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Cover photo: The Rüppell's Warbler *Sylvia ruppeli* breeds in Greece and Turkey and is one of the first migrating warblers to pass through Cyprus each spring, although it is very rare on return passage. Ian Bloomer discovered and photographed this male Rüppell's Warbler at Paphos Headland on 27th February and it was probably the first one of 2018.

COMPILATION OF MONTHLY CHECKLIST

The Monthly Checklist and Society News is compiled by Dave and Jan Walker.

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 Dave Walker 99915907 davidwalker@cytanet.com.cy

If you are sending photographs for inclusion in the Systematic List please send them by 18th of the month to Jane Stylianou. Every effort is made to ensure that the work of as many contributors as possible is used but inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Please send photographs in JPEG format where possible. Please send to janestycy@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone: 99558953

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>

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.

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.

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

GEORGE RESZETER

Members and friends of BirdLife Cyprus will be sad to hear of the recent death of George Reszeter, a regular visitor to Cyprus. Over the years George contributed many photographs of Cyprus' birds to the annual Cyprus Bird Reports. The 2016 version has just been published and includes several of his wonderful photos.

Spring birding in the Paphos area will not be the same without him.

Our condolences to his family.

SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The Autumn/Winter/Spring schedule 2017/2018

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.

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April 2018

Friday 6th April - Monday 9th April (Cypriot Easter)

Saturday 14th April: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

Spring migrants.

Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremmos Dam car park.

Coordinates: 34° 43.666' N, 32° 33.14' E

Saturday 21st April: Cape Greko

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides: Mobile: 99425050

Spring Migrants, (please note earlier start time).

Meet 8.00 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off.

Coordinates: 34° 58.54' N, 34° 02.46' E

May 2018

Saturday 5th May: Kannaviou Dam, Paphos Forest and Vretsia

Leaders Dave and Jan Walker, Tel: Mobile: 99915907

Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds.

Meet 9.00 am, Stroumbi, Ezzo Petrol Station, opposite turn off to Polemi.

Coordinates: 34° 52.62' N, 32° 28.947' E

Saturday 12th May: Akrotiri Peninsula.

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

Late spring migrants and water birds.

Meet 8.30 am, (please note the earlier start time), Akrotiri Marsh (Phassouri Reed-beds).

Coordinates: 34° 37.964' N, 32° 56.05' E

Saturday 19th May: End of Season Get Together Lunch

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou. Coordinates: 34° 39.49' N, 32° 46.015' E

For booking please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Tel: Mobile: 99413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

AKROTIRI PENINSULA FIELD MEETING 7th MARCH 2018

by June Neal

Meeting at Zakaki Pool hide I told the assembled 12 bird watchers that we seemed to be between seasons for migrants as there had only been few recent sightings of wheatears, warblers, crakes, hirundines, Hoopoe and Buntings but winter visitors were still around.

The visibility was good, fortunately, as thick dust had been in the atmosphere for several days previously. The local heavy rains of the end of February had, however, created large areas of treacherous tracks in some parts of the peninsula so we'd have to be careful where we drove.

The overgrown reed-bed hid the calling **Common Moorhen** and **Common Coot** from view. Even the calling **Cetti's Warbler** and singing **Common Chiffchaff** remained hidden so we were pleased when **Barn Swallows** flew over feeding and **Zitting Cisticola's** flew around in their bounding flight, calling. **Common Swift** had been heard early on but none were seen thereafter. **White Wagtail** had been seen feeding on the approach to the car park.

Then 32 migrating **Great Cormorant** flew from the SE heading N at the same time as a hunting female **Western Marsh Harrier** appeared over the reed-bed, followed by a **Common Kingfisher**

flashing through a couple of times before perching on reeds over the shallows in front of the hide. A possible **Hen Harrier** was quartering the far end of the reed-bed towards the salt lake but dropped out of sight before a definite identification was confirmed.

Moving on to the pools near the shore we stopped on the causeway to look at the gulls. Two **Slender-billed Gull** (one adult with one immature bird) fed with a bobbing motion, that the **Black-headed Gulls** did not display before they were disturbed by the approach of a container lorry.

Checking out the gulls on the sea in front of the restaurant we identified at least 14 **Armenian Gull** with the other two species already seen. Around the area two **Common Stonechat** and several **Crested Larks** were noted: then Kate spotted one, then two, **Spur-winged Lapwing** on the track by the pools which we had a good opportunity to observe closely as we made our way back to the Stadium and the Marsh, in the hopes of Wheatear sightings.

We stopped to watch two **Isabelline Wheatear** perched on a pile of rocks and rubbish as well as a mixed flock of **Common Greenfinch** and **Common Linnnet** before making our way down towards the Zakaki run-off. I realised it was too wet to lead so many cars across the area. I had just reached the fence line E of the first part of the track when I stopped and got out to tell everyone behind me that we'd stop on hard ground, look for birds in the distant pools then turn around and head back to the track to Lady's Mile causeway.

Ian spotted a couple of **Common Redshank** in the distance to the W and when I got back from seeing all the drivers were suitably parked he mentioned these and that he had seen a bird flying out of the corner of his eye which was a lot closer than the Redshanks. He thought it might be a Collared Pratincole. I looked and could see a smaller wader than a Pratincole ahead of our group and said that I thought it was a Plover species - too small to be a Eurasian Dotterel and likely to be a **Caspian Plover**. The bird was very busy moving around in the low vegetation, sometimes disappearing behind a bigger clump but walking towards us, feeding.

It was not disturbed by our presence and came closer still. Those with cameras became very active and the rest of us consulted field guides, looked through telescopes and binoculars and all agreed we had 'a good find'. Eventually the winter-plumaged Caspian Plover moved away from us but at the same distance, so we saw all aspects of it, other than in the brief flight that drew Ian's attention to the presence of a bird. This species was a 'lifer' for several people and only the second sighting for the rest of us.

Someone suggested that after this exciting discovery we might as well go home! We stayed a while longer and sent a message out to the Recorder to pass on to others in the area.

The drive along Lady's Mile to Bishop's Pool was almost devoid of birdlife, although Patricia and Doreen saw a **Northern Wheatear** in one of the restaurant car parks. Bishop's Pool's highlights included **Ferruginous Duck**, **Little and Black-necked Grebe**, **Common Teal**, and a **Common Sandpiper** doing a balancing act on a twig at the edge of the pool. Singing **Eurasian Blackcaps** and Chiffchaffs, a few **Meadow Pipit** and **Chukar** plus a **Eurasian Buzzard** in flight were the finale.

Moving on to Sylvana's and the Akrotiri Environmental Centre we were fortunate to see the melanistic **Greater Flamingo** among the thousand or so present on the salt lake. There were a few hirundines around including **Northern House Martin**.

Akrotiri Marsh's water meadow had a few Little Grebe feeding and chasing Coots plus a male **Mallard** that appeared to be on a nest which we found interesting.

In the hopes of lunch by the sea and maybe other migrants several of us stopped for over an hour. Lunch was interrupted by a possible raptor or cuckoo on a distant bush. It flew before we began our walk and did not re-appear but we did see at least three Northern and one Isabelline Wheatear (which flew in off the sea), a ring-tail Hen Harrier plus **Spectacled** and **Sardinian Warblers**.

It had been an altogether excellent outing. My thanks to everyone present who all contributed to recording a total of 49 species - with the highlight being the Caspian Plover.

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

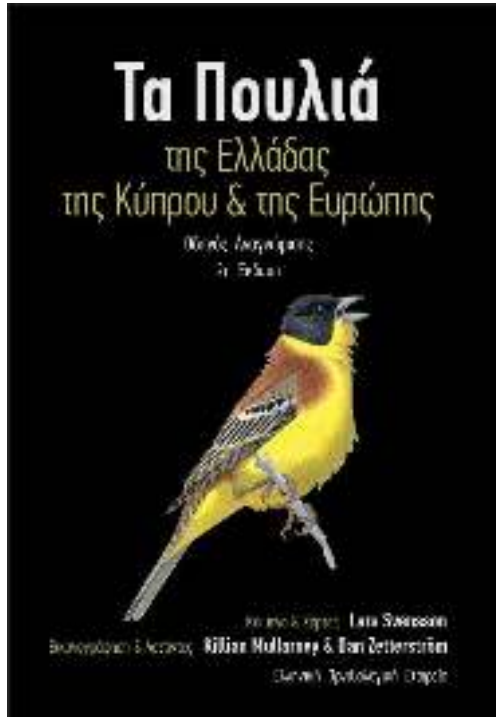
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Last Month's Quiz answer

February's mystery bird is a stocky, thin-billed passerine with medium length legs and tail. Shape and posture suggests this is a warbler, while its habitat, streaked crown and upperparts eliminates all but a few species.

In Cyprus, four warbler species can show a streaked crown. The commonest is Zitting Cisticola, a widespread lowland resident. Zitting Cisticola, the only palearctic member of a large and widespread mostly African family, can quite easily be ruled out as it shows a plainer face, pale lore, no eye-brow and a short, broad tail. The rarest species is Grasshopper Warbler with just one old record. Grasshopper Warblers belongs to the genus *Locustella*, a family of grass warblers characterized by their extremely skulking nature, curved wings and very long undertail coverts. These features, as well as the less pronounced eye-brow should rule out this unlikely candidate. We are left with two species of *Acrocephalus* Warbler; Moustached Warbler and Sedge Warbler. The two are often confused and occur in the similar habitat, preferring lakes and marshes with good cover, especially reed-beds. However, on Cyprus, they rarely occur at the same time of the year; Moustached being a winter visitor (Oct-Mar) while Sedge a passage Migrant (mainly Mar-May and Aug-Oct). Time of year is always a good pointer but with solid views the two can quite easily be separated. Moustached has darker red-brown upperparts, a darker crown, cleaner white throat contrasting more with buff-coloured breast sides, a whiter supercilium and a short primary projection. Our bird shows yellowish-brown upperparts, a more streaked crown, long primary projection, a yellowish supercilium and no obvious white throat making our mystery bird a **Sedge Warbler**.



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A – Z OF BIRD WATCHING – AGIOS AMVROSIOS – AIGRETTE

By June Neal

If you wish to learn more about a topic highlight the link to a web page (underlined blue text) and copy it into your web browser.

Agios Amvrosios, Kyrenia

To the east of Kyrenia, this is a good sea-watching site in spring and autumn, especially for migrating Shearwaters. Systematic sea-watching may produce good numbers of the following species -

Scopoli's Shearwater, Πελαγόμευχος, *Calonectris diomedea* which may also be seen in winter – 196 were recorded migrating offshore during October 2013

Yelkouan Shearwater, Μύχος της Μεσογείου, *Puffinus yelkouan*

Purple Heron, Πορφυροψαροφάς, *Ardea purpurea*

Other spring migrants include European Roller, Κράγκα, *Coracias garrulous* and breeding birds in the area include Red-rumped Swallow, Μιλτοχελίδο, *Cecropis daurica*.

Other species in the area include -

Little Owl, Κουκουφκιάς, *Athene noctua* which breed here

Birds seen on passage during autumn and winter may include –

Black-crowned Night Heron, Νυχτοκόρακας, *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Garganey, Μασουρατζής, *Spatula querquedula* during September and October

Common Crane, Γερανός, *Grus grus*

Blue Rock Thrush, Γαλαζοκότσυφος, *Monticola solitarius* may be seen over-wintering here.

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Agios Minas, Akamas

Lies near the Smygies Track, beyond the village of Neo Horio, amongst orchards and cultivated fields. An ancient church of this name, is near to a spring that attracts birds to the area. In the shade of nearby trees bird activity can be observed. A track about 200 m before the church may provide good views of passage migrants.

Coordinates: Neo Horio 35.0295° N, 32.3448° E

During spring the species you can see may include –

Eurasian Golden Oriole, Κλωρκός, *Oriolus oriolus* on passage

Red-rumped Swallow, Μιλτοχελίδο, *Cecropis daurica*

Red-backed, Κεφαλός, *Lanius collurio*

Masked Shrike, Δακκανούρα, *Lanius nubicus*

Woodchat Shrike, Κοκκινοκεφαλός, *Lanius senator*

Collared Flycatcher, Κρικομουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula albicollis*

Occasional Semi-collared Flycatcher, Δρυομουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula semitorquata*

Ortolan Bunting, Τσακροπιπίλλα, *Emberiza hortulana*
Breeding resident and summer visitors include –
Bonelli's Eagle, Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο, *Aquila fasciata*
European Nightjar, Νυκτοπούλλι, *Caprimulgus europaeus*
Great Spotted Cuckoo, Καλοχρονιά, *Clamator glandarius*
Eurasian Scops Owl, Θουπί, *Otus scops cypricus*
Black-headed Bunting, Τιρίλιγκος, *Emberiza melanocephala*

Accidental vagrants have included River Warbler, Ποταμοτριλιστής, *Locustella fluviatilis* and Olive-tree Warbler, Ελιοτρυβητούρα, *Hippolais olivetorum*.

Autumn and Winter species may include –
Mistle Thrush, Τριζάρα, *Turdus viscivorus*
Cretzschmar's Bunting, Σιταροπούλλι, *Emberiza caesia* with the last for the season being three at Smygies Picnic site 13 September 2015.

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Agios Sozomenos, Lefkosia District

Coordinates: 35.0637° N, 33.4440° E

This abandoned, deserted village is close to the Green Line zone between Dali and three kilometres north of Potamia/Dereli and six kilometers west of Pyroi/Gaziler. It is surrounded by agricultural land, attracting many farmland birds as well as Spectacled Warbler, Κοτσινοφτέρι, *Sylvia conspicillata* and Little Owl, Κουκκουφκίδος, *Athene noctua* which breed here.

Northern Long-eared Owl, Αρκόθουπος, *Asio otus* was present 30 June 2012.

In winter the following species may be seen –
Cattle Egret, Γελαδάρης, *Bubulcus ibis*
Northern Lapwing, Γιαννής, *Vanellus vanellus*
Eurasian Skylark, Τρασιήλα, *Alauda arvensis*
Red-throated Pipit, Κοτσινογαλούδι, *Anthus cervinus*
hunting Harrier species, Αξιπιτριδες, *Accipitridae*

The cliffs are worth watching as in winter regular sightings are recorded of –
Blue Rock Thrush, Γαλαζοκότσουφος, *Monticola solitarius*
Finsch's Wheatear, Βουνοσκαλιφούρα, *Oenanthe finschii* - holding winter territories



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The term aigrette (pronounced [ɛgret]; from the French for egret, or lesser white heron) refers to the tufted crest or head-plumes of the egret. 'During the late 19th and early 20th centuries a fad in women's fashion for wearing extravagant and fanciful aigrettes resulted in large numbers of egrets and other birds being slaughtered by plume hunters for the millinery industry, until public reaction and government intervention caused the fad to end and demand for such plumes collapse.'

Reference:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aigrette>

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Jane Stylianou

4522 bird records received

155 species and forms recorded February 2018, compared to 157 in February 2017.

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

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι

Agios Theodoros coast 1 Heard 11-Feb JS
Agios Theodoros coast 2 heard 12 & 27-Feb DJW/KH
Agios Theodoros coast 3 18-Feb FGe
Germasogeia Dam 1 heard 2-Feb KH
Germasogeia Dam 2 one seen 1-Feb KH
Kiti Dam 1 Heard 6-Feb JS/VT
Mandria 1 calling 28-Feb CR
Paphos Lighthouse 1 27-Feb IKB

CHUKAR *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιζι

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam c10 10-Feb SC with BirdLife
Cyprus group
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 14 all in pairs 17-Feb FGe
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 10 calling 5-Feb CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 12 10-Feb DJW

BLACK FRANCOLIN *Francolinus*

francolinus Φραγκολίνα

Largest counts:
Agios Theodoros 3 11 & 18-Feb FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 20 & 24-Feb JS/SC/MC/APL/FGe
Petounta Point 3 24-Feb FGe

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 310 mostly on west side 7-Feb CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 81 at least 22-Feb JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 24-Feb JN
Larnaca Salt Lake c1500 4-Feb MP
Larnaca Salt Lake c500 17-Feb SC
Larnaca Salt Lake 938 20-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake c300 24-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
Silver Beach, Famagusta 14 20-Feb CR

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 1 male, 2 female 17-Feb SC

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 24 & 26-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis/KeR
Oroklini Marsh 1 4 & 12-Feb MP/DJW
Oroklini Marsh 3 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 16 & 18-Feb MP/JS/VY/KH
Oroklini Marsh 4 20-Feb IKB
Oroklini Marsh 2 m,f 25 & 27-Feb JS

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya farina*

Κουντούρα
Athalassa Dam Present 2-Feb MH
Kiados Dam 1 m 21-Feb CR
Kioneli Dam 140 restless flock 22-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 5, 10, 17, 20 & 24-Feb KH/JN/SC/JS/MC/APL
Larnaca Sewage Works 6+ 6-Feb JS/VT
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 female 7-Feb MP
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 male and female 12-Feb DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 2 & 18-Feb JS/KH
Oroklini Marsh 2 males 4, 5 & 6-Feb MP/KH/JS/VT

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιόπαπια



Ferruginous Duck, Bishop's Pool, 19th February. Photograph by John East.

Max count per location:
Athalassa Lake 5 12-Feb DJW
Bishop's Pool 11 1 & 21-Feb KH/IKB
Flamoudi Dam 3 21-Feb CR
Kiados Dam 6 21-Feb CR

Kioneli Dam 3 22-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 10 17-Feb SC
Manglis Lake 5 5-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 10 7 & 14-Feb MP
Phasouri Reed-beds 3 26-Feb KH

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια

Athalassa Dam 2 Females 5-Feb JS
Athalassa Sewage Pool 2 1 male, 1 female 18-Feb SC
Oroklini Marsh 1 female 4-Feb MP

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής

Akrotiri Bay c400 Near shipwreck 26-Feb KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c100 Flew over in a flock with c400 Pintails towards Salt Lake 26-Feb KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 26-Feb KeR

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*

Σαξάνα

Largest counts:

Kioneli Dam c75 22-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works c1000 4-Feb MP
Oroklini Marsh 500+ 16-Feb MP

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 1m and 2f 14-Feb KH
Fresh Water Lake (North) 9 3m 20-Feb CR
Kiados Dam 12 21-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 1 male, 3 female 17-Feb SC
Meneou Pool 2 20-Feb IKB
Oroklini Marsh 8 16-Feb MP

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope*

Αρμαπάσσης

Max count per location:

Bishop's Pool 3 fems 7-Feb CR
Fresh Water Lake (North) 1 m 20-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works c15 17-Feb SC
Oroklini Marsh 3 a feeding pair and 1 other male 10-Feb JN
Spiros Pool 10 24-Feb SC/MC/APL

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοτζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 38 27-Feb CR

Larnaca Sewage Works c200 6-Feb JS/VT
Oroklini Marsh c50 24 & 27-Feb SC/MC/APL/JS
Timi Beach 160 west 26-Feb CR

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα



Northern Pintail, Bishop's Pool, 6th February.
Photograph by Andy Waller.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c400 Flew over in a flock with c100 Garganey towards Salt Lake 26-Feb KH
Bishop's Pool 2 6-Feb ABW
Fresh Water Lake (North) 2 20-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 feeding females close to the hide 10-Feb JN
Oroklini Marsh 8 3m and 5f 14-Feb MP
Spiros Pool 4 24-Feb FGe
Trachoni Pool 2 21-Feb CR

COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι



Common Teal, Athalassa Dam, 12th February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Fresh Water Lake (North) 100+ 20-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works c200 17-Feb SC
Oroklini Marsh 200+ 27-Feb JS

Duck spp: Timi Beach 235 3 flocks heading west, too far and flying fast (Teal, Mallard, Garganey?) 26-Feb CR

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Νεροβούτιης



Little Grebe, Athalassa Park, 12th February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool c30 6-Feb IKB
Flamoudi Dam 22 many calling 21-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works c20 6-Feb JS/VT
Oroklini Marsh c20 6 & 27-Feb JS/VT

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*
Σκουφοβούτιης

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 Off shore 28-Feb KH

Asprokremmos Dam 2 3-Feb CR
Asprokremmos Dam 3 3, 8 & 15-Feb DJW/RoB

Asprokremmos Dam 1 27-Feb IKB
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 breeding plumage 17-Feb SC

HORNED GREBE* *Podiceps auritus*
Χειμωνοβούτιης



Horned Grebe, Kouklia, 7th February.
Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Kouklia Fish Farm 1 2, 3, 4 & 7-Feb SC/CR/JN/JE/KH

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*
Μαυροβούτιης



Black-necked Grebe, Bishop's Pool, 19th February.
Photograph by John East.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2, 3, 6 & 8-Feb TRe/FGe/IKB/DJW/JE
Asprokremmos Dam 1 3 & 18-Feb CR/IKB
Athalassa Dam 1 2-Feb MH
Bishop's Pool 3 1, 8, 14 & 19-Feb KH/DJW/JE
Larnaca Sewage Works 40+ 6 & 12-Feb JS/VT/DJW
Manglis Lake 1 1-Feb JS
Meneou Pool 1 20-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 7-Feb MP

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus*
Φλαμίνγκο



Greater Flamingo, Oroklini Marsh, 12th February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5700 7-Feb CR
Fresh Water Lake (North) 24 20-Feb CR
Larnaca Airport Pools North 110 20-Feb JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South c200 24-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
Larnaca Salt Lake 961 20-Feb JS
Meneou Pool 216 20-Feb JS
Neapolis Pool 55 20-Feb CR
Oroklini Marsh 60 20-Feb CR/IKB
Paralimni Lake 9 2-Feb JS

Silver Beach, Famagusta 4 20-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh area 1 melanistic 28-Feb
KH

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 flew in from W and
down to feed, then up again to feed further
E 24-Feb JN
Theletra 12 20-Feb DJW

COMMON WOODPIGEON *Columba
palumbus* Φάσσα
Largest counts:
Athalassa Park 200+ 5-Feb JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 220 12-Feb CR
Souni 132 at least, most flying up from
pine tree roosts in W valley 27-Feb JN

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE
Streptopelia decaocto Φιλικουτούνη
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 40 23-Feb AKe
Bishop's Pool c30 8-Feb DJW
Frenaros 20 11-Feb AKe
Mandria 20 24 & 28-Feb CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 20 12-Feb CR

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Φοινικοτρύγωνα
Max counts per location:
Agia Thekla 2 2-Feb JS
Frenaros 4 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
& 25-Feb AKe
Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 1+ 2-
Feb JS
Mandria 2 3-Feb CR
Meneou Beach 2 11-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Feb MP
Potamos Germasogeia, Limassol 3 9-Feb
KH

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*
Ασπροπετροχελιδωνο
Eptakomi Cliffs 46 calling and chasing 21-
Feb CR

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus*
Πετροχελιδωνο
First reports and largest counts:
Akhna Dam 40 21-Feb AKe
Amathus Hill 50+ 27-Feb KH
Archangelos, Nicosia c30 Over home at
midday 21-Feb JS
Avgorou 50 27-Feb AKe

Kioneli Dam 65 arriving from south at
7.30h 22-Feb CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 late afternoon 11-Feb
MP
Oroklini Marsh 3 16-Feb MP
Oroklini Marsh 95 late afternoon 17-Feb
MP
Phasouri Reed-beds 100+ 26-Feb KH

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator
glanarius* Καλοχρονιά
Armou 1 flew across road 16-Feb CR
Curium 1 22-Feb KH
Marathounta 1 flew across house calling
17-Feb CR

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*
Μαυροπουλάδα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 calling 27-Feb CR
Athalassa Dam 2 Heard 5-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Kamares area 11-
Feb MP
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Kamares area 20-
Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Heard in NE corner
20-Feb JS
Zakaki Marsh 3+ Heard at dusk 9-Feb JS
Zakaki Marsh 2 9 & 14-Feb VT/KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 Heard 10-Feb JS
Zakaki Marsh 4+ Heard 19-Feb KH

LITTLE CRAKE *Zapornia parva*
Μικροπουλάδα



*Little Crane, Zakaki Marsh, 26th February.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Zakaki Marsh 1 26-Feb TRe

COMMON MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*
Αρκοπετειναρο
Largest counts:
Athalassa Lake 10 5 & 12-Feb JS/DJW
Larnaca Salt Lake 16 Kamares area 11-
Feb MP
Oroklini Marsh 20+ 27-Feb JS

COMMON COOT *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς



Common Coot, Athalassa Dam, 12th February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c300 10-Feb SC with BirdLife
Cyprus group
Fresh Water Lake (North) 120 20-Feb CR
Kiados Dam 160 21-Feb CR
Kioneli Dam 155 22-Feb CR
Oroklini Marsh c420 10-Feb JN

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς



Eurasian Spoonbill, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 19th
February. Photograph by Rajia Howard.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 19-Feb KH
Fresh Water Lake (North) 1 immature,
flew in 20-Feb CR

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



*Black-crowned Night Heron, Athalassa Dam,
14th February. Photograph by Agamemnon
Loutsios.*

Athalassa Dam Present 2-Feb MH
Athalassa Dam 6 4 ad and 2 imm 5-Feb
JS
Athalassa Dam 1 12-Feb DJW
Zakaki Marsh 1 26-Feb TRe

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης



Cattle Egret, Paphos Sewage Plant, 16th
February. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 7 5-Feb KH
Asprokremmos Dam 1 25-Feb DJW/IKB
Athalassa Dam c200 c20 on arrival then
numbers started to increase early evening
12-Feb DJW
Fresh Water Lake (North) 14 20-Feb CR
Lower Ezousas 2 5-Feb IKB
Oroklini Marsh 417 Evening roost 18-Feb
MP
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 1, 13, 16, 18, 23
& 25-Feb IKB/RoB/TRe/CR
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 6, 7, 8 & 9-Feb
IKB/CR/Je/ABW

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Σταχτοπαροφάς

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c55 21-Feb IKB
Asprokremmos Dam 18 25-Feb DJW/IKB
Fresh Water Lake (North) 22 20-Feb CR

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

Χανούμισσα

Akhna Dam 1 5-Feb KH
Asprokremmos Dam 11 25-Feb DJW/IKB
Athalassa Dam Present 2-Feb MH
Athalassa Dam 3 5-Feb JS
Athalassa Dam 4 12-Feb DJW
Clapsides 1 20-Feb CR
Fresh Water Lake (North) 1 20-Feb CR
Fresh Water Lake (South) 2 20-Feb CR
Kioneli Dam 2 22-Feb CR

Lady's Mile 3 flew over 2-Feb TR
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 20-Feb JS
Manglis Lake 1 23-Feb JS
Zakaki Marsh 2 22-Feb KH

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη
Singles reported at suitable locations throughout the month. Counts of two below:
Fresh Water Lake (North) 2 20-Feb CR
Oroklini Marsh 2 27-Feb JS

EUROPEAN SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας
Largest counts:
Kensington Cliffs 4 3-Feb KH
Mandria 5 one with swollen neck 28-Feb CR

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* Κορμοράνος



Great Cormorant, Athalassa Dam, 14th February. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Largest counts:
Asprokremmos Dam c120 25-Feb IKB
Governor's Beach 300+ 11-Feb KH
Kensington Cliffs c149 Flocks of c65 + 24 + c60 migrating 28-Feb KH
Zakaki Marsh c135 c100 + 35 28-Feb KH

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE *Burhinus oedipnemus* Τρουλλουριά
Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 1 26-Feb IKB
Agioi Trimithias 1 10-Feb FG
Agios Theodoros coast 1 Flew across road 20-Feb JS
Anarita Mast c30 1 & 11-Feb IKB
Anarita Park 3 15-Feb IKB
Asprokremmos Dam 2 upstream area 19-Feb RoB
Lakatameia, Nicosia 1 heard calling 3-Feb FG

Larnaca Airport Pools South 47 12-Feb DJW
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 26-Feb KeR
Mandria 1 calling 28-Feb CR
Panagia Stazousa 1 In flight near Klavdia village 6-Feb JS/VT

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς
Max count per location:
Fresh Water Lake (North) 2 20-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 10-Feb JN
Neapolis Pool, Famagusta 12 20-Feb CR
Oroklini Marsh 10 From North hide 25-Feb JS

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* Στακτοπλουμίδι
Agia Trias 5 2-Feb JS
Agia Trias 7 9-Feb KH
Agia Trias 10 27-Feb JS
Kermia Beach, Agia Napa 1 9-Feb KH

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι
Max count per location:
Larnaca Airport Pools South c55 21-Feb IKB
Mandria 1 22-Feb TR
Paphos Headland 18 11-Feb CR
Spiros Pool c200 11-Feb JS

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι
Larnaca Salt Lake c8 17-Feb SC
Meneou Pool 6 20-Feb JS
Paralimni Lake 20 15-Feb AKe

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 27-Feb CR
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 12-Feb KH

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι



Kentish Plover, Lady's Mile, 8th February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Agia Trias 2 27-Feb JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 45 7-Feb CR
Kermia Beach, Agia Napa 2 2 & 9-Feb
JS/KH
Lady's Mile c60 10-Feb KH
Larnaca Salt Lake c100 20-Feb JS
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 14 10-Feb
MP
Meneou Pool 5 21-Feb IKB
Paralimni Lake 80 26-Feb AKE
Silver Beach, Famagusta 12 20-Feb CR
Spiros Beach 4 20-Feb JS
Spiros Pool 4 20 & 24-Feb JS/FGE

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι



Greater Sandplover, February 23rd.
Photograph by Raija Howard.

Agia Trias 4 2-Feb JS
Agia Trias 8 9-Feb KH
Agia Trias 3 27-Feb JS
Kermia Beach, Agia Napa 3 2-Feb JS
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 8 2 & 10-
Feb JS/MP
Oroklini Beach 1 on breakwater 20-Feb
CR
Paphos Headland 3 9, 11 & 15-Feb
DJW/CR/IKB
Paphos Headland 1 20-Feb SM

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής
Akhna Dam 2 + 10-Feb SC with BirdLife
Cyprus group
Oroklini Marsh 5 4-Feb MP
Oroklini Marsh 1 6 & 12-Feb JS/VT/DJW
Oroklini Marsh 25 17-Feb MP
Paphos Lighthouse 2 22-Feb IKB
Paphos Sewage Plant 18 18-Feb IKB
Paralimni Lake 1 2-Feb JS
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 15-Feb KH
Spiros Pool 2 24-Feb FGE

Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Feb KH

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus spinosus* Πελλοκατερίνα



Spur-winged Lapwing, Paphos Sewage Plant,
13th February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Max count per location:

Fresh Water Lake (North) 5 20-Feb CR
Kioneli Dam 4 chasing Marsh harriers 22-
Feb CR
Larnaca Salt Lake 20 Kamareas area 16-
Feb MP
Larnaca Sewage Works 10 26-Feb KeR
Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 8 27-
Feb JS
Lower Ezousas 4 9-Feb IKB
Oroklini Marsh 22 9 & 18-Feb MP
Paphos Sewage Plant 31 25-Feb IKB
Paralimni Lake 2 22-Feb AKE

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Φαιομπεκάτσα
Paphos Headland 1 11 & 15-Feb
CR/DJW/IKB

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπεκάτσα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 27-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 15 9-Feb KH
Meneou Pool 1 21-Feb IKB
Zakaki Marsh 3 9 & 14-Feb VT/KH

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Λιμόζα
Fresh Water Lake (North) 8 circled over
20-Feb CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 18 & 27-Feb MP/JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Χαλίκονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 15th February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland 2 11-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 4 15-Feb IKB
Spiros Beach 1 12-Feb KH

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 13 27-Feb CR
Fresh Water Lake (South) 36 flock circling
20-Feb CR
Larnaca Airport Pools North 5 16-Feb MP
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 17-Feb SC
Larnaca Salt Lake 5 20-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 6 12 & 14-Feb MP
Paphos Sewage Plant 10 18-Feb CR/IKB
Spiros Pool 1 In with Golden Plover 11-
Feb JS

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki Marsh runoff,
heard calling 7-Feb CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 18-Feb MP
Paralimni Lake 1 15-Feb AKe
Zakakii Marsh 1 8-Feb KH

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι



Dunlin, Paphos Headland, 15th February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Larnaca Salt Lake c15 17-Feb SC
Larnaca Salt Lake c300 20-Feb JS
Paphos Headland 2 11 & 15-Feb CR/IKB
Silver Beach, Famagusta 19 20-Feb CR

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile c20 6-Feb IKB
Lady's Mile 18 8-Feb DJW
Larnaca Salt Lake c80 17-Feb SC
Larnaca Salt Lake c300 20-Feb JS

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικαστόνι

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 10-Feb CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 27-Feb CR
Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 20-Feb CR
Germasogeia Dam 2 10-Feb JS
Kamarea Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1
20-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 16+ 20-Feb JS
Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 1 2-
Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 3 5-Feb MP
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 26-Feb KH
Secret Valley GC 5 3-Feb CR

JACK SNIPE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Κουφοπικάτσονο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 in saturated salt scrub
27-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 3 19-Feb KH
Zakaki Marsh 2 28-Feb KH

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακτίτης



Common Sandpiper, Paphos Headland, 15th February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Trias 1 2 & 9-Feb JS/KH
Fresh Water Lake (South) 1 20-Feb CR
Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 1 4 &
27-Feb MP/JS

Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 1 2 & 27-Feb JS
Paphos Headland 1 9 & 11-Feb DJW/CR
Paphos Headland 2 15-Feb IKB
Paphos Headland 3 20-Feb SM

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 16 & 25-Feb CR/DJW
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 11 & 20-Feb MP/JS
Kiados 1 small pool 21-Feb CR
Meneou Pool 1 20-Feb IKB
Oroklini Marsh 2 4 & 11-Feb MP
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 5, 6, 12 & 18-Feb IKB/DJW/CR
Paralimni Lake 1 9-Feb AKE
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 20 & 26-Feb ABW/KH
Trachoni Pool 1 puddle on track 21-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Feb KH

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 4, 6 & 7-Feb MP/JS/VT
Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Feb MP
Silver Beach, Famagusta 2 20-Feb CR

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Larnaca Airport Pools North 60 16-Feb MP
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 26-Feb KeR
Oroklini Marsh 5 7-Feb MP
Zakaki Marsh 3 8-Feb KH

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 16-Feb MP
Neapolis Pool, Famagusta 3 20-Feb CR

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος

Max count per location:

Lady's Mile 5 27-Feb CR
Larnaca Airport Pools North 30 20-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 140 20-Feb JS
Meneou Pool 1 24-Feb SC with M
Charalambides & A Leventis
Oroklini Beach 1 20-Feb CR

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Χωραφόγλαρος



Black-headed Gull, Oroklini Beach, 27th February. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 1900 incl those in bay 7-Feb CR
Larnaca area c1000 24-Feb SC with M
Charalambides & A Leventis
Oroklini Beach c300 25-Feb JS

PALLAS'S GULL *Larus ichthyaetus*

Αετόγλαρος



Pallas's Gull imm, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 20th February. Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Akrotiri Salt Lake, 1 imm ringed in Ukraine
20-Feb KH
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Breeding plumage
20-Feb JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 26-Feb KeR
Paphos Headland 1 heading west 12-Feb SDP

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος



Mediterranean Gull, Lady's Mile, 13th February. Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Max count per location:

Lady's Mile 11 8 ad and 3 imm 26-Feb KH

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 adult near full breeding plumage 17-Feb SC

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Breeding plumage 11-Feb MP

Larnaca Seafront 1 adult non-breeding 24-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 26-Feb KeR

Oroklini Beach 2 ads 20-Feb CR

Oroklini Marsh 1 ad 20-Feb CR/IKB

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος

Kermia Beach, Agia Napa 1 9-Feb KH

Larnaca airport pools 1 19-Feb IKB

Ormedeia Fishing Shelter 1 27-Feb JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 Immature - dropped in briefly 5-Feb MP

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Θεμελλόγλαρος



Common Gull, Lady's Mile, 8th February. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Lady's Mile 1 8 & 10-Feb TRe/JS

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλπικής

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8-Feb DJW

Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 16-Feb MP

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 ad 20-Feb JS

Heuglin's Gull *Larus fuscus heuglini*

Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας

Lady's Mile 1 10 & 26-Feb JS/TRe

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 4 & 6-Feb JS/VT

Larnaca Salt Lake 2 ads 20-Feb JS

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*

Γλάρος Αρμενίας

Max count per location:

Fresh Water Lake (North) 1 imm 20-Feb CR

Lady's Mile 28 3-Feb FGE

Larnaca Airport Pools North c20 24-Feb

SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis

Larnaca Airport Pools South c20 Mainly ads 4-Feb JS

Larnaca Salt Lake c40 ads and juvs 20-Feb JS

Larnaca Seafront 1 1st spring 24-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis

Larnaca Sewage Works 100 at least with 80 adults and many juveniles 10-Feb JN

Mandria 2 5-Feb IKB

Oroklini Beach c20 5 ad and rest

immature 6-Feb JS/VT

Timi Beach 1 23-Feb IKB

Zakaki 6 in flight from shore over pool, heading N 22-Feb JN

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis*

Ασημόγλαρος

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam c60 25-Feb IKB

Potamos Liopetriou 10 2-Feb JS

Timi Beach 12 10-Feb CR

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος

Κασπίας

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 60 7-Feb CR

Larnaca Airport Pools South 100+ about 50:50 ads and imms 4-Feb JS

Larnaca Salt Lake c100 20-Feb JS

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρονο



White-winged Tern, Oroklini Marsh, 12th February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 breeding plumage 24-Feb SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis
Oroklini Marsh 2 12 & 14-Feb DJW/MP
Oroklini Marsh 1 breeding plumage 24-Feb KH/SC with M Charalambides & A Leventis

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus sandvicensis* Χειμωνογλάρονο



Sandwich Tern, Paphos Headland, 15th February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:
Lady's Mile 3 26-Feb KH
Larnaca Beach 2 20 & 21-Feb IKB
Oroklini 4 14-Feb MP
Paphos Headland 1 15-Feb DJW
Timi Beach 1 11 & 26-Feb IKB/CR

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*
Κουκουφκιάς

Agioi Trimithias 1 10-Feb FGe
Anarita Mast 1 3 & 9-Feb IKB
Anarita Park 1 2-Feb IKB
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 2 one at known nest of previous years 17-Feb FGe
Armou Hills 1 17-Feb DJW
Arodes 2 16-Feb DJW

Asprokremmos Dam 1 11-Feb IKB
Kouklia, Paphos 1 6-Feb DJW
Marathounta Hills 1 15-Feb DJW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 10-Feb DJW
Secret Valley GC 1 24-Feb CR
Souni 1 3, 5, 8 & 14-Feb JN
Souni 3 15-Feb JN

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουπί
Arodes 1 calling 16-Feb DJW
Kamares (Tala) 1 calling 16, 18 & 21-Feb DJW
Marathounta 1 calling in garden, 6pm 8-Feb CR
Souni 1 heard calling 4, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23-Feb JN

NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus* Αρκόθουπος

Kouklia, Paphos 1 dead on hard shoulder of the highway before the turn off 3-Feb JN
Souni 1 heard calling from the carob grove opposite our home 8-Feb JN

SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE *Circaetus gallicus* Φιδαετός

Agios Theodoros 2 18 & 19-Feb FGe/SC
Agios Theodoros 1 Pale throated juv over hills 20 & 24-Feb JS/FGe

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας



Griffon Vulture, Kensington Cliffs, 3rd February. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Kensington Cliffs 10 3-Feb KH
Kensington Cliffs 1 flew up from cliffs, circled then departed to NW 18-Feb JN
Kensington Cliffs 2 28-Feb KH
Paramali 4 2 groups of 2 over hills near tunnel, 9.15h 27-Feb CR

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιρζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο



*Bonelli's Eagle, Evretou Dam, 10th February.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Arodes 1 16-Feb DJW
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 15 & 19-Feb DJW
 Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 1 distant 5-Feb CR
 Evretou Dam 1 10-Feb IKB
 Evretou Dam 2 24-Feb IKB
 Mandria 2 Distant 3-Feb DJW/JN
 Marathounta 1 distant 16-Feb CR
 Melounta-Trypmeni 1 circling, too far to see age 21-Feb CR
 Phinikas 1 3 & 25-Feb DJW
 Zakaki Marsh 1 9-Feb VT

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus**aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 2 5-Feb KH
 Fresh Water Lake (North) 2 20-Feb CR
 Kioneli Dam 2 1 fem, 1 imm 22-Feb CR
 Phasouri Reed-beds 3 7 & 24-Feb CR/JN

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο



*Hen Harrier, Mandria, 7th February.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 3 3-Feb IKB
 Armou 2 ringtails 6-Feb CR
 Armou Hills 2 ringtails 23-Feb CR

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter**nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Agia Varvara 1 26-Feb IKB
 Agios Sozomenos 1 5-Feb MP
 Agios Theodoros area 1 immature male 19-Feb SC
 Akhna Dam 1 5-Feb KH
 Akrotiri salt lake 1 21-Feb IKB
 Anarita Park 1 7-Feb KH
 Armou Hills 1 9 & 15-Feb CR
 Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 1 5-Feb CR
 Marathounta 1 1 & 16-Feb CR
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 16-Feb KH
 Secret Valley golf course 1 28-Feb IKB
 Trachoni Pool 1 21-Feb CR

EURASIAN BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros area c10 19-Feb SC
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 28-Feb KH
 Petounta Point 4 2 + 2 soaring 6-Feb JS/VT
 Phasouri Reed-beds 3 7-Feb CR
 Zakaki Marsh 3 6-Feb IKB

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο



*Long-legged Buzzard, Theletra, 20th February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:

Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 3 together circling 5-Feb CR
 Marathounta Hills 3 15-Feb DJW
 Theletra 6 3 pairs (2 pairs towards Akourdalía) 20-Feb DJW

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουζίος



*Common Hoopoe, Anarita, 3rd February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agia Varvara 2 25-Feb DJW
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 in flight 24-Feb JN
 Anarita 1 calling 3-Feb DJW
 Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 20-Feb JS
 Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 12-Feb DJW
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 24-Feb SC with
 M Charalambides & A Leventis
 Lower XP 1 flew across motorway 27-Feb
 CR
 Mandria 1 28-Feb CR
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 28-Feb IKB
 Pegeia Sea Caves area 1 22-Feb RoB
 Petounta Point 1 11-Feb KH
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 in flight 24-Feb JN
 Souni 1 heard calling 15 & 19-Feb JN
 Trimiklini 1 25-Feb KH

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη

Acheleia Dam 1 3-Feb IKB/DJW
 Athalassa Dam 1 2 & 5-Feb MH/JS
 Larnaca Salt Lake 3 Kamares area 11-
 Feb MP
 Macronissos Beach 1 2 & 10-Feb JS/MP
 Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Feb MP
 Paphos Headland 1 15 & 20-Feb IKB/SM
 Pedeiaos river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1 22-
 Feb FGe
 Timi Beach 1 14-Feb IKB
 Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 7, 8, 9, 22 & 27-Feb
 IKB/CR/DJW/JS/VT/JN
 Zygi 1 11-Feb KH

COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίτρης

114 records of this species for February

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 5 24-Feb FGe
 Armou Hills 4 15-Feb CR

Larnaca area c4 24-Feb SC with M
 Charalambides & A Leventis
 Lower Ezousas 4 5-Feb IKB
 Mandria 5 5-Feb IKB
 Secret Valley Golf Club 4 25-Feb PBR

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο

Agios Theodoros 1 female, attacked
 Isabelline Wheatear 18-Feb FGe
 Kouklia, Paphos 1 female sat on a
 roadside post 3-Feb JN
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 27-Feb IKB

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάβογ



*Peregrine Falcon, Timi Beach, 5th February.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Akamas 1 south Akamas 25-Feb RoB
 Akhna Dam 1 calidus juv 5-Feb KH
 Bishop's Pool 1 14-Feb KH
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 17-Feb DJW
 Eptakomi Cliffs 1 male, calling 21-Feb
 CR
 Kensington Cliffs 2 3 & 22-Feb KH
 Kensington Cliffs 1 ad 28-Feb KH
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 calidus juv 5 &
 19-Feb KH/IKB
 Oroklini Marsh 1 flew over 18-Feb MP
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 15-Feb KH
 Timi Beach 1 3, 5, 9, 26 & 28-Feb IKB/CR

GREAT GREY SHRIKE* *Lanius excubitor*

Διπλοκεφαλάς

Agios Theodoros coast 1 10, 11, 12, 17,
 18, 20 & 24-Feb
 MP/JS/KH/FGe/DJW/VT/SC/CR
 (Photographs sent to Lars Svensson who
 confirmed bird's ID as *excubitor* which is
 first occurrence of that nominate race in
 Cyprus).

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Amiandos Botanical Garden 1 3-Feb JS
 Livadi tou Pashia 1 3, 9 & 24-Feb JS

Livadi tou Pashia 2 22-Feb CR
Troodos Forest 2 At weather station 24-
Feb JS
Troodos 5 25-Feb MH

EURASIAN MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Κατσικωρώνα
Largest counts:

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 46 17-Feb FGe
Armou Hills 24 23-Feb CR
Minthis Hills 18 19-Feb CR

EURASIAN JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός
Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros coast c200 27-Feb KH
Episkopi, Paphos c100 3 & 17-Feb DJW
Evretou Dam c100 16-Feb DJW

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος
Kyrenia Highway - St Hilarion junct. 1 high
22-Feb CR

HOODED CROW *Corvus corone (cornix)*

Κοράζινο
Largest counts:
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 34 17-Feb FGe
Mandria 40 3-Feb CR
Phasouri Reed-beds 60 7-Feb CR

COAL TIT *Periparus ater cypristes*

Πέμπτεσος
Max count per location:
Almirolivado 10+ 9-Feb JS
Amiandos Botanical Garden c20 3-Feb
JS
Kannaviou Dam 11 16-Feb DJW
Livadi tou Pashia 40+ 9-Feb JS
Platania 15 calling 22-Feb CR

GREAT TIT *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι



Great Tit, Mandria, 23rd February. Photograph
by John East.

Largest counts:

Kykkos olive groves, Engomi 11 4-Feb
FGe
Paphos Lighthouse 12 22-Feb DJW
Souni 22 includes 2 pairs around a
possible nest site in a spiny thorn bush 15-
Feb JN

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz
pendulinus* Υφάντρα



Eurasian Penduline Tit, Zakaki Marsh, 8th
February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Larnaca Salt Lake 1+ Heard 12-Feb KH
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 24 & 26-Feb
JN/KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 9, 10 & 28-Feb IKB
Zakaki Marsh 3 8-Feb DJW
Zakaki Marsh 4 22-Feb KH
Zakaki Marsh 2 26-Feb TRE

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

calandra Μαυροτρασίηλος
Pervolia fields 4+ Singing and in display
flight 6-Feb JS/VT
Pervolia fields 8 7-Feb MP
Pervolia fields 4 12-Feb DJW
Pervolia fields 3 21-Feb IKB

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK

Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασηλιούδα
Mandria 3 27-Feb IKB

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα



Woodlark, Meneou Beach, 4th February.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 25+ 5-Feb KH
Anarita Park 40 23-Feb JE
Armou Hills 56 1 full song 13-Feb CR

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*
Τρασιήλα



Eurasian Skylark, Mandria, 23rd February.
Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Mandria 100 28-Feb CR
Pervolia fields 100+ 4-Feb JS

CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*
Σκορταλλός

Largest counts:

Cape Greco 25+ 27-Feb JS
Kiados 30 flock of 20 21-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 21 including 2 singing 22-
Feb JN

ZITTING CISTICOLA *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππίρης

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 11 11-Feb FGe
Paralimni Lake 10 singing 13-Feb AKe

MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

melanorogon Μουστακομουγιανούδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 singing 27-Feb CR
Trachoni Pool 1 singing seen 21-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 2 6, 8, 10, 19 & 27-Feb
IKB/DJW/JS/KH/CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 7-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 3 9-Feb VT

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus

Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 26 & 28-Feb
TRe/KH

NORTHERN HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon*
urbicum Ασπροχελιδόνο

First reports and largest counts:

CyKing Village Paphos 3 15-Feb SM
Oroklini Marsh 3 11-Feb MP
Oroklini Marsh 2 Collecting mud from
puddle 12-Feb MP
Kouklia (Paphos) c70 26-Feb IKB
Larnaca Sewage Works c10 17-Feb SC
Mandria c150 26-Feb IKB
Phasouri Reed-beds 50+ 26-Feb KH
Potamos Germasogeia c30 18-Feb KH

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis*

daurica Μιλτοχελιδόνο

Amathus Hill 1 27-Feb KH
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 26-Feb ABW

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Χελιδόνι

First reports and largest counts:

Agia Varvara c40 25-Feb DJW
Akhna Dam 50 23-Feb AKe
Akhna Dam 1 5-Feb KH
Athalassa Dam 1 2-Feb MH
Frenaros 50 26, 27 & 28-Feb AKe
Lady's Mile 1 8-Feb DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 5-Feb KH
Oroklini Marsh 100+ 16 & 17-Feb MP
Oroklini Marsh 2 5-Feb MP

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne*

rupestris Βραχοχελιδόνο

Evretou Dam c10 16-Feb DJW
Germasogeia Dam 11 14-Feb KH

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus*

collybita Μουγιαννούδι

100 reports of this species received for the
month.

Largest counts:

Athalassa Dam 20+ 5-Feb JS
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 8 5-Feb CR
Ezousas River: lower 8 3-Feb DJW
Souni 16 9-Feb JN

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόνη

101 reports of this species received for the
month.

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 10 27-Feb AKe
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 16 calling 5-Feb
CR
Paralimni Lake 10 13-Feb AKe

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Αμπελοπούλι



Eurasian Blackcap female, Mandria, 6th February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 7 3-Feb JN
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 10 5-Feb CR
Marathounta 22 1-Feb CR
Souni 14 28-Feb JN

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης



Cyprus Warbler, Cape Greco, 27th February. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Max count per location:

Agios Theodoros 24 18-Feb FGe
Akrotiri junipers 4 3-Feb FGe
Amathus Hill 6+ males 27-Feb KH
Anarita Park 1 male singing 28-Feb CR
Arodes 1 16-Feb DJW
Cape Greco 6 All males. Three heard only. All singing. 27-Feb JS
Curium 9 18-Feb JN
Germasogeia Dam 4+ Singing males seen 10-Feb JS
Kensington Cliffs 2 18-Feb JN
Maroullena River walk, Klirou 3 18-Feb JS
Mavrokolymbos Dam 5 3 male seen and 2 others heard 27-Feb DJW
Panagia Stazousa 6+ Singing males - all seen 6-Feb JS/VT

Secret Valley Golf Club 1 24 & 26-Feb

CR/PB

Sotira, Limassol 1 male in flight 3-Feb JN

Souni 7 9-Feb JN

SARDINIAN WARBLER *Sylvia*

melanocephala Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 11 singing 9-Feb CR

Curium 18 18-Feb JN

Marathounta 11 chasing calling 1-Feb CR

Mavrokolymbos Dam 12 10-Feb DJW

Paphos Sewage Plant 11 6-Feb DJW

Souni 21 9-Feb JN

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia rueppelli*

Ελιοβάτης



Rüppell's Warbler, Paphos Headland, 27th February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Paphos Lighthouse 1 27 & 28-Feb IKB

SPECTACLED WARBLER *Sylvia*

conspicillata Κοτινοφτέρι



Spectacled Warbler, Asprokremmos Dam, 15th February. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Max count per location:

Agioi Trimithias 4 10-Feb FGe
Agios Sozomenos 2 1m and 1f 5-Feb MP
Akhna Dam 1 male 10-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus group/JN
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 2 17-Feb FGe
Asprokremmos Dam 2 15-Feb DJW

Bishop's Pool 1 21-Feb IKB
 Cape Greco 2 2 & 27-Feb JS
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 12-Feb
 DJW
 Larnaca Salt Lake 2 26-Feb KeR
 Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 2 24-Feb
 FGe
 Manglis Lake 1 Singing male 1 & 5-Feb
 JS
 Manglis Lake 2 23 & 26-Feb JS
 Nicosia, Makedonitissa 1 male 3-Feb SC
 Silver Beach 1 m 20-Feb CR
 Spiros Pool 1 20-Feb JS

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia
 brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης
 Livadi tou Pashia 1 22-Feb CR
 Platania 1 3, 22 & 24-Feb JS/CR
 Troodos 5 25-Feb MH

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes
 troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο
 Kamares (Tala) 1 1, 10, 15, 18, 23, 26 &
 28-Feb DJW
 Livadi tou Pashia 2 3-Feb JS
 Livadi tou Pashia 3 Singing 24-Feb JS
 Platania 1 Heard singing and then seen
 3-Feb JS
 Platania 2 Singing 24-Feb JS
 Psilo Dendro 3 25-Feb KH/MH
 Theletra 1 20-Feb DJW
 Troodos 3 25-Feb MH

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*
 Λαζούρι
 Largest counts:
 Akhna Dam 100 12-Feb AKe
 Frenaros 200 7 & 11-Feb AKe
 Paralimni Lake 100 21-Feb AKe
 Sotira 700 11-Feb AKe

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*
 Τριζάρα
 Livadi tou Pashia 20 large flock took off
 and flew into forest 22-Feb CR

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*
 Τζιηκλα



*Song Thrush, Mandria, 6th February.
 Photograph by Dave Walker.*

115 reports of this species received this
 month. Largest counts:
 Akhna Dam c30 + 10-Feb SC with
 BirdLife Cyprus group
 Armou Hills 29 13-Feb CR
 Souni 31 9-Feb JN

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂
 Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
 Largest counts:
 Armou Hills 5 2-Feb CR
 Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 4 5-Feb CR
 Souni 6 19-Feb JN

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris* Τρυονότζικλα
 Livadi tou Pashia 3 22-Feb CR
 Livadi tou Pashia 4 Flew over 24-Feb JS

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*
 Κοτσινολαίμης
 Largest counts:
 Agios Theodoros 6 11-Feb FGe
 Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 5 16-Feb CR
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 7 10-Feb DJW
 Souni 47 9-Feb JN

BLUETHROAT *Cyanecula svecica*
 Γαλαζολαίμης
 Akhna Dam 2 heard only 10-Feb SC with
 BirdLife Cyprus group
 Akhna Dam 1 27-Feb AKe
 Evretou Dam 1 24-Feb IKB
 Lady's Mile 1 12-Feb TRe
 Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 1
 white-spot. Singing from metal fence post
 4-Feb MP
 Oroklini Marsh 1 5, 9 & 20-Feb
 KH/MP/CR
 Trachoni Pool 1 young male 21-Feb CR
 Zakaki Marsh 1 3 & 28-Feb FGe/KH

Zakaki Marsh 3+ one white spotted 19-Feb KH

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Καρβουνιάρης

Largest counts:

Paphos Lighthouse female 22-Feb DJW

Souni 7 2-Feb JN

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσυφος



Blue Rock Thrush, Cape Greco, 7th February.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Agia Napa - Cape Greco - Protaras walk 1
28-Feb KeR

Agios Sozomenos 1 5-Feb MP

Amathus Hill 1 male 27-Feb KH

Anarita Park 1 male 7, 17 & 28-Feb
KH/DJW/CR

Asprokremmos Dam 1 3-Feb RoB

Cape Greco 3 2m and 1f 2-Feb JS

Eptakomi Cliffs 1 on coastal rocks, m 21-
Feb CR

Germasogeia Dam 1 male 2 & 10-Feb
KH/JS

Kamares (Tala) 1 male 5 & 23-Feb DJW

Secret Valley golf course 1 1 & 3-Feb
IKB/CR

EUROPEAN STONECHAT *Saxicola*

torquatus Παπαθικιά

148 records received for this species this
month.

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 28 11-Feb FGe

Anthoupolis, Nicosia 22 17-Feb FGe

Cape Greco 25+ 27-Feb JS

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*
isabellina Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα



Isabelline Wheatear, Paphos Headland, 8th
February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Singles reported throughout the month at
suitable, mainly coastal locations. Records
of 2+ listed:

Akrotiri salt lake 2 21-Feb IKB

Lady's Mile 4 12-Feb TRe

Mandria 2 5, 23 & 28-Feb IKB/JE/CR

Paphos Headland 5 9-Feb DJW

Timi Beach 3 18-Feb CR

Zakaki Marsh 3 19-Feb KH

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii*

Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα

Advellero c3 Towards top section of old
back road from Advellerro to Athienou, north
of Oroklini 21-Feb STi

Agia Varvara 1 m 10 & 16-Feb CR

Agios Sozomenos 1 male 5-Feb MP

Anarita Park 2 7, 16 & 17-Feb

KH/CR/DJW

Anarita Park 1 male 25 & 28-Feb DJW

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

105 records received for this species this
month.

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros c250 11-Feb FGe

Anthoupolis, Nicosia c100 17-Feb FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works Fields c100 24-
Feb FGe

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος



Spanish Sparrow, Mandria, 28th February.
Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c100 10-Feb SC with BirdLife
Cyprus group
Anthoupolis, Nicosia c80 17-Feb FGe
Kouklia c70 12-Feb IKB
Paphos Lighthouse c100 22-Feb DJW

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*
Κοτσινογαλούδι



Red-throated Pipit, Anarita Mast, 9th February.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Anarita Mast 3 1 & 2-Feb IKB
Anarita Mast 2 9, 11 & 12-Feb IKB
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 11-Feb MP
Paphos Headland 3 11-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 2 15-Feb IKB
Paphos Headland 5 20-Feb SM
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 22-Feb TRe
Zakaki Marsh 2 8-Feb KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 9-Feb VT

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Λιβαδογαλούδι

Largest counts:

Mavrokolymbos Dam c30 16-Feb DJW
Paphos Sewage Plant 60 18-Feb CR
Petounta Point c30 20-Feb JS
Timi Beach 35 10-Feb CR

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 flew in off sea
together and down to a green area near
viewpoint 24-Feb JN
Evretou Dam 3 10-Feb IKB
Evretou Dam 6 16-Feb DJW
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 3
20-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 20-Feb JS
Paphos Headland 2 15-Feb IKB
Zakaki Marsh 4 8-Feb DJW
Zakaki Marsh 1 9-Feb VT
Zakaki Marsh 3 19-Feb KH

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης



Grey Wagtail, Germasogeia Dam, 2nd
February. Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Agia Varvara 1 m 10-Feb CR
Amiandos Botanical Garden 1 3-Feb JS
Athalassa Dam 1 2-Feb MH
Athalassa Dam 2 5-Feb JS
Germasogeia Dam 1 2-Feb KH
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Kamares area 6 &
20-Feb MP/JS
Lower Ezousas 1 9-Feb IKB
Nicosia, Engomi 1 3-Feb SC
Oroklini Marsh 1 18-Feb KH
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 8, 11, 12 & 14-
Feb IKB/CR
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 24-Feb JN
Piania Dam, Paphos 1 3-Feb DJW
Psilo Dendro, Platres 2 25-Feb KH
Secret Valley Golf Course 1 24-Feb CR
Souni 1 Visiting garden pool all month,
now present since the beginning of
December JE
Zakaki Marsh 1 9 & 22-Feb VT/KH

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κίτροζευκαλάτης

Zakaki Marsh 1 female 19-Feb KH

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 7-Feb CR
 Anthoupolis, Nicosia 11 17-Feb FGe
 Mandria 32 28-Feb CR
 Paphos Headland 12 9-Feb DJW
 Paphos Sewage Plant c30 25-Feb IKB
 Paralimni Lake 200 9-Feb AKe

COMMON CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίνιος

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 105 1m 17-Feb CR
 Kathikas c100 20-Feb DJW
 Livadi tou Pashia c200 9-Feb JS
 Souni 87 at least with a flock of 67 16-Feb
 JN

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Χειμωνόσπινος

Livadi tou Pashia 1 f 22-Feb CR
 Theletra 2 20-Feb DJW

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes*.

coccothraustes Τζιεφαλόσπινος

Armou Hills 1 perched high 13-Feb CR
 Artemis Trail 4 22-Feb SBI
 Kathikas 2 20-Feb DJW
 Livadi tou Pashia 1 9 & 24-Feb JS
 Troodos 2 25-Feb MH/KH

EUROPEAN GREENFINCH *Chloris chloris*

Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος



European Greenfinch, Mandria, 4th February.
Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Agia Thekla 30+ 2-Feb JS
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 40+ One flock 10-Feb
 JS
 Amianos Botanical Garden 40+ 24-Feb
 JS
 Kiados 55 21-Feb CR
 Mandria 146 28-Feb CR

COMMON LINNET *Linaria cannabina*

Τσικρογόαρτιλο



Common Linnet, Mandria, 6th February.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 70 10-Feb CR
 Evretou Dam c40 16-Feb DJW
 Kouklia Fish Farm c50 2-Feb SC
 Mandria c30 12-Feb IKB

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούπτης

Artemis Trail, Troodos 12 22-Feb SBI
 Livadi tou Pashia 1 Flew over calling 3-
 Feb JS
 Livadi tou Pashia 8 22-Feb CR
 Livadi tou Pashia 6+ 24-Feb JS
 Troodos 2 25-Feb MH

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH *Carduelis*

carduelis Σγαρτίλι



European Goldfinch, Mandria, 23rd February.
Photograph by John East

Largest counts:

Agioi Trimithias c70 10-Feb FGe
 Livadi tou Pashia 80+ 9-Feb JS
 Timi Beach 34 10-Feb CR

EUROPEAN SERIN *Serinus serinus*

Μπασαρτοκανάρινο



European Serin, Mandria, 23rd February.
 Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Akamas, Paphos region c50 24-Feb IKB

Anthoupolis, Nicosia c85 17-Feb FGe

Kathikas c70 20-Feb DJW

EURASIAN SISKIN *Spinus spinus*

Θκιολαρούδι



Eurasian Siskin, Troodos, 25th February.
 Photograph by Rajja Howard.

Akrotiri junipers 2 3-Feb FGe

Artemis Trail, Troodos 20 22-Feb SBI

Asprokremmos Dam 10 8-Feb RoB

Episkopi, Paphos 12+ 3-Feb DJW

Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 40 5-Feb CR

Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 10 16-Feb CR

Episkopi, Paphos c30 17-Feb DJW

Evretou Dam 5 10-Feb IKB

Evretou Dam 6+ 16-Feb DJW

Livadi tou Pashia 1+ Only one seen clearly
 but surely more in large finch flock moving
 through area 9-Feb JS

Livadi tou Pashia 50 flying around, feeding
 in trees and on ground, mostly males 22-
 Feb CR

Livadi tou Pashia 8+ 24-Feb JS

Platania 1 fem 22-Feb CR

Troodos 7 25-Feb MH/KH

Xeros Potamos 12+ 3-Feb DJW

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος



Corn Bunting, Mandria, 22nd February.
 Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 145 16-Feb CR

Akhna Dam 34 23-Feb AKE

Larnaca Salt Lake 34 20-Feb JS

Mavrokolymbos Dam c50 2 flocks of c30
 c20 27-Feb DJW

Petounta Point 30+ feeding in a field 11-
 Feb JS

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*

Χρυσοπιτίλλα

Troodos 2 in Troodos square area 25-Feb
 KH/MH

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Καλαμοπιτίλλα

Akhna Dam 1 10-Feb JN

Oroklini Marsh 2+ 1 male, 1 female 10-
 Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus group/JN

Phasouri Reed Beds 2 1 heard only; other
 seen 10-Feb JS

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 feeding female 24-
 Feb JN

Trachoni Pool 1 prob fem 21-Feb CR

Xeros Potamos 2 6-Feb DJW

Zakaki Marsh 1 7 & 10-Feb CR/JS

Zakaki Marsh 3 8-Feb DJW

Zakaki Marsh 10+ 19-Feb KH

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

February 2018

Yiannis Christodoulides

The BirdLife Cyprus waterbirds monitoring programme has been running since 2005 and covers around 70 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 February, 7 recorders covered 17 wetlands (including one coastal site) across the island where 9346 birds, of 54 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 4378 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Common Shelduck with just below 1200 individuals closely followed by the Northern Shoveler with just over 800 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Larnaka Salt Lake with 3775 individuals as well as the site with the highest species abundance with 34 recorded species. Akrotiri Salt Lake was second in recorded individuals with 3487. These 2 sites make up almost 75% of the overall individuals counted in all the sites. Oroklini Lake was second in recorded species with 26 and Larnaka Sewage works was third with 10.

Two sites Kannaviou Dam and Agia Varvara Reservoirs had just one recorded individual.

Site coverage for the February 2018 Waterbird Count

| Site | Recorder | Date | Water level |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Paphos Lighthouse | Ian & Kate Bloomer | 15/02/2018 | coastal |
| Akrotiri Marsh | Christina Ieronymidou | 23/02/2018 | |
| Akrotiri Meras | Christina Ieronymidou | 23/02/2018 | |
| Akrotiri Salt lake | Christina Ieronymidou | 23/02/2018 | |
| Akrotiri Lady's Mile | Christina Ieronymidou | 23/02/2018 | |
| Bishop's Pool | Christina Ieronymidou | 23/02/2018 | |
| Zakaki Pond | Christina Ieronymidou | 23/02/2018 | |
| Larnaka Salt Lake | Jane Stylianou | 20/02/2018 | 70% |
| Larnaka Sewage Works | Jane Stylianou | 20/02/2018 | Full |
| Oroklini Marsh | Martin Hellicar | 02/03/2018 | |
| Evretou Dam | Dave & Jan Walker | 15/02/2018 | 39% |
| Asprokremnos Dam & pools | Dave & Jan Walker | 15/02/2018 | 25% |
| Acheleia Dam | Ian & Kate Bloomer | 15/02/2018 | |
| Mavrokolymbos Dam | Dave & Jan Walker | 15/02/2018 | 46% |
| Kannaviou Dam | Dave & Jan Walker | 15/02/2018 | 28% |
| Agia Varvara reservoir | Ian & Kate Bloomer | 15/02/2018 | |
| Manglis Dam | Jane Stylianou | 23/02/2018 | 50% |

| WETLAND BIRD COUNT FEBRUARY 2018 | Paphos Lighthouse | Akrotiri Marsh | Akrotiri Meras | Akrotiri Salt lake | Akrotiri Lady's Mile | Bishop's Pool | Zakaki Pond | Larnaka Salt Lake | Larnaka Sewage Works | Oroklini Marsh | Evretou Dam | Asprokremnos Dam & pools | Acheleia Dam | Mavrokolymbos Dam | Kannaviou Dam | Agia Varvara reservoir | Manglis Dam | Total | |
|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| Little Ringed Plover | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Ringed Plover | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Little Stint | | | | 37 | | | | 300 | | | | | | | | | | | 337 |
| Dunlin | 2 | | | 61 | | | | 300 | | | | | | | | | | | 363 |
| Ruff | | | | | | | | 5 | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Snipe | | | | | | | | 17 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 18 |
| Whimbrel | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Redshank | | | | | | | | 2 | | 3 | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Green Sandpiper | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Common Sandpiper | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Mediterranean Gull | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Black-headed Gull | | | | | | | | 442 | 1 | 80 | | | | | | | | | 523 |
| Slender-billed Gull | | | | | | | | 170 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 171 |
| Great Black-headed Gull | | | | 7 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Baltic Gull | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Heuglin's Gull | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Yellow-legged Gull | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Caspian Gull | | | | | | | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Armenian Gull | | | | | | | | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | 40 |
| Larus spp. | | | | | 200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 200 |
| Kingfisher | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Reed Warbler | | | | | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| TOTAL | 29 | 11 | 3 | 3487 | 227 | 45 | 2 | 3775 | 823 | 815 | 45 | 45 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 9346 | |
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