπας
Polis 1 13-Apr CG

GRIFFON VULTURE Gyps fulvus Γύπτας
Episkopi tunnel 1 13-Apr ABW
Kensington Cliffs 1 11, 14 & 30-Apr STH/JS/PJV
Kensington Cliffs 2 15-Apr KSa
Kensington cliffs 5 17-Apr STH
Kensington Cliffs 3 22-Apr JS
Kensington cliffs 4 24-Apr STH
Vretsia 4 26-Apr IKB
Vretsia 1 30-Apr IKB
Zapalo Bay 4 one carrying a stick and then landing (obscured view) along cliffs 16-Apr MGr

BONELLI'S EAGLE Aquila fasciatus
Σπιζαετός - Περτικοσίαχινο
Agios Phylonas 2 Being chased by a Raven 9-Apr MC/CC/BC trip
Agios Therapon 2 6-Apr JN

Common Tern, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 25th April. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 25-Apr JE
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 18.00pm 29-Apr JS
Anarita Park  2  Adult pair  4-Apr  JS
Arodes  2  2 & 4 & 10-Apr  IKB/DJW/JS
Evretou Dam  2  2 & 8-Apr  MaS/HSt
Evretou Dam  1  Very distant, soaring over hills to west  4-Apr  LMN
Karpasia road to point  1  20-Apr  JLS
Kivisili  1  Juvenile flew in from N and was mobbed by Lesser Kestrel  3-Apr  JS
Mavrokolymbos Dam  2  Soaring above dam  3-Apr  LMN
Nata  2  3 & 4-Apr  IKB
Phinikas  1  17-Apr  DJW
Polis  1  4-Apr  HSt
Sarama Valley  2  adult pair  15-Apr  DJW
Tochni  1  4-Apr  BCW

**BOOTED EAGLE** *Aquila pennata*
Γερακαετός
Mavrokolymbos Dam  1  28-Mar  LAC

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*
Ορνιθοσιάχινο
Agioi Trimitthias Fields  1  immature  3-Apr  SC
Anarita Park  1  female  1-Apr  JS
Asprokremmos Dam  1  3-Apr  IKB
Cape Greco  1  5 & 9-Apr  JDo/JLo/ER
Evretou Dam  1  female  15-Apr  DJW
Kormakitis point “long reeds”  1  3rd cal yr male  22-Apr  JLS
Mandria  1  5 & 6-Apr  LAC/JCW
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone  1  fem  15-Apr  FGe
Phasouri Reedbeds  1  Ringtail hunting over west end near gravel pits then flew north  2-Apr  LMN
Souni  1  Ring-tail - probably this species flying N and only rear of bird seen  1-Apr  JN

**PALLID HARRIER** *Circus macrourus*
Ασπροσιάχινο

Pallid Harrier, female, Mavrokolympos Dam, 16th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

**MONTAGU’S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*
Καμποσιάχινο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  17 & 22-Apr  WAS/PCu
Cape Apostolos Andreas  1  18 & 20-Apr  JLS
Cape Greco  1  male  21-Apr  FGe
Kivisili Fields  1  ringtail  29-Apr  SC
Kofinou  1  Male flying alongside of motorway  26-Apr  JS
Lady’s Mile  1  6-Apr  TRe
Phasouri reed-beds  1  male  6-Apr  TRe
Zakaki Marsh  1  15 & 21-Apr  WAS/MGr

**LEVANT SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter brevipes* Σαΐνι
Anarita Park  1  male  16-Apr  JCW
Further details received

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus* Ξεφτέρι
Anarita Park  1  2-Apr  LC
Arodes  1  29-Apr  DJW
Asprokremmos Dam  1  15-Apr  STH/LAC
Cape Apostolos Andreas  1  18-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Peninsula 1  Koca Reis/Livana hotel area  8-Apr  MC/CC/LP/BC trip
Karpasia Peninsula 1  Golden Beach Apartments  9-Apr  MC/CC/LP/BC trip
Kormakitis point "long reeds"  4  22-Apr  JLS
Peristerona, Paphos  1  8-Apr  HSt
NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*
*Διπλοσιάχινο*
Cape Greco, 1 Apr IKB

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα
B7 road near Theletra, 1 Apr. 6 April along road & continued drifting NE.

EURASIAN BUZZARD *Buteo buteo* Γερακίνα
Agia Varvara, 1-4 Apr. JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 1-8 Apr. JE
Asprokremmos Dam, 1 mobbed by Hooded Crows and close to Pallid Harrier initially but then flew to SE, 1 Apr. JN
Asprokremmos Dam, 2-4 Apr. IKB
Baths of Aphrodite, Perched on. 4 Apr. L MN
Mandria, 1-3 Apr. I KB
Paphos Sewage Plant, 1, 11 & 8 Apr. DJW/JN/LAC/STH
Phasouri reed-beds, 1-6 Apr. AnK
Zakaki Marsh - Lady’s Mile, 1-3 Apr. JW

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus* Διπλογέρακο
Largest counts:
Anarita Park, 2-19 Apr. JS
Drouseia, 2-29 Apr. RH
Evretou Dam, 2-2, 4-23 Apr.
MaS/HSt/I KB
Kensington Cliffs, 2-24 Apr. S TH
Panagia Stazousa, 3. A pair and another seen flying over area to north later, 3 Apr. JS
Petounta, 2-4 Apr. JW

BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER *Merops persicus* Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος
Achna Dam, 2-21 Apr. LAC
Agia Varvara, 6-11 Apr. NA
Cape Greco, 3-8 Apr. CV
Mandria, 1-9 Apr. GH
Phasouri, 3-26 & 27 Apr. JS/PJ V

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster* Μελισσοφάγος
First reports and largest counts:
Agios Dometios, Nicosia, 24 noisy tight overflying flock going NE, 13 Apr. FGe
Akrotiri Salt Lake, 23 in pines along road from env centre, 28 Apr. AnK
Cape Greco, 9-1 Apr. J Do/JLo
Evretou Dam, 1 Apr. HSt
Ezousas Valley, Agia Varvara, 30 flying over early am, 20 Apr. SC with A Kirschel & A P Leventis
Kormakitis point “long reeds,” 55. At least two flocks of 30, 5 and 20 north, 22 Apr.
JLS
Pachna Vineyard Valley, 35. 2 resting and 33 aerial feeding as migrating from S to N, 19 Apr. JN

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus* Κράγκα
First reports and largest counts:
Anarita Park, 24 noisy tight overflying flock going NE, 13 Apr. FGe

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis* Αλκυόνη
Akanthou, 1-17 Apr. JLS
Asprokremmos Dam, 1-4 Apr. JS
Baths of Aphrodite, 1-4 Apr. LMN
Bishop’s Pool, 1-3 Apr. LMN
Evretou to Simou road, 2-2 Apr. MaS
Larnaca Salt Lake, 1 Kamares area, 3 Apr. JS
Meneou Coast, 1-1 Apr. SC
Nata, 1-14 Apr, I KB
Oroklini Marsh, 1-3 Apr. PWr
Paphos Airport foreshore, 1-1 Apr. MGr
Paphos Headland, 1-5 & 21 Apr. LMN/STH
Paralimni Lake, 1-12 Apr. ER
Pera Orinis, 1-15 Apr. MH
Phasouri Reed-beds, 1-6 & 27 Apr.
JN/ABW
Timi Beach, 1-14 Apr. JS/LKB/LMN
Zakaki Marsh, 1-2 & 13 Apr. LMN/I KB
PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυλος 
Zakaki Marsh 1 sitting on power lines overlooking marsh (above truck trailers) 30-Apr MGr

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* Θερκοπούλλι 
Singles reported widely during Apr. Records of two plus listed below:
Anavargos Hills 4 12-Apr MSS
Asprokremmos Dam 2 6-Apr JCW
Cape Greco 5 13-Apr ER
Kivisili 2 15-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 2 8-Apr JE
Paphos Lighthouse 2 5 & 18-Apr IKB
Pissouri Bay 3 12-Apr KSa

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni* Κιρκινέζι

Lesser Kestrel, Anarita Park, 1st April. Photograph by Luke Nash

Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 2 5 & 20-Apr JS
Anarita Park 10 19-Apr JS
Androlipou 2 4-Apr DJW
Fasli 1 male 22-Apr AnK
Fasoula 1 22-Apr PJV
Kivisili 10 3 & 15-Apr JS
Kormakitis point "long reeds" 1 Small with quick wing beats 22-Apr JLS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 17-Apr CC
Pittokopos 2 25-Apr DJW
Polis Camp Site 2 females 21-Apr AnK

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus* Μαυροφάλκον

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 25 & 26-Apr JE/JS
Anarita Park 1 female migrating with a flock of House Martins 16-Apr JCW
Anarita Park 18 25-Apr LAC
Anarita Park 4 26-Apr STH
Anarita Park 2 28-Apr RA
Anarita Park 7 2m 29-Apr LAC

Anarita Park 5 3F, 2M. 30-Apr IKB
Fasli 1 female hunting to west of Fasli 24-Apr AnK
Filousa 1 One male in field. Possible 1 x female on wires 26-Apr RA
Karpasia road to point 2 Hovering and picking insects from fields 20-Apr JLS
Kivisili 2 Males 15-Apr JS
Kivisili 3 2m and 1f 22-Apr JS
Kivisili 20 Probably more 27-Apr JS
Kivisili c15 29-Apr SC
Mavrokolympbs Dam 1 29-Apr DJW

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonorae* Μαυρομμάτης

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 14-Apr GSa
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Near Sylvana's 26-Apr JS
Akrotiri 4 28-Apr JN
Arodes 1 28-Apr JS
Atalante Trail, Troodos 1 22-Apr MH
Cape Greco 1 9-Apr JDo/JLo
Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 light morph, adult 30-Apr MGr
Kensington Cliffs 1 14 & 27-Apr JS/PJV
Kensington Cliffs 3 22-Apr JS
Kensington Cliffs 2 17 & 24-Apr STH
Kensington Cliffs 6 26-Apr JS
Neo Horio 1 28-Apr JS
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 26-Apr JS
Phinikas 3 17-Apr DJW
Souni 3 chased off by 4 Hooded Crow over the carob grove opposite our home 30-Apr JN
Zakaki Marsh 2 circling high over plantation to N 29-Apr JN
Zapalo Bay 2 flying together, landing at various places along cliffs 16-Apr MGr

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκον

Mandria 1 8-Apr LAC
EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*
Δεντροφάλκον

Eurasian Hobby, Tala, 12th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Napa Sewage Works  1  22-Apr  SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group
Cape Greco Park  1  7 & 22-Apr
SC/LAC/BC field trip
Kamares (Tala)  1  12-Apr  DJW
Kamares (Tala)  2  13, 29 & 30-Apr  DJW
Minthis Hills  1  30-Apr  MSS

SAKER FALCON *Falco cherrug*
Στεποζάνος

Paralimni Lake  1  Found sitting on the ground in the middle of the lake. Then seen hunting a Spur-winged Plover (probably), and finally catching its prey to eat it 200m away  12-Apr  ER

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*
Ζάνος

Acheleia Dam  1  calidus race  3-Apr  MSS
Acheleia Dam  1  14-Apr  IKB
Akrotiri  1  11-Apr  JN
Asprokremmos Dam  1  5-Apr  JW
Ay. Neophytos Monastery  1  15-Apr  ABW
Cape Apostolos Andreas  1  18 & 20-Apr  JLS
Cape Drepanum  1  On Geronisos Island  10-Apr  JS
Cape Greco  2  Male and female together  8-Apr  ER
Giouti Point  2  21-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Peninsula  1  Koca Reis to Burhan's Beach  8-Apr  MC/CC/LP/BC trip
Karpasia Golden Beach  1  19-Apr  JLS
Kensington Cliffs  1  11, 17, 22 & 24-Apr  STH/JS
Kourio Stadium  1  probably the Kensington cliffs bird  11-Apr  STH
Lady's Mile  1  15-Apr  JE
Mandria  1  2-Apr  MSS
Oroklini Marsh  2  13-Apr  AKy

Paphos Headland  1  Flew over  28-Apr  KMus
Petra tou Romiou  2  Pair doing a noisy food exchange!  14-Apr  JS
Petra tou Romiou  1  on pylon  15-Apr  JN
Timi Beach  2  13-Apr  LAC
Vretsia  1  on cliff face opposite  15-Apr  DJW

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός

Eurasian Golden Oriole, Androlikou, 29th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

First reports and largest counts:
Androlikou  10  29-Apr  DJW
Arodes  3  15-Apr  DRS
Arodes  5  3m and 2f  28-Apr  JS
Asprokremmos Dam  6  15-Apr  LAC
Kamares (Tala)  6  4 male, 2 fem  30-Apr  DJW
Neo Chorio  1  between Neo Chorio and Agios Minas  10-Apr  STH
Pittokopos  6  22-Apr  DJW
Vretsia  5  26-Apr  IKB

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio* Κεφαλάς

Agia Napa Sewage Works  1  Male  30-Apr  JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake  1  male on wire  29-Apr  JN
Larnaca Sewage Works  1  male  29-Apr  SC
Latchi  1  Male  28-Apr  JS
Neo Horio  1  male  28-Apr  JS
WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*
Коккинокефалός

Woodchat Shrike, Lady’s Mile, 11\(^{th}\) April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Ones and twos reported widely during April. Records of three plus listed below:
- Anarita Park 3 20-Apr JS
- Cape Apostolos Andreas 3 8-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip
- Cape Greco 16 9-Apr ER
- Lady’s Mile 4 9-Apr JS
- Mandria 3 16-Apr IKB
- Mavrokolymbos Dam 4 16-Apr DJW

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*
Δακκαννούρα

Masked Shrike, Cape Greco, 2\(^{nd}\) April. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Largest counts:
- Agios Minas 4 2 pairs 9-Apr KSa
- Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 5 11-Apr JS
- Souni 4 2 in flight and a displaying pair 27-Apr JN
- Troodos 6 5-Apr JW
- Vretsia 9 15 & 30-Apr DJW/IKB

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Atalante Trail, Troodos 3 22-Apr MH
- Kionia, Makhairas 6 2-Apr JW
- Makhairas Forest 2 2-Apr MH
- Prastio Kellakiou 1 22-Apr JS
- Troodos Village & surrounds 4 3-Apr LMN

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*
Κλόκκαρος
- Agios Phylonas 1 Chasing two Bonelli’s Eagle 9-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip
- Giouti Point 1 17-Apr JLS
- Kyra Morphou 1 10-Apr AKe

COAL TIT *Parus ater* Πέμπετσος

Coal Tit, Troodos, 3\(^{rd}\) April. Photograph by Luke Nash.

Atalante Trail, Troodos 50 22-Apr MH
- Fasoula Present 25-Apr PJV
- Kionia, Makhairas Present 2-Apr JW
- Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 20 11-Apr JS
- Makhairas Forest 10 2-Apr MH
- Madari 40 14-Apr MH
- Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 1 Heard 11-Apr JS
- Prastio Kellakiou 1 7, 22 & 24-Apr JS
- Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 2 11-Apr JS
- Troodos Village & surrounds 20+ 3-Apr LMN
- Troodos Visitor Centre 15 11-Apr JS
- Vretsia 12 30-Apr IKB

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz pendulinus* Υφάντρα

Phasouri Reed-beds 2 1 in flight and 1 heard calling 6-Apr JN
- Zakaki Marsh 2 Heard 1 & 2-Apr JS/LMN
- Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 3-Apr MSS
BAR-TAILED LARK* *Ammomanes cincturus* Μικρή Αμμογαλιάνταρ

Bar-tailed Lark, Cape Greco, 13th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Cape Drepanum 1 7, 8 & 11-Apr
StM/GH/LAC Rare Bird Form submitted 5th Cyprus record
Cape Greco 1 Late notification 12, 13 & 14-Apr BCH/ER/JS/GSa/FGe/AKy Rare Bird form submitted 6th Cyprus record
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Seen briefly feeding on track between pools and sea. First seen 24th by MC 25-Apr JS Rare Bird Form requested for this 7th Cyprus record

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha calandra* Μαυροτράσιηλος
Pervolia 2 Heard only 3-Apr JS
Pervolia 6 15-Apr JS
Pervolia 2 Two seen and others heard 24-Apr JS
Pervolia 3 27-Apr JS

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK *Calandrella brachydactyla* Τρασιηλούδα

Greater Short-toed Lark, Akrotiri, 21st April. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
Cape Greco 42 Counted on active migration between 6:30 and 8:30 11-Apr ER
Larnaca Sewage works fields 100 14-Apr ER

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea* Πευκοτρασιήλα
Atalante Trail, Troodos 3 22-Apr MH
Cape Greco Park 2+ 1-Apr SC
Chionistra, on summit near military station 1 1 singing male 25-Apr RH
Chionistra, SSW of summit 1 1 carrying food, warning 25-Apr RH
Mandra tou Campiou 1 display song/flight 4-Apr AnK

Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis* Τρασιήλα
Pervolia 3 Seen 3-Apr JS

EASTERN OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Iduna pallida* Τρυβητούρα
First reports and largest counts:
Baths of Aphrodite 5 singing birds 20-Apr STH
Old Kivides (derelict village area) 5 18-Apr JN
Pentaschoinos Valley 1 2-Apr JW
Prodromi 4 3-Apr JHew
Timi Beach 1 Seen well, singing 5-Apr JS
Vretsia 11 30-Apr IKB

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina* Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα
Cape Greco 1 25-Apr BB

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιανούδι
Agios Minas 2 17-Apr KSa
Cape Drepanum 1 4-Apr LMN
Cape Greco 1 10 & 13-Apr ER
Evretou Dam Present 26-Apr RA
t Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Kamares area 3-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works area 1 9-Apr AnK
Leivadia 1 14-Apr AKy
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant Present 16-Apr JLS
Oroklini Marsh 1 21-Apr LAC
Paralimni Lake 1 10 & 11-Apr ER
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 heard 6-Apr JN
Pissouri Bay 1 13-Apr KSa
Trachoni Pools Present 24-Apr JLS
Zakaki Marsh 1 3, 15, 22 & 28-Apr JW/KSa/JS/LAC
Zakaki Marsh 2 11-Apr JS
Zakaki Marsh 3 12-Apr MGr
GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι
Agia Varvara 2 One seen well and one heard only 19-Apr JS
Akhna Dam 1 in song 20-Apr AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Apr KH
Baths of Aphrodite 2 singing 20-Apr STH
Bishop's Pool 1 13-Apr IKB
Cape Greco Park 1 18-Apr SC
Trachoni Pools Present 24-Apr JLS
Episkopi Ford 1 11-Apr MJH
Germasogeia Dam 1 9 & 24-Apr JS
Karpasia Golden Beach Present 19-Apr JLS
Karpasia road to point 1 20-Apr JLS
Kritou Tera, waterfall area 1 1 male singing in maquis 29-Apr RH
Larnaca Sewage works fields 1 In song in a bush 14-Apr ER
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Apr JS
Loutra tis Afroditis, towards Latchi 1 1 male singing in maquis 28-Apr RH
Mandria 1 10-Apr TRe
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant Present 16 & 25-Apr JLS
Nata Ford 1 12 & 30-Apr STH/LAC
Neo Chorio 1 singing in dense scrub, between Neo Chorion and Agios Minas 16-Apr STH
Oroklini Marsh 1 14-Apr AKy
Paralimni Lake 1 2, 11 & 13-Apr PWr
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 heard singing near new tower hide 28-Apr JN
Pissouri Bay 1 20-Apr KSa
Sea Caves, Pegeia 1 singing 14-Apr AnK
Zakaki Marsh 1 1, 20, 22, 26, 28 & 29-Apr JS/SC/AKir/APL/WAS/PCu/LAC/JN

SAVI'S WARBLER *Locustella luscinioides* Καλαμοτριλιστής
Agia Varvara 1 2-Apr MSS
Paralimni Lake 1 In song 8 & 12-Apr ER
Spiros Pool 1 1-Apr SC

Eurasian Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδον
Cape Greco 1 7-Apr JDo/JLo
Cape Greco 3 9-Apr ER
Evretou Dam 2 2-Apr MaS
Madari 3 22-Apr RH
Tomb of the Kings 2 Flew south towards
Paphos Headland 5-Apr LMN

(Collared) Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* Οχθοχελίδον
Bishop's Pool 10 26-Apr JS

Cape Greco 1 1-Apr JDo/JLo
Evretou Dam 5 15-Apr DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11-Apr WAS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25-Apr JS
Nata Ford 2 7-Apr LAC
Oroklini Marsh 1 1-Apr JW
Oroklini Marsh 2+ 2-Apr LMN
Oroklini Marsh 3 8-Apr AnK
Oroklini Marsh 10 13-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 8 17-Apr CC
Oroklini Marsh 20+ 23-Apr LAC
Trachoni Pools 1 24-Apr JLS
Zakaki Marsh 1 21-Apr MGr
Zakaki Marsh 2 22-Apr JS

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler *Phylloscopus orientalis* Βουνογιαννούδι
Largest counts:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 8 1-Apr JW
Anavargos Hills 10+ 2-Apr MSS
Cape Greco 17+ 9-Apr JDo/JLo
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 9-Apr AnK

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογιαννούδι

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, Cape Greco, 10th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Wood Warbler, Cape Greco, 10th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
Asprokremmos Dam 15 15-Apr PCu
Baths of Aphrodite 5 10-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 5 12-Apr Aky

Yellow-browed Warbler* *Phylloscopus inornatus* Κιτρινόφρυδο Γιαννούδι
Coral Bay Hotel, Coral Bay 1 heard 13-Mar per FT Further details needed

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 1-Apr JW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 11, 15 & 19-Apr ABW/KSa
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Bee-hives 17-Apr
Akrotiri 1 feeding 11-Apr JN
Baths of Aphrodite 1 Very pale bird, possibly a Northern bird, but not seen well enough to rule conclusively 4-Apr LMN
Cape Greco 1 10 & 18-Apr DJW/SC
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 20-Apr JLS
Larnaca Sewage Works area 2 one singing 9-Apr AnK
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25-Apr FGe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 1-Apr MaS
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 3-Apr LMN
Meneou Coast 1 1-Apr SC
Paphos Headland 1 10-Apr LAC
Potamia 2 3-Apr FGe
Spiros Pool 1 2-Apr JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 2-Apr LMN

GARDEN WARBLER Sylvia borin
Κηποσυκαλλίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 15-Apr JE
Anavargos Hills 1 12-Apr MSS
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 21-Apr JLS
Prastio Kellakiou 1 Singing. Also seen 24-Apr JS

BARRED WARBLER Sylvia nisoria
Γιαλλούρα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 15-Apr JE
Anavargos Hills 1 12-Apr MSS
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 21-Apr JLS
Prastio Kellakiou 1 Singing. Also seen 24-Apr JS

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER Sylvia crassirostris Θαμνογιαλλούρα
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 1-Apr JW
Aσπροκρεμμός Dam 1 2-Apr JDo/Lo
Cape Greco c8 1-Apr SC
Cape Greco 1 9-Apr JDo/JLo
Cape Greco 1 female 10 & 13-Apr SC/JS
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 20 & 21-Apr JLS
Karpasia Golden Beach 1 19-Apr JLS
Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 3 1-Apr FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1-Apr FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 4 & 9-Apr JW/AnK
Spiros Pool c4 1-Apr SC
Paphos Headland 1 30-Mar LMN

SUBALPINE WARBLER Sylvia cantillans
Γκριζοφτέρι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 1-Apr JW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 6 & 10-Apr WAS/PDw/ABW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1m 29-Apr JE
Anavargos Hills 1 female 2-Apr MSS
Cape Greco 1 male 1-Apr SC
Cape Greco 3 9-Apr ER
Cape Greco 3 2 male 1 female 10-Apr DW
Cape Greco 1 11-Apr ER
Cape Greco 3 12 & 13-Apr ER
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 20-Apr JLS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 2-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works area 13 9-Apr AnK
Leivadia 1 12-Apr AKy
Mandria 1 10 & 12-Apr TR/JS
Mandria 3 10-Apr JCW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 2 & 3-Apr LC/LMN
Paphos Headland 1 1 & 2-Apr LMN/JHew
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 1-Apr DJW/LAC
Spiros Pool 1 immature male 1-Apr SC

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER Sylvia rueppelli
Εληοβάτης

Largest counts and last reports:
GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT
*Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι

**Greater Whitethroat, Akrotiri, 10th April.**
*Photograph by John East*

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 15-Apr JE
- Cape Greco 12 10-Apr ER
- Larnaca Sewage Works area 15 9-Apr AnK
- Pissouri Bay 20+ 12 & 13-Apr KSa

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης

Atalante Trail, Troodos 12 22-Apr MH
- Konia, Makhairas 1 2-Apr JW
- Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 2 others heard only 11-Apr JS
- Madari 2 1 singing male 22-Apr RH
- Pera Vasa, picnic area 1 1 singing male 5-May-17 RH
- Troodos Village & surrounds 7+ 3-Apr LMN
- Troodos 6 5-Apr JW
- Vretsia 2 30-Apr IKB

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο

Atalante Trail, Troodos 10 22-Apr MH
- Konia, Makhairas 3 2-Apr JW
- Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 2 11-Apr JS
- Madari 3 14-Apr MH
- Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 2 11-Apr JS

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris* Λαζούρι
- Phasouri reed-beds 1 12 & 13-Apr ABW/IKB/WAS

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus* Τριζάρα
- Skarinou 1 2-Apr JW

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos* Τζίηκλα

- Cape Greco 1 1-Apr JDo/JLo
- Frenaros 2 & 9-Apr AKe
- Frenaros 1 4-Apr AKe
- Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Looking exhausted. ?Migrant. Gardens near caravan site 8-Apr JS

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Atalante Trail, Troodos 5 22-Apr MH
- Konia, Makhairas 4 2-Apr JW
- Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 2 11-Apr JS
- Makhairas Forest 2 2-Apr MH
- Madari 3 14-Apr MH
- Madari 1 1 singing male 22-Apr RH
- Pera Pedi, by stream towards Agia Mavri 1 1 male singing 20-Apr RH
- Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 1 Singing male heard 11-Apr JS
- Souni 1 heard calling 3 times 3-Apr JN
- Troodos Village & surrounds 2 3-Apr LMN
- Troodos village 1 female collecting nest material, photographed 22-Apr STH

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata* Μουγιοφάς

- Spotted Flycatcher, Bishop’s Pool, 15th April.
*Photograph by John East.*

First reports and largest counts:
- Arodes 6 28-Apr JS
- Baths of Aphrodite 5 20-Apr STH
- Cape Greco 1 10-Apr ER
- Germasogeia Dam 6 24-Apr JS
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone  1  11-Apr FGe
Polis Camp Site  5  23-Apr AnK
Rizokarpasos  1  8-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*
Κοτσινολαίμης
Anarita Park  1  4-Apr JS

WHITE-THROATED ROBIN* *Irania gutturalis* Λευκόλαιμο Αηδόνι

**Thalassines Spilies, Cape Greco  1  male 22-Apr FGe** (Rare Bird Report requested, 20th Cyprus record)

**BLUETHROAT *Luscinia svecica***
Γαλαζολαίμης
Paphos Sewage Plant  1  seen by me in a different area to the one seen by Alan  1-Apr JN
Paphos Sewage Plant  1  1-Apr LAC
Timi Beach  1  2-Apr MSS

**THRUSH NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia luscinia***
Τζικλαηδόνι
Mandria  1  5-Apr LAC

**COMMON NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos* Αηδόνι**

Common Nightingale, Paphos Lighthouse, 5th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Anavargos Hills  12+  2-Apr MSS
Cape Drepanum  15  1-Apr MaS
Cape Greco  29  10-Apr ER
Larnaca Sewage Works area  28  9-Apr AnK
Paphos Headland  8  12 & 17-Apr STH/IKB

**SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula semitorquata Δρυομουγιοχάφτης***


Agia Napa Sewage Works  1  1, 7 & 22-Apr JW/SC/BC field trip/LAC
Agia Varvara  1  female  16-Apr KSa
Agios Georgios Chapel  1  Male  3-Apr LMN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  male  1-Apr KH/JS
Anavargos Hills  1  2-Apr MSS
Asprokremmos Dam  2  males  1-Apr J CW
Asprokremmos Dam  1  4, 10 & 19-Apr JS/TRe/STH
Asprokremmos Dam  3  2 males and 1 female  15-Apr JN
Cape Greco  1  1, 6, 9, 13 & 14-Apr JDo/JLo/GSa/FGe
Cape Greco  4  9-Apr JDo/JLo
Evretou Dam  1  4-Apr HSt
Germasogeia Dam  1  male by new church 5-Apr WAS/PDw
Kiti Dam  2  1m and 1f  15-Apr JS
Kiti Dam  1  female  17-Apr BCW
Larnaca Sewage Works area  1  male  9-Apr AnK
Meneou Beach  1  Female  25-Apr JS
Paphos Headland  1  Male  1-Apr L MN
Skarinou  1  2-Apr JW
EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομουγιοχάφτης

*European Pied Flycatcher, Kiti Dam, 15th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

First reports and largest counts:
- Agia Varvara 10+ 16-Apr KSa
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 2-Apr
- WAS/PDw
- Avakas gorge 1 1-Apr MaS
- Baths of Aphrodite 10 At least 6 males and 4 females. An undercount 10-Apr JS
- Larnaca Sewage Works area 6 9-Apr AnK
- Paphos Headland 1 Male 1-Apr LMN
- Smygies 6 4 males and 2 female 10-Apr JS

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis* Κρικομουγιοχάφτης

*Collared Flycatcher, Cape Greco, 10th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

115 records received for this species for April. Largest counts:
- Asprokremmos Dam 6 1 & 2-Apr
- LAC/MaS
- Avakas Gorge 7 1-Apr MaS
- Baths of Aphrodite 6 3 males, 3 females 10-Apr STH
- Larnaca Sewage Works area 12 9-Apr AnK
- Smygies 7 4-Apr DJW

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros* Καρβουνίαρης

*Souni 1 female 3-Apr JN*

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Κοτσινονούρης

*Common Redstart, Akrotiri, 10th April. Photograph by John East.*

Largest counts:
- Cape Greco 6 10-Apr DJW
- Larnaca Sewage Works area 10 9-Apr AnK
- Paphos headland 6 12-Apr STH

**Ehrenberg’s Redstart** Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisicus Ασιατικός Κοτσινονούρης

- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1, 2, 4 & 6-Apr JS/LMN/JE
- Anarita Park 1 Male 1 & 2-Apr JS/LC
- Cape Greco 1 9-Apr JDo/JLo

RUFIOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH *Monticola saxatalis* Πετροκότσυφος

*Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Arodes, 2nd April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

- Akrotiri 1 feeding male 11-Apr JN
- Anarita Park 1 Male 12-Apr JS
- Anavargos Hills 1 female 12-Apr MSS
- Arodes 1 2 & 4-Apr IKB/DJW
- Cape Greco Pines 1 25-Apr GSa
- Frenaros 1 male 27-Apr AKe
- Lady’s Mile 2 males 8-Apr JE/WAS/PDw
- Lady’s Mile 1 female 11-Apr TRe
BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* 
Γαλαζοκότσυφος
Cape Greco 1 male 10-Apr DJW
Madari 3 3 singing males on territory between lower antenna and fire lookout 22-Apr RH
Madari 2 2 singing males 27-Apr RH
Meneou Coast 1 male 1 & 2-Apr SC/JS
Paralimni Lake 1 An immature male. On the small « cliff » in the N/W margin of the lake 11-Apr ER
Stavrovouni 1 2-Apr JW

**WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι

Whinchat, Mandria, 9th April. Photograph by John East.

136 records received for this species for April. Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 10 21-Apr JE
Anarita Park 12 20-Apr JS
Cape Greco Park c12 10-Apr SC
Lady's Mile 13 8-Apr JE
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 13 15-Apr FG
Pissouri Bay 50-100 Major fall! 12-Apr KSa

**EUROPEAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquata rubicola* Παπαθκιά

Akrotiri 1 5-Apr ABW
Cape Greco 3 6-Apr JDo/JLo
Karpasia Peninsula 3 Koca Reis to
Burhan's Beach 8-Apr MC/CC/LP/BC trip
Kivisili 1 Male 3-Apr JS
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 2, 3 & 4-Apr LC/LMN/LAC

**Eastern (Siberian) Stonechat** *Saxicola torquatus hemprichii* Ζιβηρική Παπαθκιά
Cape Greco 1 6-Apr JDo/JLo Further details and rare bird report needed
Cape Greco 1 A female. Possibly this species 12 & 13-Apr ER Rare bird report submitted

Cape Greco 1 25-Apr GSa Further details needed and rare bird report needed.
Germasogea Dam 1 male 3-Apr
WAS/PDw Further details needed and rare bird report needed.

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Latest records and largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 1-Apr JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20-Apr SC with A Kirschel & A P Leventis
Anarita Park 3 1-Apr JS
Cape Greco 2 18-Apr SC
Karpasia Golden Beach 1 18-Apr JLS
Mandria Beach 4 5-Apr JW
Paphos Headland 5+ 5-Apr LMN
Paphos Headland 1 18-Apr STH

**HOODED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe monacha* Σκουφοσκαλιφούρτα

Hooded Wheatear, female, Larnaca Sewage Works, 25th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Female. First seen on wires over field in front of pools before sea. Then in field feeding. 25-Apr JS

**DESERT WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe deserti* Ερημοσκαλιφούρτα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 18-Apr ErR
Anarita Mast 1 2 & 4-Apr LAC
Cape Greco 1 8-Apr BB
Cape Drepanum 1 1-Apr MaS
Leivadia 1 15-Apr AKy
Paphos Lighthouse 1 Female 14-Apr JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 1-Apr DJW/LAC
BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe hispanica* Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα

Black-eared Wheatear, Cape Greco, 10th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Latest records and largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Female. Zakaki run off area 26-Apr JS
Anarita Park 7 3 dark throated male and 2 pale throated male, and 2 females 4-Apr JS
Cape Greco 6 4m and 2f 13-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 27-Apr JS

FINSCH’S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii* Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα
Anarita Park 1 4-Apr IKB
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 2-Apr SMM
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 20-Apr SMM
(Very late record)

RED-TAILED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe chrysopygia* Τιμή Σκαλιφούρτα
Timi Beach 1 4-Apr LAC More details requested for this possible first for Cyprus

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Tree Pipit, Pittokopos, 25th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
Anarita Park 20 12-Apr JS
Agios Minas 50+ 9-Apr KSa

Baths of Aphrodite 30 In caravan park 10-Apr JS
Cape Greco 32 10-Apr ER
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 31 at three different spots 11-Apr FGe

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* Κοτσινογαλούδι

Red-throated Pipit, Akrotiri, 6th April. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 20 15-Apr JE
Mandria 30 22-Apr IKB
Paphos Headland 30+ 5-Apr LMN
Paralimni Lake 30 10-Apr ER
Phasouri Reed Beds 25 13-Apr IKB

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis* Λιβαδογαλούδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 1-Apr JS
Cape Greco Park 1 + 1-Apr SC
Evretou Dam Present 2-Apr MaS
Frenaros 4 6-Apr AKe
Kale Vounari Park 1 25-Apr MGr
Kivides fields 1 in aerial display flight 8-Apr JN
Mandria 1 1-Apr JN
Paphos Sewage Plant 3 4-Apr JS
Paralimni Lake 1 1-Apr AKe
Paralimni Lake 3 10-Apr ER
Petounta 1 4-Apr JW/SC
Potamia 4 3-Apr FGe
Souni 1 feeding 21-Apr JN
Spiros Pool 1 1-Apr SC
Stavrokonou 2 very agitated 20-Apr JN

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta* Νερογαλούδι
Evretou Dam village 2 2-Apr MaS
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Kamares area 3-Apr JS
Mandria 1 2, 5 & 6-Apr MSS/LAC
Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Apr LMN
Paralimni Lake 1 4-Apr JDo/JLo
**Black-headed Wagtail** Motacilla f. feldegg

__Mavrokéfali Zευκαλάτης__

- **Cape Greco** 2\textsuperscript{nd} April. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Largest counts:
- Cape Drepanum 630 Mixed feldegg/flava, moved N 0900-1230 but others est 750 before I arrived at 0900 9-Apr STH
- Mandria Fields 200-300 10 & 14-Apr KSa
- Paphos sewage works 300 mainly feldegg plus flava 8-Apr STH

**Intergrades:**
- **dombrowski intergrade**
  - Cape Drepanum 3+ Part of huge flock of 150 Yellow Wagtails 4-Apr LMN
  - Paphos Headland 2 5-Apr LMN
  - **superciliaris intergrade**
    - Cape Drepanum 2+ Part of huge flock of 150 Yellow Wagtails 4-Apr LMN
    - Cape Greco Park 1 + 1-Apr SC
    - Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 4-Apr SC
    - Paphos Headland 1 5-Apr LMN
    - Paphos sewage works 2 7-Apr STH
  - **xanthophrys intergrade**
    - Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 4-Apr SC

**GREY WAGTAIL** Motacilla cinerea

__Σταχτοζευκαλάτης__

- Kakopetria, by stream in village centre 1 25-Apr RH
- Pera Pedi, by stream towards Agia Mavri 2 1 female and another heard 20-Apr RH
- Psilo Dendor (Trout Farm trail), Platres 1 2-Apr WAS/PDw
- Psilo Dendor (Trout Farm trail), Platres 1 11-Apr JS

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** Motacilla citreola

__Κιτροζευκαλάτης__

- Mandria Beach 1 5 & 12-Apr JW/JS
- Nata Ford 1 female 7, 8 & 11-Apr JCW/LAC/STH/MJH
Paphos sewage works 1 female, seen very well (late a.m.) at close range 8-Apr

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes*

*Coccothraustes* Τζιεφαλόσπινος 
Troodos Village & surrounds 1+ Heard calling near water tanks 3-Apr

**TRUMPETER FINCH** *Bucanetes githagineus* Ερημόσπινος
Cape Greco 1 female 22-Apr SC/LAC/BC field trip Rare Bird Report received

**DESSERT FINCH** *Rhodospiza obsoleta* Ερημόσπιζα

Desert Finch, male, Cape Greco, 30th April. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Cape Greco 1 male 20-Apr ErR Rare Bird Report received for 2nd Cyprus record – (first 5th April at Apostolos Andreas with photographs appearing on Facebook) Cape Greco 2 male and female 30-Apr NAn/JS/FGe

**RED CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra* Σταυρομούττης Chionistra, SSW of summit 3 25-Apr RH Livadi tou Pashia 1+ Heard 2-Apr WAS/PDw Troodos Village & surrounds 2+ 3-Apr LMN Troodos 2 5 & 11-Apr JW/JS

**EURASIAN SISKIN** *Carduelis spinus* Θκιολαρούδι Troodos c30 3 & 5-Apr LMN/JW

**BLACK-HEADED BUNTING** *Emberiza melanocephala* Τιρίλινγκος

Black-headed Bunting, Arodes, 29th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Two singing males 30-Apr JS Androlikou 2 25-Apr DJW Arodes 2 25 & 29-Apr DJW Arodes 3 Singing males 28-Apr JS Cape Greco 1 25 & 29-Apr GSa/NAn Kathikas 1 22-Apr DJW Kathikas 2 25 & 29-Apr DJW Neo Horio, Agios Minas 1 1 male singing 29-Apr RH Pittokopos 1 25 & 29-Apr DJW Pittokopos to Androlikou track 2 males 28-Apr JS Prastio Kellakiou 1 Singing male 24-Apr JS Vretsia 1 30-Apr IKB

**CINEREOUS BUNTING** *Emberiza cinereacea* Σμυρνοπιτίλλα

Cinerous Bunting, Anarita Park 1 per Ray Atkinson & Dave & Jan Walker 20-Mar JMB Paphos Headland 1 Adult male of race cinereacea 30-Mar LMN/AS/OrB

**ORTOLAN BUNTING** *Emberiza hortulana* Τσακροπιτίλλα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 19-Apr KSa Avdimou 16 in one tree 12-Apr BCW Cape Greco 10 12-Apr ER Karpasia road to point 6 19-Apr JLS Paphos Lighthouse 12 17-Apr IKB

**CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING** *Emberiza caesia* Σιταροπούλλι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 20 1-Apr JW Anarita Park 8+ 1-Apr LMN Kivides fields 9 8-Apr JN Souni 11 10-Apr JN
LITTLE BUNTING* *Emberiza pusilla*
Νανοπιτίλλα
Polis Reed Beds 1 ringed 4-Apr RD
Rare Bird Report requested for possible 5th
Cyprus record.
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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 April, 6 recorders covered 8 wetlands (including one coastal site) across the island where 983 birds, of 39 different species were recorded. The most abundant species was the Ruff, with over 270 individuals, with the second most abundant species being the Cattle Egret with 250 individuals. These 2 species together account for more than half of the individuals recorded.

The wetland holding the most birds was Oroklini Lake with 615 individuals while also being the second most species abundant site. Larnaka Salt Lake was second in recorded individuals with 229, while also being the most species abundant site with 19 different species observed. These 2 sites together almost account for all the observations of water birds for the April surveys.

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