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Cover photo: An attractive capture of one of our more colourful migrants by Andy Waller. The European Bee-eater Merops apiaster passes through Cyprus in good numbers in the spring with a few staying to breed. Even larger tallies are recorded during autumn migration.
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](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 συμπληρώστε 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.

Για οποιαδήποτε διευκρίνιση επικοινωνήστε με την Jane στο janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk ή στο 99558953.

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
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 εξερεύνησεις 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 εξερεύνησεις απαιτούν ελαφριά με μέτρια άσκηση. Παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με τον εκάστοτε υπεύθυνο εξερεύνησεων για περισσότερες πληροφορίες που σχετίζονται με το βαθμό δυσκολίας, αποστάσεις και συνθήκες των εξερεύνησεων.
• **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, 32° 02.46’ E  
**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 994135383**

**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. Meet 11.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall. 35o 03.25’ N, 33o 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: EuroBirdwatch Day**  
Athalassa Park, Nicosia. 09:30 - 12:00, Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893  
**Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol.** 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Stavros Christodoulides, Mobile: 99425050  
**Paphos Plain, Paphos.** 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Alan 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.
Saturday 9th December: Larnaca Sewage Works
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER
Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893
Wintering gulls and waterfowl.
Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide, 34° 51.61’ N, 33° 37.64’ E

FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKROTIRI - 13 MAY 2017
Alan Crane

The last Field Meeting before the summer break has perhaps had something of a chequered history. On occasions the number of people attending has been very low and there is always a concern about what and how many birds will still be around. I am sure that I have written this before, but Birdlife Cyprus Field Meetings possess the ability to surprise and this was another one that did. The meeting place was the brand new low-level hide at the Phassouri Reed Bed (it will be a while before I start to call it Akrotiri Marsh!). Surprise number one was that 26 people turned up - a number that may or may not have included me! A large group who then received surprise number two, that it was me leading the Meeting rather than June Neal who sadly was unable to be present. We wish her a speedy recovery from her shoulder problems.

What was seen around this hide? Early arrivers saw a Western Marsh Harrier; most saw an impressive number of Squacco Herons - I counted nine. A Ferruginous Duck and three Mallards emerged from the reeds. Fleetingly a small number of duck chicks were seen, presumably Mallard. Four Wood Sandpipers also periodically flew around. Barn Swallows, Sand Martins and Common Swifts were routinely in the air although no rarer swallows or swifts could be found amongst them.

We then moved on to the other new hide, the high-level hide. The main attraction here proved to be a number of Common Reed Warblers flitting around, at least four and those who missed the Marsh Harrier earlier had a second chance. A telephone call saying that a Trumpeter Finch had just been seen in the Gravel Pits area answered the question as to whether we would drive to Bishop’s Pool the dusty way via the Gravel Pits or by way of the smoother main road. A good decision as it turned out. We never saw the Finch, but we did see a Honey Buzzard, five Eleonora’s Falcons, a Great Spotted Cuckoo, one Lesser Grey Shrike and several Red-Backed Shrikes. The Honey Buzzard was a good bird to see, being a relatively rare late spring migrant. Also the two Shrike species had not been plentiful, at least this spring. A stop at the old church on the exit from the Gravel Pits added a third shrike species to our lists, this time a colourful Woodchat Shrike.

At Bishop’s Pool sadly there were no terns but three Sandpipers both close to us and close to each other gave interesting comparative views of Common, Green and Wood. A number of Ferruginous Ducks were seen and then just as we were thinking about leaving, a Collared Pratincole was spotted in the air above us. Two people who left early saw Eurasian Golden Oriole, but despite searching we could not re-find. Probably though I should comment that whilst searching, at least two of us did see a bird flying away that was almost certainly a female Golden Oriole.

A bumpy drive along Lady’s Mile produced sixteen Little Egrets and waders such as Ruff, Little Stint, Kentish Plover and Black-winged Stilt. The “star” birds though were the summer plumaged Curlew Sandpipers. A total of eight Curlew Sandpipers were counted. A stop at the Zakaki Marsh hide added no new species to our lists, indeed it was pretty quiet at this location. Despite having started early at 8.30 and the time now being well into the afternoon, there was enthusiasm for continuing on to Kensington Cliffs. An impromptu stop on the journey was caused by three European Rollers on roadside wires.
At Kensington Cliffs I counted 21 **Alpine Swifts** flying in front of us. Impressive enough but not as impressive as the birds of prey. Two (possibly three?) **Griffon Vultures** were seen and a number of Eleonora’s Falcons, albeit a smaller number than I had expected. Was there a connection between the large number of Swifts and the small number of Eleonora’s Falcons? But then again we were impressed to find a number of **Peregrine Falcons**, especially as I believe that a long bird watch the previous day had not seen any. Initially there were two sitting on a ledge on the near cliff face. Then Peregrines were seen flying, in my opinion at least one of which was not one of the perched birds. Just how many Peregrines there were I am not sure, but we think we were looking at both juvenile and adult birds. Sorry to the **Shags** and **Yellow-legged Gulls** down at water level, but as attractions to watch they could not compete. Lastly, in amongst the Swifts and Falcons flying above us I saw a **Eurasian Hobby**. Sadly I failed to get anyone else “onto” this red-trousered raptor.

It was now past 4pm, Lynn says it was nearer 5pm, when we decided to disband. Those of us who stayed to the end were hot, thirsty, hungry and tired but we had perhaps surprisingly (the third surprise of the Meeting!) seen some really good birds. That’s birding; you have to seize the opportunities when the birds decide to show themselves. They are in control! Just for the record, during the day we recorded 51 species seen plus one heard but not seen. Of course, as always, unfortunately not everyone – leader included – saw all of them but as I have just written, that’s birding, the birds are in control.
ENFORCED CHANGES
by June Neal

What would you do, if you were medically forbidden to drive or use your binoculars? This happened to me after injuring my left shoulder. I decided that I would continue my morning walks around Souni and Zanadja, too, if I could get that far and back home again. Gradually extending my walks I found that as much as I could carry was a water bottle on my right shoulder, along with a mobile phone and a notebook in my right pocket plus pen(cil) behind my right ear. How did this change my bird watching?

- My walking was slower as I had to be more careful where I walked to avoid a fall
- I had to stop and listen more to find out what species were around, then track them
- I had to observe flight patterns more closely than if I had my binoculars
- At home I listened to Xeno-canto more often, to check out what I’d heard that I could not readily identify and hope the same species made similar calls in the same area to fill out the question marks in my field notes
- Conducting my Common Bird Monitoring Surveys (CMBS) went on hold until I could walk to the three within walking distance of my home and I could manage to carry a clipboard with the record sheet

Benefits: I learnt more about the probable nesting sites of Sardinian and Cyprus Warblers; which bushes and trees were preferred by different species; confirmed the eight nest sites of Rollers and that at least two pairs of Cretzschmar’s Buntings were probably breeding on the edge of the wooded areas.
I also became more patient by waiting in the shade of trees and bushes to observe the movement of the birds as they fed, sang, carried food or fed juveniles.
I still benefited from exercise on my morning walks and built up strength in my shoulder to enable me to complete the three closer CBMS and Chris drove me to one site to the south of the village, from where I walked home. The following week I risked taking the binoculars with me (on my right shoulder with the water bottle) to the Old Kivides Fire Trail CBMS. The binoculars were useful three times but not really worth the effort. I’ve not used them since.

Currently: I have two further CBMS sites of my own to complete plus a nocturnal survey which a good friend and I do. She has kindly offered to drive and hopefully we will do this survey soon. I will probably not be able to complete the Breeding Bird Atlas survey for another of my 10 km squares but as there was plenty of data from earlier years, I am hoping this will not matter too much.
Hopefully I will be allowed to drive soon and help out two friends with their second-stage CBMS over five sites. The enforced changes will help me complete these surveys by listening rather than relying on my binoculars.
Should you ever be in a similar situation, I hope that you can find some enjoyment from our bird watching hobby and keep a semblance of normality in your life.
Last Month’s Quiz answer

White body, long, pointed winds, black cap and long, dagger-like bill identify May’s mystery bird as a species of tern. In non-breeding plumage, Terns can be very tricky to identify but usually in breeding plumage most species are quite distinctive. When identifying breeding plumaged terns, overall colouration, size, shape and colour of bare parts are very important. It is difficult to judge size from a photograph but our mystery bird shows long, thin wings, all white underparts, a black cap, orange legs and a black-tipped yellow bill. The long, thin wings and white underparts eliminate all three species of marsh tern (White-winged, Black and Whiskered Tern) which show shorter, broader wings and dark underparts. The colour of the bare parts are very important as the yellow bill and orange legs exclude all species of tern except for Little Tern, the smallest species of tern and the only species that regularly breeds on the Island. Little Terns show white foreheads but in our photo, due to the head angle this is very hard to make out; nevertheless, the yellow bill alone should be enough to make a quick and correct ID.
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 Ezousa 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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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 Ieronymidou 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.
4336 bird records received
183 species and forms recorded May 2017, compared to 167 in May 2016.

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

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι
Timi, coast at Pafos airport 1 flushed 7-May RH

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περτίτζι
Largest counts:
Asgata 14 including family with 9 juveniles attacked by feral cat 27-May FGGe
Cape Greco c6 1-May SC with F Georgiades
Koili 4 Adult with 3 chicks 27-May ABW
Livera 4 9-May PLH
Oroklini Marsh c10 + 4-May SC
Panagia Stazousa 4 24-May JS
Skarinou 4 1ad+3juv 25-May RVdV
Souni 4 2 seen in flight, 2 coveys heard 26-May JN

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus francolinus* Φραγκολίνα
Largest counts:
Kivisili 3 Heard 26-May JS
Pervolia 5 Heard 23-May JS
Sarama 3 15-May DJW

RED-CRESTED POCORARD *Netta rufina* Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 7 & 8-May PLH

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca* Βαλτόπαπια
Bishop's Pool 11 2-May JE
Bishop's Pool 6 12 & 13-May ABW/AnK
Bishop's Pool 2 19-May LDz
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 30 8-May PLH
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 2, 5 & 13-May PJV/JS/LAC
Trachoni Pools 1 7-May PLH
Zakaki Marsh 3 Seen taking off 2-May SAP

GARGANEY *Anas querquedula* Μασουρατζιής
Akhna Dam 1 Male 17-May JS
GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Salt Lake c1,000 13-May SC with L Sergides
Lady's Mile 20 1-May TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 4-May SAP

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο
Avagas Gorge 40 2 pairs displaying and 1 bird on nest 27-May DJW
Cape Drepanum 4 27-May DJW
Madari 3 27-May CP/PPa
Neo Chorio, Petratis gorge 3+ seemed to be clean 2-May RH

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus* Φάσσα
Largest counts:
Anadiou 40 15-May DJW
Kannaviou Dam 50 15-May DJW
Nata 100 16-May DJW

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur* Τρυγόνι

European Turtle Dove, Lady's Mile, 12th May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:
Cape Greco Park c10 1-May SC with F Georgiades
Frenaros 50 1-May AKe
Karpas 50 10-May PLH
Lemona 15 at least, 12 on wires and 3 in flight around the area's trees 6-May JN

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνι
Agios Dometios - Asty Hotel area 14 28-May FGe
Frenaros 20 6-May AKe
Strovolos - Parnassos area 12 27-May FGe
Zanadja 12 31-May JN

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis* Φοινικοτρύγονο
Max count per location (several new locations this month):
Agia Napa 1 17-May JS
Aradippou 36 inc 9 juvs feeding in olive grove 24-May JS
Cape Greco, Agia Paraskevi Pond 2 1-May SC with F Georgiades
Dromolaxia 2 21-May VV
Frenaros 2 (pair) 1, 10 & 29-May AKe
Kouklia, Paphos 1 5-May JS
Larnaca Town (To Kazani restaurant) 1 singing 23-May RvDV
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 North east edge 17-May JS
Leivadia 5 24-May JS
Mandria 4 my first sighting of young this spring 17-May LAC
Partenitis Dam 1 21-May FGe
Petounta Point 1 21-May JS

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι
Akronta 1+ heard 2-May HCo
Armou 1 3-May SAC
Kambia 3 9-May AnK
Kambia 1 11-May AnK
Lythrodontas 1 heard only 13-May FGe
Paphos headland 1 male seen to come in low over the sea from the south at c 0830 17-Apr GBo

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba* Ασπροπετροχελίδονο
Akhna Dam 7 Coming down to drink with Common Swifts 17-May JS
Anarita Park 6 25-Apr SAP
Asprokremmos Dam 4 1-May SAP
Kensington Cliffs 4 3-May DWB
Kensington Cliffs 5 8-May DJK
Livera 1 With flock of bee-eaters 2-May DJR
Mandria 2 22-May LAC
Marathounta Hills 4 24-May AnK/HM
Sotira, Limassol 1 6-May JN
Ypsonas 1 feeding high above other hirundines 26-May JN

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus* Στακτοπετροχελίδονο
Cape Greco Park c8 4-May SC
Choirokoitia 3 26-May RvDV
Marathounta Hills 2 24-May AnK/HM
Paphos Archaeological Park 1 4 & 5-May DJK
Paphos Headland 2 4-May LAC
Troodos 1+ 1-May PJV

COMMON SWIFT Apus apus
Πετροχελίδον
Largest counts:
Agros 100 26-May CP/PPa
Avgorou 100 6, 9, 15 & 27-May AKe
Mia Millia Water Treatment Plant 100 8-May PLH
Pervolia 106 23-May JS
Troodos 100 8-May DJW
Vrysoulles 100 25-May AKe

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO Clamator glandarius Καλοχρονιά

Great Spotted Cuckoo, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 25th May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Singles reported at many locations islandwide. Counts of two or more:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 13-May SC with L Sergides
Androliou 2 3 & 25-May IKB/DJW
Arodes 2 3 & 19-May DJW/JS
Asprokremmos Dam 2 16-May DJW
Evretou Dam 2 7-May RAt
Frenaros 2 1-May AKe
Mousere 2 12-May DJW
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 2 3-May JN
Phasouri Reed Beds 2 5-May JS
Pittokopos 2 3-May IKB/DJW

COMMON CUCKOO Cuculus canorus
Κούκος

Common Cuckoo, Lady's Mile, 1st May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Acheleia 1 8-May LAC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2-May DWB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Brown female 4-May ABW
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 5-May TRe/JS
Akrotiri, Sylvana's Track 1 13-May SC with L Sergides
Bishops Pool area 1 in beehives area 8-May TRe
Fasoula 1 5-May PJV
Karpas 1 10-May PLH
Lady's Mile 1 1 & 2-May TRe/JS
Livera 1 2-May DJR
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 1 took flight from trees around a vineyard towards Gerovasa, headed N 3-May JN
Pittokopos 1 3-May DJW
Skarinou 1 heard 25-May RvDV
Tala 1 2-May DJW
Troodos village 1 heard 24-May RvDV
Vretsia 6 Several calling. One rufous bird. One being mobbed by Masked Shrike 1-May RAt

WESTERN WATER RAIL Rallus aquaticus
Μαυροπουλόδα

Western Water Rail, Zakaki Marsh, 2nd May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou
**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετείναρο

Largest counts:
- Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant: 10 adults & young, 8-May, PLH
- Paralimni Lake: 10 adults & young, 24-May, AKe

**COMMON COOT** *Fulica atra*

Καραπαττάς

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant: 100 adults & young, 8-May, PLH
- Oroklini Marsh: 56, including one on nest, 5 chicks, 6 juveniles, 21-May, FGe
- Paralimni Lake: 36 of which 19 either chicks or juveniles, 14-May, FGe

**SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER** *Calonectris diomedea* Πελαγόμυχος

Cape Greco: 4 flew W around head, early morning, 15-Apr, GBo

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platerea leucorodia* Κουταλάς

Mandria: 20, 5-May, MSS

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus* Χαλκόκοτα

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Salt Lake: 29, 20-May, AnK
- Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant: 25, 8-May, PLH
- Paphos Headland: 32 flock over sea then over Headland migrating, 1-May, DWB

**EURASIAN BITTERN** *Botaurus stellaris* Βουρωδιός

*Common Little Bittern, Episkopi Ford, 16th May. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:
- Agia Varvara: 1 male, 1-May, NA
- Chrysochou: 2 ringed, 1-May, RD et al
- Episkopi Ford: 1, 3 & 16-May, NA/DJW
- Limassol: 1 found weak at coast, 24-May, NK/GF
- Mari: 1 found weak at coast, 24-May, NK/GF
- Mavrokolymbos Dam: 1, 9-May, LAC
- Minthis Hills: 1, 25-May, MSS
- Oroklini Marsh: 1, 31-May, MJP
- Paralimni Lake: 1, 4 & 14-May, AKe/FGe
- Phasouri: 1, 2-May, PJV
- Sarama: 1, 7-May, RAf
- Trachoni Pools: 1, 7 & 8-May, PLH
- Zakaki Marsh: 5, five seen at same time, 26-Apr, SAP
- Zakaki Marsh: 3, 29 & 30-May, JS/ABW

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Νυχτοκόρακας

*Black-crowned Night Heron, Evretou Dam, 16th May. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:
- CyKing Village Paphos: 6, 14-May, SMM
- Trachoni Pools: 6, in juvenile plumage.
- Suitable habitat but could possibly have travelled from another site, 7-May, PLH

Zakaki Marsh: 1, 20 & 26-May, JS/AnK/HM/TRe

**COMMON LITTLE BITTERN** *Ixobrychus minutus* Νανορωδιός

Eurasian Bittern, Phasouri, 2nd May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Phassouri Reed Beds: 1, by side of road near bee-hives, then feeding in vegetation near fence, 2-May, JS

Suitable habitat but could possibly have travelled from another site, 7-May, PLH
Zakaki Marsh 5+ 19-May LDz

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*
Βορτακοφάς

*Squacco Heron, Larnaca Salt Lake, 18th May.* Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:
Aradippou slurry pits 5 21-May FGe
Dekeleia, Larnaca 21 14-May FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 11 21-May AnK
Phasouri Reed-beds 9 13-May LAC

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Max count per location:
Akhna Dam 4 13 & 18-May BB/AKe
Aradippou Slurry Pits 35 21-May FGe
Frenaros 1 8 & 23-May AKe
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-May PLH
Moni 2 27-May FGe
Oroklini Marsh 120 At least and many nests, several with young in 17-May JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 4 & 6-May IKB/NA
Partenitis Dam 2 21-May FGe
Phasouri Reed Beds 5 5-May JS

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*
Σταχτοψαροφάς

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 3 13-May AKe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 4 3-May IKB
Oroklini Marsh 7 circled and landed 4-May SAP

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*
Πορφυροψαροφάς

Agia Varvara 1 3, 4, 5 & 8-May NA/LAC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Over sea 2-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 5-May TRe
Evretou Dam 2 7-May RAt
Evretou Dam 1 15-May DJW
Kannaviou Dam 1 6 & 15-May DJW/LAC

Karpasia 2 11-May PLH
Oroklini Marsh 1 3-May PJV
Paliaimetocho 1 10-May FGe
Paphos Headland 2 4 & 5-May LAC/DJK
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 17-Apr GBo
Pitargou, Eoursas Valley 1 24-May RDS
Prodromi water tank 1 3-May RAt
Pyla 8 Along coast 6-May BB

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Flew over heading E 2-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 20-May AnK
Lady’s Mile 1 heading inland 4-May SAP
Oroklini 1 3-May PJV

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

*Little Egret, Lady’s Mile, 9th May.* Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 Inc greyish bird 24-May TRe
Aradippou slurry pits 5 21-May FGe
Lady’s Mile c25 13-May SC with L Sergides
Oroklini Marsh 9 8-May JS
Zakaki Marsh 11 30-May ABW

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας
Ag. Georgios, Pegaia 1 6-May RH
Dekeleia 1 on buoy 14-May FGe
Kensington Cliffs 4 13-May LAC
Livera 3 12-May PLH
Mandria 3 4-May IKB
Petra tou Romiou 1 30-May ABW
Timi Beach 3 4-May IKB/JE

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* Κορμοράνος
Agios Georgios Alamanos 1 27-May FGe
EURASIAN THICK-KNEE (STONE CURLEW) *Burhinus oedicnemus*

Τρουλλουρία

Agios Sozomenos 3
One in flight and a female with a chick elsewhere 12-May JS
Akhna Dam 1 6-May AKe
Athalassa Park 2 heard only 31-May SC with A & M Loutsios
Frenaross 1 5 & 17-May AKe
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-May JS
Mandria 3 4-May JE
Mandria 2 1, 5, 6 & 18-May SAP/LAC
Nata 1 16-May DJW
Nata Ford 7 One seen in flight and others heard. Probably more 19-May JS

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* Καλομοκαννάς

Black-winged Stilt, Oroklini Marsh, 31st May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:
Akhna Salt Lake 30 2-May JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 40 8-May PLH
Oroklini Marsh 40 At least inc several on nests 17-May JS

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* Στακτοπλουμίδι

Akhna Dam 2 6-May BB
Akhna Dam 1 15-May JE/AKe
Akhrotiri Gravel Pits 1 on shoreline 9-May TRe
Akhrotiri Salt Lake 8 Zakaki run off 5-May JS
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 24 & 26-May JS

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Common Ringed Plover, Lady’s Mile, 10th May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 3 8, 15 & 30-May JE/AKe
Akhrotiri Gravel Pits 2 13-May AnK
Akhrotiri Salt Lake 4 2-May JS
Akhrotiri Salt Lake 20 At least. Zakaki run off 5-May JS
Akhrotiri Salt Lake 5 20-May AnK
Lady’s Mile 1 5 & 9-May JS/TRe
Lady’s Mile 5 10-May TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake 9 21-May AnK
Oroklini Marsh 1 3-May PJV
Oroklini Marsh 2 8-May JS

MINOR PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 1 5 & 15-May JE/AKe
Akhna Dam 2 9-May AKe
Evretou Dam 2 3-May DJW
Evretou Dam 1 15-May DJW
Lady’s Mile 2 2-May JS
Lady’s Mile 3 13-May with L Sergides
Nata Ford 2 1 & 3-May SAP
Nata Ford 3 19-May JS

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι

Kentish Plover, Lady’s Mile, 2nd May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Max count per location:
Agia Thekla 1 14-May FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 5-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake c30 Zakaki run off 5-May JS
Lady's Mile 7 2-May JS
Larnaca Sewage Pools 7 21-May FGe
Paralimni Lake 2 7-May AKe

GREATER SANDPOVER Charadrius leschenaultii
Lady's Mile 1 2-May SAP

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING Vanellus spinosus Πελλοκατερίνα

Spur-winged Lapwing, Akhna Dam, 15th May. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 13 (2 mating) 21-May AKe
Larnaca Salt Lake 16 18-May JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 40 8-May PLH
Oroklini Marsh 30+ One small chick seen 17-May JS
Paralimni Lake 20 (2 mating) 17-May AKe

WHIMBREL Numenius phaeopus Φαιομπεκάτσα
Cape Greco 14 single flock coasting offshore 14-Apr GBo 2nd largest flock recorded in Cyprus. (Received late)

BAR-TAILED GODWIT Limosa lapponica
Θαλασσολιμόζα

Bar-tailed Godwit, Lady's Mile, 1st May. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2, 3 & 20-May JS/TRe/AnK
Lady's Mile 1 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5-May TRe/JNas/SAP/DWB/JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE Arenaria interpres Χαλιονεραλλίδι
Akhna Dam 2 Zakaki run off 5-May TRe

RUFF Calidris pugnax Μαχητής

Ruff, Nata Ford, 19th May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 30 At least this number. Area of Gialias river with water in 4-May JS
Akhna Dam 43 1-May BB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 260 At least 2-May JS
Lady's Mile 87 2-May JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 50 At least 8-May JS
Paralimni Lake 70 10-May AKe
BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Calidris falcinellus* Ραβδονεραλλίδι

Broad-billed Sandpiper, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 2nd May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off 1-May JNas
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 Zakaki run off 2-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off 3-May TRe/AKy
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 Zakaki run off 5-May JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 North east edge 17-May JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-May JS

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea* Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

Curlew Sandpiper, Akhna Dam, 1st May. Photograph by John East.

Agios Sozomenos 1 On Gialias river where water remains 22-May MC
Akhna Dam 1 1 & 23-May JE/AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 5-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 58 Zakaki run off 20-May AnK
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 20-May AnK
Lady’s Mile 12 1, 2, 4 & 5-May JNas/JS/SAP/DWB/TRe
Lady’s Mile 8 13-May AnK/LAC
Larnaca Salt Lake c20 North east edge 17-May JS

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 14 21-May AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake c100 Zakaki run off area 9-May JS
Lady’s Mile c30 9-May JS
Larnaca Salt Lake c30 North east edge 17-May JS

TEMMINCK’S STINT *Calidris temminckii* Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Agia Varvara 1 at village reservoir 4 & 5-May LAC/JS
Akhna Dam 3 13-May AKe
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-May JS
Nata Ford 1 5-May SAP

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 4 breeding plumage 20-May AnK
Lady’s Mile 1 3-May TRe
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 10 8-May PLH

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta* Νανονεραλλίδι

Little Stint, Akhna Dam, 1st May. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 14 21-May AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake c100 Zakaki run off area 9-May JS
Lady’s Mile c30 9-May JS
Larnaca Salt Lake c30 North east edge 17-May JS

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago* Πικατσόνι

Agios Sozomenos 1 Area of Gialias river with water in 4-May JS
Chrysochou 1 ringed 3-May RD et al
Evretou Dam 2 3-May DJW
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 7-May PLH
Oroklini Marsh 1 4-May SC/SAP

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE *Phalaropus lobatus* Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 7-May AnK
COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

![Common Sandpiper, Akhna Dam, 5th May. Photograph by John East.](image)

Largest counts:
Akhna 10 8-May JE
Lady's Mile 3 4-May TRe
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 8-May PLH

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι
Agia Varvara 1 4-May LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2-May JS
Aradippou slurry pits 1 21-May FGe
Bishop's Pool 1 13-May AnK/LAC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 7-May PLH
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 2-May LAC
Paralimni Lake 1 14-May FGe
Zakaki Marsh 1 2, 4 & 9-May PJV/JS

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι
Zakaki Marsh 1 18-May TRe

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

Πρασινονεραλλίδι

![Common Greenshank, Lady's Mile, 2nd May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.](image)

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2-May JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 5-May TRe
Lady's Mile 1 2-May JS/DWB

Lady's Mile 5 3, 4 & 9-May TRe
Lady's Mile 4 5 & 8-May TRe
Lady's Mile 2 10-May TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 14-May JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 7 & 8-May PLH

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 2-May JS
Oroklini 1 3-May PJV

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

![Wood Sandpiper, Nata Ford, 19th May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.](image)

Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 40+ Flying around, calling and then feeding. Area of Gialias river with water in 4-May JS
Akhnla Dam 25 13-May AKe
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 140 8-May PLH

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Akhnla Dam 1 1-May BB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off 5-May TRe
Lady's Mile 1 3, 4, 8 & 10-May TRe
Lady's Mile 3 5-May JS/TrE
Lady's Mile 2 9-May JS/TRe
Oroklini Marsh 1 3 & 4-May PJV/SC/SAP
Zakaki Marsh 1 2-May PJV
COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο

Collared Pratincole, Akhna Dam, 12th May. Photograph by John East.

Akhna Dam 3 9-May AKe
Akhna Dam 5 12-May JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 30 circling over area 28-Apr SAP
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Zakaki run off 1-May JNas
Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 Zakaki run off 5-May JS
Bishop's Pool 1 Circling above hunting
13-May AnK/LAC
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17 & 21-May JS/FGe
Oroklini Marsh 1 3 & 4-May PJV/SAP

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei* Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off 20-May AnK
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 Zakaki run off 29-May JS

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus* Χωρφόγλαρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Zakaki run off 3-May TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 5-May TRe/JS
Lady's Mile 1 4 & 5-May TRe/SAP
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 15-May AnK

BALTIC GULL *Larus fuscus fuscus* Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Asprokremmos Dam 1 16-May DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 fly by at sea
19-May AnK/HM
Spiros Pool 1 2CY 21-May FGe

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis* Ασημόγλαρος
Largest counts:
Agios Georgios, Alamanos 44 mostly immature, but including at least 5 adults
27-May FGe
Asprokremmos Dam 150 16-May DJW
Cape Drepanum 80 80 visible more on blind side of island 4 Juveniles seen 27-May DJW
Governor's Beach 24 flying west 26-May RvDV

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι

Little Tern, Akhna Dam, 15th May. Photograph by John East.

Max count per location and interesting records:
Akhna Dam 8 12-May JE
Akhna Dam 4 (male feeding f) 21-May AKe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 on shoreline 9-May TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6+ Zakaki run off 5 & 29-May TRe/JS
Lady's Mile 4 Pair together and another two fishing over area (not over beach) 2-May JS
Lady's Mile 15 10-May TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 12 Probably more. Very windy conditions 7-May JS
Oroklini Marsh 12 17-May JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 4-May JE

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica* Γελογλάρονο
Akhna Dam 1 5 & 6-May JE/BB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 3-May TRe/AKy
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 Zakaki run off 5-May TRe
Larnaca 12 Heading E along the coast 26-Apr SAP
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17-May JS
**CASPIAN TERN** *Hydroprogne caspia*

Γιγαντογλάρονο

Caspian Tern, Larnaca Sewage Works, 14th May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Larnaca Sewage Works  2  Flew in from SW calling and circled and flew over pools for five minutes before heading off E. Low cloud and misty conditions on shore  14-May  JS

**WHISKERED TERN** *Chlidonias hybrid*

Λιμνογλάρονο

Whiskered Tern, Akhna Dam, 8th May. Photograph by John East.

Akhna Dam  1  5, 8, 12 & 15-May  JE/AKe
Akhna Dam  2  21-May  AKe
Akrotiri Salt Lake  1  Zakaki run off area  9-May  JS
Evretou Dam  1  11-May  JS
Larnaca Sewage Works  1  14 & 21-May  JS/FGe/AnK
Larnaca Sewage Works  28  15-May  AnK
Larnaca Sewage Works  3  19-May  AnK/HC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  1  7-May  PLH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  3  8-May  PLH
Oroklini Marsh  2  breeding plumage  4-May  SC/SAP
Oroklini Marsh  1  17, 21 & 31-May  JS/FGe

**WHITE-WINGED TERN** *Chlidonias leucopeterus Άργυρογλάρονο*

White-winged Tern, Akhna Dam, 1st May. Photograph by John East

Max count per location:
Akhna Dam  8  13-May  BB
Akrotiri Salt Lake  17  2, 4 & 5-May  JS/TRe
Asprokremmos Dam  1  18-May  LAC
Evretou Dam  2  3-May  DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works  18  5-May  JE
Mandria  5  repeatedly flying over same field to eat  3-May  LAC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  25  7-May  PLH
Oroklini Marsh  7  4-May  SAP
Paphos Sewage Plant  5  4-May  NA
Paralimni Lake  2  4-May  AKe

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*

Θαλασσογλάρονο

Common Tern, Lady’s Mile, 4th May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akhna Dam  1  7-May  AnK
Lady’s Mile  18+  4-May  TRe
Oroklini  1  3-May  PJV

**COMMON BARN OWL** *Tyto alba*

Αθρωποπούλλι

Aphrodite’s Rock  1  dead on highway near centre reserve  6-May  JN
Dali  1  14-May  FGe
Paphos  1  11.00am in flight  7-May  SAC
LITTLE OWL  *Athene noctua*  
**Κουκκουφκιάος**

*Little Owl, Anarita Park, 17th May. Photograph by Lynne Dziewulski*

Largest counts and interesting reports:
- Anarita Park  7  Two ads and five young - last young emerged from cave  18-May LDz
- Avakas Coast  3  1 adult, 2 chicks  27-May DJW
- Agios Sozomenos  1 Mobbed by Magpies  14-May FG e
- Ha Potami  2  Juvs at Secret Valley Golf Club  19-May JS
- Souni  2  1 adult heard calling plus a juvenile replying  13-May JN
- Souni  2  adult calling from wires and juvenile begging and calling from carob grove 15-May JN

**EURASIAN SCOPS OWL  *Otus scops cyprius* Θουτρί**
- Armou  2  3-May SAC
- Fasoula  1  1-May PJV
- just west of Skarinou  1  at 21:45 hours; calling and seen  23-May R vDV
- Kamares (Tala)  1 calling  17 & 31-May DJW
- Kathikas, Agiasma trail  1 calling  6-May RH
- Livadi tou Pashia  1  11-May MSS
- Mousere  1  12-May DJW
- Neo Chorio, Petratis gorge  1 calling  2-May RH
- Platres  1 calling  8-May DJW
- Souni  1 calling  14, 23, 27, 29 & 31-May JN
- Statos-Ag. Fotios  1 calling  4-May RH/CM
- Troodos  1 calling  5-May AnK

**NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL  *Asio otus* Αρκόθουπος**
- Athalassa Park  1 begging chick  31-May SC with A & M Loutsios
- Larnaca, Pattichio Park  1 juvenile  9-May Ilo
- Livera  4 Nest in mature olive tree, 1 adult  3 downy chicks  2-May DJR
- Livera  3  9-May PLH
- Livera  2  12-May PLH

**SHORT-EARED OWL  *Asio flammeus* Βαλτόθουπος**
- Oroklini Beach  1 seen coming in off sea  26-Apr SAP

**OSPREY  *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός**
- Xyliatos Dam  1  11-May MSS

**EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD  *Pernis apivorus* Μελισσοσιάχινο**
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  4, 13 & 25-May TRe/AnK/LAC
- Androlikou  1  25-May DJW
- Karpassia  1  10-May PLH
- Limassol coast  1 crashed on a window, slightly injured  22-May NK/GF
- Zakaki Marsh  2  Circling high  31-May TRe

**SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE  *Circaetus gallicus* Φιδαετός**
- Zakaki  1  4-May PJV

**GRIFFON VULTURE  *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας**
- Kensington Cliffs  3  3-May DWB
- Kensington Cliffs  2  13-May AnK/LAC

**BONELLI’S EAGLE  *Aquila fasciatus* Σπιζαετός - Περτικοσιάχινο**
- Agios Theodoros  1  sub adult  19-May AnK/HM
Anarita Park 2 circling over area 6-May SAP
Arodes 1 3-May DJW
Arodes 2 10-May JS
Livera 3 2-May DJR
Mousere 2 Pair 12-May DJW
Vretsia 1 6-May DJW

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο
Still singles around. Reports of 2+ listed:
Anarita Park 3 2 females and a juv 5-May SAP
Fasli 2 female types 29-May AnK/HM
Karpasia 6 10 & 11-May PLH
Livera 2 Two female/juvs 2-May DJR

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus* Ορνιθοσιάχινο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Female. Broad winged with five fingers. Zakaki run off 5-May JS

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus* Ασπροσιάχινο
Akrotiri Marsh 1 juvenile 11-May ABW
Anarita Park 1 female 5-May SAP

MONTAGU’S HARRIER *Circus pygargus* Καμποσιάχινο
Anarita Park 1 early morning. Female 1-May SAP
Anarita Park 1 Sub adult male 5-May JS
Evretou Dam 1 female 2-May NA nr Episkopi, Limassol 1 female 1-May JNas

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* Ξεφτέρι
Kannaviou Dam 1 probable distant bird in flight 6-May JN
Road/river outside Kapouti 1 Suitable nesting habitat not far away 1-May DJR

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis* Διπλοσιάχινο
Kannaviou Dam 1 in flight 6-May JN/DJW/LAC
Karpasia 2 11-May PLH
Platres 1 8-May DJW

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα
Episkopi, Paphos 1 being mobbed by Hooded Crows 1-May SAP

EURASIAN BUZZARD *Buteo buteo* Γερακίνα
Livera 1 9-May PLH

STEPPE BUZZARD *Buteo. b. vulpinus* Στεπογεράκο
Karpas 5 11-May PLH

Buzzard spp: Livera 5 Common or steppe buzzards 2-May DJR

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus* Διπλογέρακο
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Being mobbed by a Common Kestrel 31-May JS
Agios Sozomenos 2 Pair plus two young on cliff 22 & 27-May MC/JS
Agros 1 28-May CP/PPa
Anarita Park 2 3-May DWB
Anarita Park 1 5-May JS
Evretou Dam 2 1 adult and a large chick 15-May DJW
Kalepeia 1 25-May DJW
Kathikas, Agiasma trail 2 6-May RH
Minthis Hills 1 25-May MSS
Neo Chorio 1 1-May RH
Omodos 2 Pair seen on crest between Omodos and Vasa 4-May JSw
Ormideia 1 4-May SC
Panagia Stazousa 2 17-May JS
Paralimni 2 Pair with two chicks on cliff 24-May GwJ
Paralimni 1 Adult and two young on cliff side nest 31-May JS
Peristerona, Paphos 1 7-May RAt
Smygies 1 19-May JS
Souni 1 probable calling from steep and wooded ravine area 27-May JN
Stats-Eag. Fotios 2 4-May RH/CM
Stroumbi 1 9-May JS
Trozaina 1 12-May DJW
Vretsia 1 6-May DJW
COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*
Πουπούζιος

*Common Hoopoe, Vretsia, 7th May.*
*Photograph by Ray Atkinson.*

Largest counts:
Aradippou slurry pits 6 21-May FGe
Karpasia 2 10-May PLH
Miliou 2 singing males 1-May RH
Minthis Hills 5 25-May MSS
Panagia Stazousa 2 heard 24-May JS
Paphos Headland 2 4-May LAC

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*
Μελισσοφάγος

*European Bee-eater, Agios Theodoros, 13th May.*
*Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

131 records of this species received for May. Largest counts:
Asprokremmos Dam 92+ 7-May LAC
Bishop’s Pool 100+ 2-May SAP
Livera 300 2-May DJR
Orga 80 Feeding from wires over scrub and orchards 2-May DJR
Souni 89 7-May JN

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*
Κράγκα

*European Roller, Androlikou, 25th May.*
*Photograph by Dave Walker.*

123 records of this species received for May. Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 6 Inc pair seen copulating on wires 12-May JS
Androlikou 10 At least 3 breeding pairs entering nest holes 25-May DJW
Kalavasos 5 at 3 nests 27-May FGe
Karpasia 30 10-May PLH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 6 7-May PLH
Minthis Hills 6+ 25-May MSS
Souni 8 10-May JN

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis*
Κήρυλος

*Pied Kingfisher, Zakaki Marsh, 26th May.*
*Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Bishops Pool 1 22-May AnK/HM
Zakaki Marsh 1 25, 26, 30 & 31-May TRe/ABW

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*
Κιρκινέζι
Agia Varvara 1 Male 5-May JS
Anarita Park 4 2-May DWB
Anarita Park 2 3-May NA/DWB
Anarita Park 6 4-May JE
Anarita Park c8 5-May JS
Anarita Park 1 One male and possibly two females 9-May JS
Anarita Park 1 male 11-May LDz
Fasli 1 male 29-May AnK/HM
Kivisili 3 Males. Very windy 7-May JS
Kouklia, Paphos 1 8-May DJK

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Kíτσης
Largest counts:
Kivisili 6 26-May JS
Pervolia 8 23-May JS
Vryssoulles 7 (2 ads + 5 fl. y.) 25-May

**RED-FOOTED FALCON** *Falco vespertinus*

Μαυροφάλκον
Agia Varvara 1 4-May RA
Anarita Park 7 2-May DWB
Anarita Park 8 3 males 5 females 3-May DWB
Anarita Park 30+ 4-May JE
Anarita Park c18 Only 4 females seen 5-May JS
Anarita Park 19 6-May LAC
Anarita Park 3 8 & 14-May LAC/LDz
Anarita Park 4+ 2m and 2f - poss more 11-May LDz
Anarita Park 2 subadult 24-May AnK/HM
Arod 1 25-May DJW
Lady's Mile 1 Male 2-May JS
Palaia Ethniki Odos Lemesou-Pafou 1 7-May DJK

**ELEONORA'S FALCON** *Falco eleonorae*

Μουρομμάτης
Max count per location:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 31-May JS
Agia Varvara 2 5-May JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 13-Ma LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off 3 & 5-May TRe/JS
Akrotiri, Sylvana's Track c5 13-May SC with L Sergides
Bishop's Pool area 3 hunting bee-eaters late afternoon 2-May SAP
Evretou Dam 1 15 & 24-May DJW/RA
Kensington Cliffs 10 3-May DWB
Lady's Mile 1 1, 10, 17 & 20-May TRe/JW/RA
Larnaca (To Kazani restaurant) 1 Fly-by 23-May RvDV
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21-May FGe
Livera 1 2-May DJR
Malpas Hotel, Kyrenia 1 7-May PLH
Nata 1 16-May DJW

Pervolia 2 1 dark and 1 light morph in field near sea 23-May JS
Sarama 1 15-May DJW
Souni 3 2 dark morphs and 1 light chased off by 3 adult Barn Swallow 12-May JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 23-May ABW

**EURASIAN HOBBY** *Falco subbuteo*

Δεντροφάλκον
Akrotiri, Sylvana's Track 1 13-May SC with L Sergides
Kamares (Tala) 2 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29 & 31-May DJW/AnK/HM
Kamares (Tala) 3 7-May DJW
Kensington Cliffs 1 13-May LAC
Lady's Mile 1 24-May TRe
Lapithos, Old Monastery 1 Hunting over village 1-May DJR
Livera cafe pool 1 2-May DJR
Marathounta Hills 1 24-May AnK/HM
Minthis Hills 1 25-May MSS
Panagia Stazousa 1 17-May JS

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάνος

*Peregrine Falcon, Akhna Dam, 15th May. Photograph by John East.*
Livera cafe pool  1  2CY flying over  2-May DJR  
Mia Millia Water Treatment Plant  1  7-May PLH  
Mousere, Paphos  1  12-May DJW  

**EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus*  
*Oriolus* Κλωρκός  

![Eurasian Golden Oriole](image)  

*Eurasian Golden Oriole, Androlikou, 3rd May. Photograph by Dave Walker.*  

Largest counts:  
- Androlikou  7  3-May DJW  
- Bishops Pool  5  4-May ABW  
- Paphos Headland  7  4-May LAC  
- Vretsia  10  at least including 1 female, 2 in flight and 7 males  6-May JN  

**RED-BACKED SHRIKE** *Lanius collurio*  
Κεφαλάς  

![Red-backed Shrike](image)  

*Red-backed Shrike, Arodes, 10th May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*  

Agios Theodoros  1  female  19-May AnK/HM  
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits  7  inc 1f  13-May AnK  
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  24-May TRe  
- Akrotiri Salt Lake  1  Male. Zakaki run off area  9-May JS  
- Anarita Park  1  Female  9-May JS  
- Androlikou  1  Male  10-May JS/LDz  
- Arodes  1  3 & 10-May DJW/JS  
- Bishop's Pool area  1  in beehives area  8-May TRe  
- Cape Greco  1  male  14-May FGe  

Cape Greco  2  1m and 1f  17-May JS  
- Karpasia  20  10-May PLH  
- Karpasia  4  11-May PLH  
- Lady's Mile  1  25-May TRe  
- Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields  1  fem  21-May FGe  
- Smygies  1  3 & 10-May DJW/JS  
- Spiros Pool  1  Male  18-May JS  
- Tala  1  14-May DJW  
- Thalassines Spilies, Cape Greco  1  male  14-May FGe  

**LESSER GREY SHRIKE** *Lanius minor*  
Σταχτοκεφαλάς  

![Lesser Grey Shrike](image)  

*Lesser Grey Shrike, Zakaki Marsh, 31st May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*  

Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  13-May AnK/TRe  
- Karpasia  2  10-May PLH  
- Lady's Mile  1  17-May JE  
- Mavrokolymbos Dam  1  16-May LAC  
- Paphos  1  on wires outside Venus Beach Hotel  1-May JAn  
- Pegeia  1  28-Apr JAn  
- Softades  1  10-May AnK  
- Zakaki Marsh  1  31-May TRe  

**WOODCHAT SHRIKE** *Lanius senator*  
Κοκκινοκεφαλάς  

Several singles still reported in May.  
Records of two or more listed below:  
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits  2  Pair at church  13-May AnK  
- Androlikou  2  7-May DC  
- Cape Greco  3  3-May JS  
- Evretou Dam  2  males on same bush  16-May LDz  
- Limni Mines, Polis  2  Pair seen together. 9-May RAt  

**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus*  
Δακκαννούρα  

Largest counts:  
- Makhairas  5  21-May CP/PPa
Prastio Kellakiou  6  4m and 2f (two obvious pairs). One male seen with food in bill  29-May JS
Vretsia  11+  6-May LAC
Zanadja  4  a female and a male in flight (separately), 1 on wires and 1 male seen singing on top of a pine tree  12-May JN

**EURASIAN JAY** Garrulus glandarius Κίσσα
Agros  1  28-May CP/PPa
Madari  3  27-May CP/PPa
Kinousa  1  5-May RAt
Makhairas Forest  3  21-May CP/PPa
Prastio Kellakiou  1  In flight  29-May JS
Troodos  1  &  5-May PJV/RD et al
Troodos  3  1 carrying food  8-May DJW
Troodos village  c15  24-May RvDV

**EURASIAN MAGPIE** Pica pica
Κατσικορώνα
Largest counts:
Kalepeia  23  25-May DJW
Karpasia  20  11-May PLH
Kivisili  17  Inc 5 juvs  26-May JS

**EURASIAN JACKDAW** Corvus monedula
Κολοιός
Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos  200  At least inc several young birds  27-May JS
Arodes  50+  10-May JS
Avagas Gorge  100  some seen entering nest holes  27-May DJW

**COMMON RAVEN** Corvus corax
Κλόκκαρος
Karpasia  2  11-May PLH

**HOODED CROW** Corvus corone cornix
Κοράζινος
Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos  20  27-May JS
Akhna Dam  20  27-May AKe
Evretou Dam  20  15-May DJW
Karpasia  20  11-May PLH
Kivisili  20  26-May JS
Larnaca Sewage Works  c20  17-May JS
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicoisa  29  18-May FGf

**COAL TIT** Periparus ater cypriotes
Πέμπετσος
Coal Tit, Troodos, 8th May. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agros  10  28-May CP/PPa
Argka Dam  7  15-May RAt
Doxa soi o Theos-Pyrofylakio Madaris  6  27-May CP/PPa
Kannaviou Dam  5  1 seen and at least 4 heard  6-May JN
Kannaviou Dam  3  15-May DJW
Makhairas Forest  7  21-May CP/PPa
Prastio Kellakiou  1  29-May JS
Troodos Present  1-May PJV
Troodos  1  ringed  5-May RD et al
Troodos  5  8-May DJW
Troodos village  2  24-May RvDV

**GREAT TIT** Parus major Τσαγκαρούδι
Makhairas Forest  10  21-May CP/PPa
Palaiometocho  12 mostly juveniles  10-May FGf
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square  19 includes at least 2 immature birds heard calling and food being carried by adults  3-May JN
Souni  14  15-May JN

**CALANDRA LARK** Melanocorypha calandra Μαυροτράσιλος
Kiti to Petounta road  2  Both in display flight  23-May JS
Kivisili  2  Heard  26-May JS
Pervolia  2  seen  4-May SAP
Pervolia  8  23-May JS
Pervolia  6  Including chasing pair  26-May JS
Road/river outside Kapouti  2  1-May DJR

**GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK** Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασιηλούδα
Cape Greco Park  2  4-May SC
Lady's Mile  2  1-May TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works  1  19-May
AnK/HM

WOODLARK  *Lullula arborea*
Πευκοτρασιήλα
Gourri 1 singing 11-May AnK
Makhairas Forest 1 singing 9-May AnK
Makhairas Forest 2 21-May CP/PPa

CRESTED LARK  *Galerida cristata*
Σκορταλλός
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 40 ads & young 9 & 13-May AKe
Frenaros 100 8-May AKe
Karpasia 25 11-May PLH

ZITTING CISTICOLA  *Cisticola juncidis*
Δουλαππάρης
Largest counts:
Frenaros 40 in song 2-May AKe
Pervolia 25 23-May JS

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER  *Iduna pallida*
Τρυβητούρα
Largest counts:
Frenaros 30 in song 5-May AKe
Panagia Stazousa 9 5 h only 24-May JS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square
10 heard singing 3-May JN
Sarama 9 15-May DJW
Souni 8 6 heard singing and 2 seen
feeding 12-May JN

ICTERINE WARBLER  *Hippolais icterina*
Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα
Paphos Archaeological Park 1 4-May DJK

SEDGE WARBLER  *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
Σχοινομουγιανούδι
Akhna Dam 2 6 & 9-May BB
Chrysochou 6 ringed 1-May RD et al
Chrysochou 2 ringed 7-May RD et al
Neo Chorio 1 4-May RD et al
Polis Reed Beds 9 eight ringed 2-May RD et al
Stream nr turning to Kampyli 1 1-May DJR
Zakaki Marsh 1 4-May PJV

COMMON REED WARBLER  *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*  Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Eurasian Reed Warbler, Goudi, 16th May. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Largest counts:
Chrysochou 7 six ringed 7-May RD et al
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 12 8-May PLH
Polis Reed Beds 28 ten ringed 2-May RD et al

GREAT REED WARBLER  *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*  Τζικλομουγιανούδι
Chrysochou 2 one ringed 1-May RD et al
Chrysochou 4 Three ringed 3-May RD et al
Livera 2 12-May PLH
Polis Reed Beds 6 four ringed 2-May RD et al
Stream nr turning to Kampyli 3 1-May DJR
Zakaki Pools 1 2 & 26-May DWB/TRe

NORTHERN HOUSE MARTIN  *Delichon urbicum*  Ασπροχελίδονο
Largest counts:
Asgata 65 several active nests 27-May FGe
Limassol 60 at least around the new General Hospital where many nest sites were evident 9-May JN
Lythrodontas 70 13-May FGe
Pano Panagia 200 6-May DJW
RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* Мілтоχελίδονο

Red-rumped Swallow, Episkopi, 16th May. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Agia Varvara 3 Small village reservoir 5-May JS
Drouseia 2 9-May JS
Episkopi, Paphos 2 9 & 16-May JS/DJW
Evretou Dam 5 11-May JS
Evretou Dam 2 Gathering mud 7-May RA
Karpasia 2 11-May PLH
Livera 1 12-May PLH
Mandria 1 4-May IKB
Minthis Hills 2 25-May MSS
Nata 2 3-May DWB
Oroklini Marsh 2 4-May SAP
Skarinou 2 24-May RvDV
Smygies 2 19-May JS
Trozaina 2 12-May DJW
Vretsia 1 6-May DJW/LAC
Zakaki Marsh 1 26-May TR

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι
145 records received for this species during May. Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 100 ads & young 30-May AKe
Frenaros 400 ads & young 6-May AKe
Karpasia 300 11-May PLH
Kivisili 100 At least. Feeding low in windy conditions 7-May JS
Livera 500 passage over a number of hours 12-May PLH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 200 8-May PLH
Paralimni Lake 500 ads & young 26-May AKe
Pervolia 220 Inc at least five fledged juvs and one bird seen feeding young on nest 23-May JS
Sotira 200 ads & young 4-May AKe
Vrysoules 200 ads & young 25-May AKe

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδονο
Kannaviou Dam 3 15-May DJW
Paphos Archaeological Park 1 5-May DJK

(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* Οχθοχελίδονο
Larnaca Sewage Works 100+ 21-May AnK
Livera 200 passage over a number of hours 12-May PLH
Spiros Beach 80 21-May FGe

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογιαννούδι
Asprokremmos Dam 1 5-May SAP
Chrysochou 1 ringed 3-May RD et al
Livera cafe pool 1 2-May DJR

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι
Agios Theodoros 1 19-May AnK/HM
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5 5-May JS
Lady's Mile 1 1-May TR

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* Μουγιαννούδι
Bishop's Pool area 1 22-May HM obs confirms ID
Troodos 1 1-May PJV

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti* Ψευταηδόνι
Largest counts:
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 At least - all heard 18-May JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 12 8-May PLH
Panagia Stazousa 5 24-May JS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 5 heard 3-May JN
Paralimni Lake 6 14-May FGe

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla* Αμπελοπούλλι
Largest counts:
Karpasia 100 11-May PLH
Livera 120 12-May PLH

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin* Κηποσυκαλλίδι
Androlitou 1 3-May IKB
Bishop's Pool 1 possible 22-May AnK
Cape Greco Park 1 4-May SC
Karpasia 30 Based on ringing data 10-May PLH
Karpasia 6 Based on the ringing data 11-May PLH
Livera 1 9-May PLH
Livera 3 12-May PLH

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*
Γιαλλούρα
Cape Greco 2 14-May FGe
Karpasia 1 10-May PLH
Karpasia 2 11-May PLH
Livera 4 9-May PLH
Livera 1 12-May PLH

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia crassirostris* Θαμνογιαλλούρα
Baths of Aphrodite 1 In caravan park 28-Apr JAN
Karpasia 1 11-May PLH
Livera 2 9-May PLH

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*
Συκαλλίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 5-May JS
Cape Greco 1 14-May FGe
Karpasia 2 10-May PLH

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax* Τρυπομάζης

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts:
Latchi 15 25-May DJW
Livera 12 2-May DJR
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 25 3-May JN
Souni 16 14 singing males (6 seen), a female in flight down to a presumed nest site and 1 male 17-May JN
Tala, Paphos 20 14-May DJW
Zanadja 11 5 juveniles (one with a female); 2 unseen singing males and 2 others heard calling 31-May JN

RÜPPELL’S WARBLER *Sylvia ruepelli* Εληοβάτης
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 1 feeding male at Malia/Gerovasa area 3-May JN (Late date for this species)

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT
*Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2-May JS
Cape Greco Park 1 1-May SC with F Georgiades
Cape Greco Caves 1 4-May SC
Karpasia 6 10-May PLH
Karpasia 1 11-May PLH
Track through hills towards Kyra 1 1-May DJR
Zakaki Marsh 1 2-May PJV

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 4 31-May JS
Agios Sozomenos 1 14-May FGe
Agios Sozomenos 2 27-May JS
Akrotiri church 1 5-May ABW
Cape Greco 2 + 1-May SC with F Georgiades
Cape Greco 6 At least 3-May JS
Cape Greco 4 + 4-May SC
Cape Greco 14 including nest with 5 chicks attended by both parents 14-May FGe
Cape Greco 1 17-May JS
Cape Greco 3 1 ad and 2 juvs 31-May JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Singing male 18-May JS
Livera 5 12-May PLH
Paphos Archaeological Park 1 5-May DJK
Pervolia 2 Pair 23-May JS
Potamos Liopepiou 1 14-May FGe
Spiros Pool 2 18-May JS

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER Certhia brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης
Doxa soi o Theos-Pyrofylakio Madaris 2 27-May CP/PPa
Pera Vasa, picnic area 1 1 singing male 5-May RH
Troodos 2 8-May DJW
Troodos village 1 more heard 24-May RV

NORTHERN WREN Troglodytes troglodytes Τρυποκάρυδο
Avakas Gorge 1 9 & 27-May DJW
Livadi tou Pashia 1 8-May DJW
Troodos 1 8-May DJW
Troodos village several heard only 24-May RV

COMMON STARLING Sturnus vulgaris Λαζούρι
Karpas 1 Multiple observers 11-May PLH

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING Pastor roseus Ακριδοπούλλι
Karpasia 9 Counted by multiple observers 10-May PLH
Livera 1 18-May G/Ko/VV

SONG THRUSH Turdus philomelos Τζίηκλα
Lekfara Dam area 1 To north of dam. Photographed 15-May SS (Late record of this species)

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD Turdus merula Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
Doxa soi o Theos-Pyrofylakio Madaris 2 27-May CP/PPa
Gourri 2 singing 11-May AnK
Livadi tou Pashia 2 8-May DJW
Makhairas 1 21-May CP/PPa
Platres 3 3 seen many more heard singing 8-May DJW
Troodos 3+ singing 5-May AnK
Troodos 3 8-May DJW
Troodos village female more heard 24-May RV

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa striata Μουγιοφός

Singles reported throughout month. Reports of two plus listed:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 5, 10 & 17-May JS/TRe/JE
Anarita Mast 2 4-May IKB
Aspro Dam 2 1 & 3-May DWB
Souni 2 seen feeding 12-May JN

THRUSH NIGHTINGALE Luscinia luscinia Τζικλαηδόνι
Smgyies 1 Near stream 10-May JS

COMMON NIGHTINGALE Luscinia megarhynchos Αηδόνι
Largest counts:
Agros 1 26-May CP/PPa
Platres 1 8-May DJW
Troodos 2 5-May AnK

EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER Ficedula hypoleuca Μαυρομουγιοχάφτης
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 1m and 2f in church grounds 2-May JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 females 4-May TRe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Female 5-May JS

COMMON REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 faded male. Agios Georgios Church 2-May SAP/JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 1m and 1f 9-May TRe
Bishop's Pool area 1 in beehives area 8-May TRe
Cape Greco Park 1 female 1-May SC with F Georgiades
Karpasia 1 10-May PLH
Paphos, Fabrica Hills 2 2 females 3-May RH
Paphos Archaeological Park 1 Female 4 & 5-May DJK
Smygies 1 female 10-May JS

RUFIOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH
*Monticola saxatilis* Πτεροκότσυφος
Akoursos 1 Male 2-May LAC
Pittokorpos 1 female 3-May IKB

WHINCHAT
*Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι
Akrotiri Marsh 1 2 & 5-May NA/LAC
Asprokremmos Dam 1 6-May SAP
Lady's Mile 2 1-May TRe
Lady's Mile 1 5 & 10-May TRe
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 6-May NA

NORTHERN WHEATEAR
*Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα
Cape Greco 1 3-May JS
Karpasia 2 10-May PLH
Mandria 1 4-May IKB
Paphos Headland 1 4-May LAC
Polis Campsite 1 8-May RA
small headland Paphos 1 4-May DWB

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR
*Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα
Latest records and largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 13-May JS
Astromeritis 1 26-May
Paphos Archaeological Park 2 5-May DJK

CYPRUS WHEATEAR
*Oenanthe cypria* Σκαλιφούρτα
Agros 15 28-May CP/PPa
Asgata 14 27-May FGe
Doxa soi o Theos-Pyrofylakio Madaris 10 27-May CP/PPa
Karpasia 10 10-May PLH
Panagia Stazousa 10 3m heard only, family party of 2ad and 4 juvs, 1m seen 24-May JS
Souni 10 22 & 29-May JN
Zanadja 13 3 seen feeding including a male, 2 juveniles, a female in distraction display with nearby juvenile, 6 singing males (3 seen) 31-May JN

HOUSE SPARROW
*Passer domesticus* Στρούθος
Aradippou slurry pits 200 21-May FGe
Pervolia 257 Inc 1f feeding 2 fledglings and 1 ad with food in bill 23-May JS
Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 254 3-May JN

SPANISH SPARROW
*Passer hispaniolensis* Άρκοστρουθός
Anarita to Nata Road 30 At least 19-May JS
Evretou Dam 100 Breeding Colony 15-May DJW
Livera 100 2-May DJR
Sarama 50 15-May DJW

TREE PIPI
*Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι
Agia Varvara 1 3-May NA
Chrysochou 1 ringed 3-May RD et al
Drouseia 2 Seen 11-May JS
Pafo, Fabrica Hills 1 4-May RH

RED-THROATED PIPI
*Anthus cervinus* Κοτσινογαλούδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Heard only 2-May JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off 3-May AKy
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 26-Apr SAP
Mandria 2 1-May SAP

TAWNY PIPI
*Anthus campestris* Ωχρογαλούδι
Anarita Mast 2 5-May NA
Cape Greco 2 1-May SC with F Georgiades
Doxa soi o Theos-Pyrofylakio Madaris 10 27-May CP/PPa
Karpasia 3 11-May PLH
Larnaca 1 3-May PJV
Mandria c20 Blue and black-headed 3-May LAC
Vretsia 1 1-May RA

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL
*Motacilla flava* Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off. Heard - probably feldegg 2 & 29-May JS
Karpasia 3 11-May PLH
Larnaca 1 3-May PJV
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 Inc one male blue-headed and one male black-headed. Northeast edge 17-May JS
Livera cafe pool 5 2-May DJR
Mandria c20 Blue and black-headed 3-May LAC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-May PLH
Nata Ford 2 1-May SAP
Paphos Archaeological Park 1 5-May DJK
Stream nr turning to Kampyli 2 1-May DJR

Blue-headed Wagtail Motacilla f.flava
Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 female 21-May AnK
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 4-May DWB

Black-headed Wagtail M. f. feldreg
Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 males 21-May AnK
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 Male feldegg 5-May JS

WHITE WAGTAIL Motacilla alba
Ασπροζευκαλάτης
Karpasia 1 Male PLH
Troodos village 1 same bird twice fly by 24-May RvDV

COMMON CHAFFINCH Fringilla coelebs
Σπίνος

Common Chaffinch, Troodos, 8th May.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agros 2 28-May CP/PPa
Doxa soi o Theos-Pyrolakio Madaris 10
27-May CP/PPa
Livera 10 9-May PLH
Livera 6 12-May PLH
Livera cafe pool 5 2-May DJR
Lythrodontas 2 13-May FGe
Makhairas Forest 8 21-May CP/PPa
Platres 4 8-May DJW
Prastio Kellakiou Present 4-May PJV
Troodos Present 1-May PJV
Troodos 4 8 & 24-May DJW/RvDV

COMMON ROSEFINCH* Carpodacus erythrinus Ροδόσπινος
Livera 1 prob juv 18-May Gko/VV
(Possible 10th Cyprus record)

TRUMPETER FINCH* Bucanetes githagineus Ερημόσπινος
Akrotiri, Agios Georgios Church
surroundings 1 13-May SC with L
Sergides (Rare Bird report received)

DESSERT FINCH Rhodospiza obsoleta
Ερημόσπιζα
Cape Greco 1 female 1-May
FGe/SC/AK/BB
Cape Greco 1 male 2-May JNas

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH Carduelis chloris Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος
Largest counts:
Larnaca Salt Lake 20 At least inc juvs 18-May JS
Souni 57 at least 15 thought to be on nests 15-May JN
Zanadja 21 3 juveniles heard and at least 2 on nests 12-May JN

COMMON LINNET Linaria cannabina
Τσακροσγάρτιο
Largest counts:
Agros 6 28-May CP/PPa
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 15 inc three juvs 13-May AnK
Kathikas 8 19-May JS
Miliou 6 11-May JS
Paphos Archaeological Park 20 5-May DJK

RED CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra
Σταυρομούττης
Troodos 1+ 1-May PJV
Troodos 12+ 1 juv seen 5-May AnK
Troodos 1 Juvenile 8-May DJW
Troodos village 7 1 juvenile 24-May RvDV

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH Carduelis carduelis Σγαρτίλι
Largest counts:
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 35 many juveniles 28-May FGe
Cape Greco 20 17-May JS
Frenaros 150 adults & young 5-May AKe
Livera 20 12-May PLH
Oroklini Marsh 20 17-May JS
Souni 20 at least 5 thought to be on nests 15-May JN
**EUROPEAN SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

European Serin, Troodos, 8th May. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
- Agros 10 28-May CP/PPa
- Lythrodontas 15 13-May FGe
- Smygies 18 10-May JS

**BLACK-HEADED BUNTING** *Emberiza melaniceps* Τιρίλινγκος

Black-headed Bunting, Papoutsa, 28th May. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Max count per location:
- Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Singing male 31-May JS
- Agros 3 28-May CP/PPa
- Akoursos 3 2m and 1f 2-May LAC
- Anadiou 4 15-May DJW
- Androlikou - Neo Horio track 2 1-May DC
- Androlikou 2 25-May DJW
- Arodes 3 2 male, 1 female 3-May DJW
- Cape Greco 2 Singing males seen 3 & 17-May JS
- Dora 1 12-May DJW
- Doxa soi o Theos-Pyrofylakio Madaris 2 27-May CP/PPa
- Drouseia 6 Five males and one female 11-May JS
- Evretou/Simou area 4 2-May NA
- Karpasia 1 11-May PLH
- Kathikas 7 3-May DJW

**KELOKEDARA**

2 2 singing males 5-May RH

**LEMONA**

1 male in flight after leaving the village area 6-May JN

**LIVERA**

9-May PLH

Loutra tis Afroditis 2 1 male singing, but not on territory on the following days 1-May RH

**MAKHAIRAS FOREST**

4 21-May CP/PPa

Pano Kivides - Pachna 10 x 10 km square 6 singing males near Gerovasa turn 3-May JN

Paphos Archaeological Park 1 4-May DJK

**PITTOKOPOS** 3 3-May IKB/DJW

Prastio Kellakiou 9 Five males inc one feeding two juvs and 1f with another juv 29-May JS

**SMYgies**

1 Male heard singing 10-May JS

**VRETsia** 2 6-May LAC

**CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος

Largest counts:
- Anadiou 7 15-May DJW
- Kannaviou Dam 6 2 seen singing and 2 heard singing plus 1 perched 6-May JN
- Pervolia 7 Inc one juv 23-May JS
- Pittokopos, Paphos 10 3-May DJW
- Smygies 12 3-May DJW
- Vretsia 10 6-May JN

**CINEREOUS BUNTING** *Emberiza cineracea*

Σμυρνοπιτίλλα

Paphos Archaeological Park 1 Male seen. 5-May DJK (Further details requested)

**ORTOLAN BUNTING** *Emberiza hortulana*

Τσακροπιτίλλα

Agia Varvara 1 3 & 5-May NA

Paphos Archaeological Park 1 5-May DJK

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

Σιταροπούλι

Largest counts:
- Lythrodontas 15 13-May FGe
- Makhairas Forest 8 21-May CP/PPa
- Smygies 5 Two seen, others heard only 19-May JS
- Souni 8 15-May JN
- Vretsia 5 possibly more 6-May JN
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 May, 10 recorders covered 30 wetlands (including two coastal sites) across the island where 3396 birds, of 43 different species were recorded between the 13th and 20th of May. The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo, with over 818 individuals, with the second most abundant species being the Coot with 662 individuals. These 2 species together account for almost half of the individuals recorded. The third most abundant species is the Ruff closely followed by the Cattle Egret each having under 300 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Akrotiri complex (Meras, Salt Lake, Lady’s Mile) with just over 1000 individuals which accounts for almost a third of the total number of birds recorded. Mia Milia Sewage Works was the second site with the most recorded individuals with just over 700 individuals, while also being the most species abundant site with 20 species. Oroklini Lake was second in abundance of species with 16 species recorded.
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