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Cover photo: Less regular than Spotted and Little Crake passing through on migration, the Baillon's Crake Zapornia pusilla is also popular with local and visiting birders. This individual was very showy at Agia Varvara where it spent early April feeding and resting before continuing its journey north. Andy Waller took this photograph.

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.

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YOUR BIRDING SIGHTINGS ARE IMPORTANT.
PLEASE DON’T FORGET TO SEND THEM TO THE RECORDER

Jane Stylianou

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

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

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

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

Οι καταγραφές σας είναι σημαντικές για μας για να μπορέσουμε να κρατήσουμε τη βάση δεδομένων για τα πουλιά της Κύπρου ενημερωμένη. Για να συμπεριληφθούν οι καταγραφές σας στο 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 Εθνική Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά. Για οποιαδήποτε διευκρίνιση επικοινωνήστε με την Jane στο janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk ή στο 99558953.
The Cyprus Bird Report 2016 is now available. The report contains 53 colour photos, the 2016 Systematic List of 310 observed species or recognised forms which was compiled from nearly 61,000 records, the 2016 Ringing report. Plus papers on the first Brown-necked Raven, Amur Falcon, Rustic Bunting and Oriental Turtle Dove in Cyprus; the declining trend of Cyprus’ Audouin’s Gull colony; the BirdLife Cyprus 2016 monitoring programmes; the breeding biology of the European Roller in western Cyprus and patterns of incidence of Troodos song birds at a rainwater resource. The Report includes species charts and tables and a full Cyprus bird List. The front cover features a pair of Great Spotted Cuckoo photographed at Anarita Park. The Report will be sent automatically to those BirdLife Cyprus members whose subscription includes it. Extra copies can be purchased if required by contacting the BirdLife Cyprus office.
SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The Autumn/Winter schedule 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 Cyprus). 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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• August 2018

Saturday 25th August: Akrotiri Salt Lake
Demoiselle Cranes and early autumn migrants.
Meet at 8.30 am, Sylvana Restaurant. Please note earlier start time.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/H1nZjjmFyVt

• September 2018

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7th 8th & 9th September: Akamas Weekend, including Latchi Boat Trip
Joint Leaders: Melis Charalambides and Loria Phylakti.
An enjoyable, sociable, birding weekend to see seabirds and autumn migrants.
Further details to follow. However please book in advance separately for accommodation and dinners with Melis Charalambides, Mobile: 99653205, or for the boat trip with Loria Phylakti, Mobile 99413383
Saturday 22nd September: Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam & Anarita Park
Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310
Late autumn migrants and winter visitors.
Meet at 9.00 am Mandria, ‘Lark Corner’, on coastal track opposite rocky islands.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/HgekCfCUzp82

- October 2018

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 5th 6th & 7th October: Karpasia Peninsula
Leader: Melis Charalambides. Mobile: 99653205, Home Tel: 22632155
Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.
Details will follow. Meet 11.00 am east end of Akhna Dam Wall.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/cYJi754DpHR2
Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides. Note, there is a 50 euro deposit on each booking.

Sunday 7th October: EuroBirdwatch Day
Athalassa Park, Nicosia (Family Birdwatching Day) 09:30 - 12:00, Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893
Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299
Paphos Plain, Paphos. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Alan Crane, Mobile: 99276310
Further details to follow

Saturday 20th 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.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/xW5dk5txAN62

Saturday 27th 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.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/zHspq3rptv22

- November 2018

Sunday, 4th November: Family Birdwatching Day at Athalassa Park
Leaders: Martin Hellicar (99907893) & Elena Markitani (99305085).
Meet 10.00 am at Athalassa Park bird hide.

Wednesday 7th November: Akrotiri Peninsula
Waterbirds and winter visitors.
Meet at 9.00 am, car park adjacent to the hide at Zakaki ponds off the road to Lady’s Mile.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/nY2GENJHjfx

Saturday 17th 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.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/2WJkhrpwmq32
Saturday 24th 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.  
Meet 9.00 am in parking area in front of the EKO petrol station on the old Nicosia-Limassol road.  
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/YL1R2U1nSH22

December 2018

Saturday 1st December: Kidasi  
Leader: Dave Walker, Mobile: 99915907  
Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.  
Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.  
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/F23CnS5iZA42

Saturday 8th 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.  
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/TZ1v4RHqSxQ2

ASPROKREMMOS DAM, MANDRIA AND ANARITA PARK FIELD MEETING REPORT  
14th APRIL 2018  
By Alan Crane  
The numbers first! A large group of 36 people with 20 cars turned up at Asprokremmos Dam for this Field Meeting. Despite birdwatching being "quiet" (again!) we did see 42 different species plus an additional one was heard but not seen. If this seems to be an unexpectedly high number to some of you who attended, remember that the species count always includes the "everyday species" such as House Sparrow and Hooded Crow that you may well not record in your own notebooks. Also, unfortunately, with such a large group it is inevitable that not everyone will have seen everything.  
Asprokremmos Dam provided us with little that might not be described as being an "everyday species". The noteworthy exceptions were three Turtle Doves and a single Red-rumped Swallow.  
Driving through the village of Mandria on the way from the Dam to Mandria Beach, we stopped to admire two Laughing Doves. How the ease of seeing this species has changed. Only a few years ago I had to go to great lengths to see my first "Laugher" on Cyprus, now I have them nesting in our garden.  
Walking around the beach area from our start point of Lark's Corner we saw, amongst other birds, about ten Greater Short Toed Lark, seven Northern Wheatears, three Stone Curlews, one Woodchat Strike, thirty one Purple Herons, one Shag and luckily a male Black Francolin in full view. Another Red-rumped Swallow was seen by some. My notes with respect to Yellow Wagtails say that we only saw two, both of which were Black Headed. As with a lot of species, numbers have been very low this spring.  
At Anarita Park, the best sightings were a Tree Pipit, eleven splendid Ortolan Buntings, two Cyprus Wheatears, one Red Throated Pipit and one of the pair of nesting Little Owls. Our attempts to find a Roller failed, but once we were all sat down, comfortable and starting to eat our lunches at the picnic site, guess what? A Roller disturbed our rest by coming and finding us! Back to the Ortolan Buntings. This was a good weekend for Ortolans at Anarita Park. The previous day I had seen at least eighteen and not only were the numbers unusually high but also many of the birds were in stunning text book plumage. How this contrasts with my experience of Cretzschmar's
Buntings this spring, for which I have seen far fewer than normal.

The final location of the day was Nata Ford, which perhaps now should be more accurately called Nata Bridge. Another Ortolan Bunting was soon seen. However, the reason for going to Nata was to try to find some water birds. The stream was flowing and we did well, adding **Common Snipe**, **Little Ringed Plover**, **Wood Sandpiper**, **Green Sandpiper**, **Marsh Sandpiper** (a particularly good bird for this site) and **Grey Heron** to our Field Meeting list.

On the roadside on the way to Nata Ford some, but I doubt all, saw two more Turtle Doves.

The best bird(s) of the meeting? Probably the Ortolan Buntings, but the Tree Pipit was a fine bird and hence comes a close second. Then again, for some the Stone Curlews may have been top. As I repeatedly say, those of us who spend a lot of time birdwatching on Cyprus can get blase about certain species which become common to us but are rare sightings for some of our visitors.

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**Photo by Ian Bloomer**

**CAPE GRECO FIELD TRIP 21st April 2018**

*by Stavros Christodoulides*

At 0800, 12 of us met at the side of the old Ayia Napa to Protaras road outside Kermia Hotel for our spring field trip to Cape Greco and Agia Napa. This year’s field trip was a bit later than usual, giving us an opportunity to look for different species and later migrants. Unfortunately, there was a strong NE wind and it was immediately obvious that finding birds in these conditions would be quite a challenge, a challenge that we all felt up for!

Our first stop was the bushes at the lower end of Cape Greco Park. Over the years this has been one of the best places for rarities. As we had predicted, the strong wind made birding tough, with few migrants in evidence. We took a short walk along the bushes and over to the rocky plateau where we managed to spot a couple of **Yellow Wagtails**, both **Blue-headed** and **Black-headed**, **Whinchat**, **Cyprus Wheatear**, a **Woodchat Shrike** and a **Red-throated Pipit** as well as plenty of **House Sparrows**. A **Kestrel** battled the wind while a few **Crested Larks** scurried along the ground seeking shelter amongst the smaller bushes and junipers. As we got into our cars we noticed a falcon species directly in front of the sun. After some initial confusion, the bird changed its position...
somewhat and better looks revealed a pale phase **Eleonora’s Falcon**, one of the most beautiful and elegant species of falcon.

Our second stop was a short drive towards the antennas, parking at an area recently given the name “Blue Lagoon”. On arriving, we were greeted by a 2nd CY **Pallid Harrier** and a light phase Eleonora’s Falcon. We could hear the buzzing call of Cyprus Wheatear and finally spotted the bird singing on the wires above us, performing a tricky balancing act against the gusting winds. Offshore, we saw some **Yellow-legged Gulls** and a couple of migrating **Little Egret** while on the rocks, a **Spur-winged Lapwing**, was a nice surprise. A female **Northern Wheatear** was the only other migrant of note.

Staying at the Park, our next stop was the area of scrub and rocks before the small church of Agioi Anargiroi. In the distance we saw a third Eleonora’s Falcon, this time a dark phase bird, while a couple of male **Cyprus Warblers** were singing from the tops of the trees and bushes. Walking around we came across a family of **Sardinian Warblers**, including some recently fledged juveniles, which also appear to be breeding in the area. This species is a recent colonist and probably not great news for the local Cyprus Warblers which often seem to do less well when competing for territory with their close relatives. Flocks of **Greenfinches** and **Goldfinches** were very common but there was no sign of migrants and we decided to move onto the picnic area for our coffee and sandwich break.

While enjoying our breakfast we scanned Konnos Bay coast for Audouin’s Gull, often present at this time of the year, but only managed a few very distant gulls which looked better for Yellow-legged. At the picnic area itself, there was a cacophony of noise from the dozens of House Sparrows but walking around the surrounding bushes there seemed very little migration. We finished our breakfast and decided to move on to our next stop, the Cape Greco Seacaves.

After a short drive we arrived at the Caves area and the dirt tracks north of the seacaves and west of the old rubbish tip. We got out of our cars and walked for a while. On top of a small hill we saw a large falcon, facing away from us with only its back and head visible. After some initial confusion we managed to identify it as a subadult **Peregrine Falcon**, possibly a recently arrived migrant having a rest from its northwards journey. Other birds here included a singing **Spectacled Warbler**, a **Blackcap**, a male Cyprus Wheatear, another Woodchat Shrike and a small flock of Greenfinches.

Our next stop was the area around the main entrance of Agia Napa Sewage Works. The large eucalypts there have a sizeable breeding colony of **Spanish Sparrows** and has been good for migrants, especially Phylloscopus warblers and flycatchers. Our first bird of note was a beautiful adult **Hobby**, which posed on an exposed branch giving us the opportunity to admire it through our binoculars, scope and even take some photographs. In the large trees, amongst the dozens of sparrows we saw a **Wood Warbler**, a **Pied Flycatcher** as well as a couple of Blackcap.

Our final stop was at Agia Napa Football Fields. The well-watered sports fields as well as the surrounding bushes can attract a variety of passerines but on this day there were very few birds other than a couple of Yellow Wagtails. As it was getting late we decided to call it a morning; one where the strong winds made birding quite hard going but with a bit more effort and perseverance we managed to see quite a few interesting bird species.
A total of 21 members and visitors met at the meeting point near Stroumpi where **European Bee Eater** were heard above. Our convoy of cars then started the drive to Paphos Forest, just past the village of Kannaviou, as we arrived a **Masked Shrike** was spotted. A walk around the forested area bought us more sightings of Masked Shrike together with **Cyprus Wheatear** and **Olivaceous Warbler**. Overhead a **Long-legged Buzzard** soared, around 20 European Bee Eater were seen and **Alpine Swifts** were feeding. Other birds in the area included **Cetti’s Warbler**, **House Sparrow**, **Common Wood Pigeon**, **Great Tit**, **Coal Tit**, **European Greenfinch** and **European Goldfinch**. Arriving back at the cars a **Eurasian Jay** was briefly seen along with **Eurasian Blackcap**.

Moving onto the wall of Kannaviou Dam Cyprus Wheatear greeted us and a number of **Corn Bunting** were seen and heard singing. Over the water **Common Swift**, **Barn Swallow** and **House Martin** were feeding. On the water the only wetland bird was a **Grey Heron**. Around the car park area **European Greenfinch**, **Common Linnet**, **Great Tit**, **Eurasian Magpie**, **Hooded Crow**, **Zitting Cisticola** and **Crested Lark** were some of the more common birds seen. Highlights though were a male **Red-backed Shrike**, a **European Roller** and **Whinchat**.

We had brief stop in the village of Pano Panagia to observe the hundreds of **Common House Martin** that use the village yearly to nest and bring up their young. The participants were not disappointed to see close views of the Martins feeding their young and repairing nests. There were also a number of **Common Swift** feeding with **Barn Swallow**. One member of the group saw a **Pallid Swift** amongst the **Common Swift** but this was not seen by any others.

We had our picnic lunch overlooking the deserted village of Vretsia, as we arrived good views were had of **European Bee Eater**. A **Cretzschmar's Bunting** was seen on the roadside by some. There were two male **Black Francolin** and **Cetti's Warbler** were calling as we watched the **Barn Swallows** and **Zitting Cisticola** feeding around the water meadow. Two **Sand Martin** put in a brief appearance and from the hide **Cattle Egret**, **Squacco Heron**, **Mallard** (with a few ducklings) and **Ferruginous Duck** were seen plus a **Little Grebe** with more heard. A couple of **Little Egret** came into view along with **Eurasian Reed Warbler** and a solitary **Sedge Warbler** was captured on Dave’s camera when he photographed the former.

A total of 35 species were seen.

**AKROTIRI PENINSULA FIELD MEETING 12th May**

*by June Neal*

Twenty of us gathered at the low hide, Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) on a sunny, breezy morning. Unfortunately the only observer of the migrating **European Honey Buzzard** and a **Western Marsh Harrier** above the reed-bed was me, a few minutes before the first of the other participants arrived and most of the **European Bee-eaters** had also moved on with many of the **Common Swifts** including one **Pallid Swift**.

Nevertheless, several **Black Francolin** and **Cetti’s Warbler** were calling as we watched the **Barn Swallows** and **Zitting Cisticola** feeding around the water meadow. Two **Sand Martin** put in a brief appearance and from the hide **Cattle Egret**, **Squacco Heron**, **Mallard** (with a few ducklings) and **Ferruginous Duck** were seen plus a **Little Grebe** with more heard. A couple of **Little Egret** came into view along with **Eurasian Reed Warbler** and a solitary **Sedge Warbler** was captured on Dave’s camera when he photographed the former.

Two **European Turtle Dove** were noted feeding in the longer vegetation as were **Common Coot**, **Wood Sandpiper** (briefly) then a white bird was spotted on a distant dead tree which was difficult to see due to the heat haze but as it turned we agreed it was a **Lesser Grey Shrike**. Its ID was
confirmed later as we drove slowly past the tree as we headed towards the Gravel Pits. Patricia also saw a Whinchat nearby and an Olivaceous Warbler was heard singing and four more Turtle Dove were in flight over the track towards the reed-bed near the donkey field.

At the Gravel Pits two more Black Francolins were heard, then a male in flight and a pair seen. Sardinian Warblers were in evidence including two juveniles plus a two Common Greenfinch. Perched on a bush was what I first thought was a juvenile Great Spotted Cuckoo which then flew into a tree’s foliage. We stopped and it obligingly came out of the tree to fly around the area, showing itself to be a sub-adult bird. A distant female Marsh Harrier was seen on vegetation close to the reed-bed and we all had better views as we drove closer, where second flew above the reed-bed. A Kentish Plover and Wood Sandpiper were both seen feeding on the pools then a Little Stint in full summer plumage. Further along the track a largish, yellow warbler with a prominent and broad bill was seen feeding in thorny broom. Naturally it vanished into the depths of the bush as we gathered around but eventually it emerged and provided good, close views of what we believed was an Icterine Warbler after much consultation with the field guides. Dave took an excellent photograph and confirmed our observations later.

The smaller, greyer warbler in flight nearby never did get identified! Sardinian Warblers were also in the same area but no shrikes to our collective disappointment, although Tony and Dave had a probable Red-backed Shrike fly in front of their vehicle as we made our way to Sean’s (Agios Georgios) Pool, passing a smaller pool with a lone Little Egret on its shore.

Nine Grey Heron, another Little Egret and an adult Yellow-legged Gull were seen at Sean’s pool before we moved onto the garden at Agios Georgios Church for brunch where we were saw several Common Greenfinch and House Sparrow.

The view of Akrotiri Salt Lake was disappointing from Sylvana’s Restaurant as the dust in the atmosphere, combined with the heat haze, resulted in limited visibility. A few hundred Greater Flamingo were present but not close. Male Spanish Sparrows were seen, including one feeding a juvenile. Several European Bee-eaters were in feeding flight and on wires en route to Lady’s Mile.

At two stops along Lady’s Mile we saw at least 36 Little Stint, ten Black-winged Stilt including one immature bird, ten Little Egret, three Black-tailed Godwit, at least seven Little Tern, five Ruff, a couple of Kentish Plover plus single Common Greenshank, Common Ringed Plover and Dunlin.

A few participants departed as the rest of us moved onto Zakaki Marsh in the hope that the recent rains had not made the run-off area inaccessible. We managed to find some firm standing for the cars and walked over towards the run-off with most of the group venturing to the NE edge of the Salt Lake. In addition to the species seen along Lady’s Mile we came across a possible Greater Short-toed Lark that may have been nesting as its flight suggested distraction, a hunting female Marsh Harrier, Marsh Sandpiper and one Temminck’s Stint. At least seven Glossy Ibis, six Little Ringed Plover on the shore of the lake, three Collared Pratincole and Wood Sandpiper then two male Black-headed Wagtai and one probable female flew in plus a male Cretschmar’s Bunting which stayed briefly before flying off.

At Zakaki Pools more Wood Sandpiper and Little Egret were seen along with Common Moorhen and Coot. There was no sign of the Eurasian Bittern seen in flight over the reed-bed by Tony and Dave in the morning. Clive and Cath saw a Spotted Flycatcher and then over 130 Bee-eater fed around the area before making their way north as we also left the area after an interesting day’s birdwatching. Altogether 61 species were confirmed and the one possible. My thanks to everyone for their good company, humour, interest and observations on what was my last field meeting as leader, having recently stepped down from the Council of BirdLife Cyprus after nine years. My thanks to Dave and Jan for their kind words of appreciation during brunch and I look forward to seeing you all as a participant rather than as a leader of field meetings in the future.
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Last Month’s Quiz answer

Medium length legs and tail, thick bill and drab, earthy colouration identify April’s mystery bird as a species of lark. Beginners to birding can find larks quite confusing but with good views and experience all regularly occurring and rare species can quite easily be separated. 13 species of lark have been recorded on the island. Many species can be eliminated straight away: Crested Lark, our commonest resident species shows an obvious crest in all plumages, Dupont’s, a very rare vagrant with one record, shows a long, fine bill and long legs; Horned and Temminck’s Larks both show a distinctive black-and-white face pattern, Woodlark shows a crest, thinner bill and black alula; while the three ‘desert species”, Desert, Bar-tailed and Dunn’s Larks, all rare vagrants, show plainer and paler, sand-coloured upperparts. We are left with five species, Greater and Lesser Short-toed Larks, Calandra Lark, Bimaculated Lark and Skylark.

Skylark, a common winter visitor, can be eliminated as it has colder grey brown upperparts, a short crest, thinner bill and streaked breast. The length of the tail and pale lore should also rule out Bimaculated Lark which has a very short tail, dark lore as well as a larger bill and longer primary extension. In fact, the length of the primaries compared to the tertials is the key to identifying this species. Our mystery bird shows very long tertials that almost cover the whole length of the primaries with the tip of the outermost primary barely visible, a characteristic of Greater Short-toed Lark, a common and widespread passage migrant and rare and localized breeding summer visitor.
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A – Z of Cyprus Birdwatching

By June Neal

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Akhna Dam

This ‘small, man-made wetland and expanse of surrounding agricultural land’ was designated as a Special Protection Area in 2008 and is a favoured refuelling site for passage migrants, especially wetland species and passerines. Please refer to the leaflet Birdwatching in Cyprus – a unique destination for birding for map and further details (obtainable from BirdLife Cyprus – see links below).

Spring highlights may include –
Little Swift, Μικρόπτεροχέλιδον, *Apus affinis* – one came down to drink on 15 April 2011
Corncrake, Ορτυκομάνο, *Crex crex*
Little Crake, Μικροπουλάδα, *Zapornia parva* which is also reported in the autumn
Baillon’s Crake, Ναθοπουλάδα, *Zapornia pusilla* which is also reported in the autumn
Purple Heron, Πορφυρωμαριφάς, *Ardea purpurea*
Black-winged Stilt, Καλομοκανάς, *Himantopus himantopus* which breed there
Great Snipe, Διπλοπικάτσον, *Gallinago media* with two present 13 April 2011 then one on 30 April 2011
Whiskered Tern, Λιμνογλάρον, *Chlidonias hybrid*
White-winged Tern, Αργυρογλάρον, *Chlidonias leucopterus*
Pied Kingfisher, Κήρυλος, *Ceryle rudis* has been seen this April but has proved to be elusive
Semi-collared Flycatcher, Δρυομουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula semitorquata*

*Akhsna Dam in July 2014 photographed by Stavros Christodoulides*

Early summer has produced a few surprise species including
Great Snipe, Διπλοπικάτσον, *Gallinago media* recorded on 3 June 2013
Lesser Grey Shrike, Σταχτοκεφαλάς, *Lanius minor* seen on 23 June 2013
Temminck’s Stint, Ερημοχοινάδα, Eremophila bilopha can sometimes visit this site from July through to September.

A Citrine Wagtail, Κιτροζευκαλάτης, Motacilla citreola was located here from 28 July 2014.

Autumn highlights include –  
Eurasian Spoonbill, Κουταλάς, Platalea leucorodia  
Cattle Egret, Γελαδάρης, Bubulcus ibis often come in to roost from August, sometimes reaching several hundred birds  
Great White Pelican, Ροδοπελεκάνος, Pelecanus onocrotalus  
Black-winged Pratincole, Μαυρόφτερο Νεροχελίδονο, Glareola nordmanni – two were present on 29 September 2011  
European Turtle Dove, Τρυγόνι, Streptopelia turtur with breeding records received in 2012 from here  
In both spring and autumn -  
Common Crane, Γερανός, Grus grus with 16 present 20 October 2013  
Demoiselle Crane, Νωφογερανός, Anthropoides virgo - with one present 20-24 September 2013  
Black Stork, Μαύρος Πελαργός, Ciconia nigra – seven being present 7 October 2011  
Black-crowned Night Heron, Νυχτοκόρακας, Nycticorax nycticorax  
Squacco Heron, Βορτακοφάς, Ardeola ralloides  
Jack Snipe, Κουφοπτικάτσωνο, Lymnocryptes minimus  
Terek Sandpiper, Ρωσονεραλλίδι, Xenus cinereus  
Little Gull, Νανόγλαρος, Hydrocoloeus minutus  
Black Tern, Μαυλθέη, Chlidonias niger  
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Πλάθκμ Μελισσοφάγος, Merops persicus  
Booted Eagle, Γερακαστός, Hieraaetus pennatus  
Lesser Kestrel, Κιρκινίζζ, Falco naumanni  
Icterine Warbler, Κιτρινοτριβητούρα, Hippolais icterina  
Eastern Bonelli’s Warbler, Βουνογιαννούδι, Phylloscopus orientalis  
Bluethroat, Γαζαακζαέηβμ, Cyanecula svecica are often found here, sometimes as many as six as on 3 November 2013  
Red-breasted Flycatcher, Κοκκινομουγιοχάφτης, Ficedula parva on 20 September 2013, although this species is more usually seen on spring passage,  
Thrush Nightingale, Τζικλοηδόνι, Luscinia luscinia  
Citrine Wagtail, Κιτροζευκαλάτης, Motacilla citreola

Over-wintering birds may include -  
Little Grebe, Νεροβούττιτς, Tachybaptus ruficollis in large numbers – 250 were recorded from 10 December 2011  
Booted Eagle, Γερακαστός, Hieraaetus pennatus, as in January 2014, which was a pale phase bird  
Eurasian Buzzard, Γερακίνα, Buteo buteo  
Eurasian Penduleine Tit, Υφάντρα, Remiz pendulinos in January and February  
Moustached Warbler, Μουστακομουγιαννούδι, Acrocephalus melanopogon  
Bluethroat, Γαζαακζαέηβμ, Cyanecula svecica - with eight present here on 14 January 2013

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SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR APRIL 2018
Jane Stylianou

9863 bird records received
248 species and forms recorded April 2018, compared to 243 in April 2017.

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

The following species were also recorded in April 2018: Chukar, Black Francolin (135 records), Mallard, Little Grebe, Rock Dove, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Swift (137 records), Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Little Egret (151 records), European Shag, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Ruff (154 records), Little Stint, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Scops Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Kingfisher, Common Kestrel (137 records), Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow (155 records), Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Eurasian Reed Warbler, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow (240 records), Cetti’s Warbler (154 records), Eurasian Blackcap, Lesser Whitethroat, Cyprus Warbler, Sardinian Warbler (189 records), Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow (155 records), Spanish Sparrow, White Wagtail, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch (166 records), Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

COMMON QUAIL Coturnix coturnix Ολίκτεν
Androloukou 2 calling in cereal fields 11-Apr CR
Androloukou 1 11-Apr CR
Arodos 2 Heard 15-Apr JS/MF et al
Axdimou Bay 1 9-Apr CDL
Cape Greco 1 7-Apr BBo/PrO
Karpasia road to point 1 17-Apr JLS
Mandria 1 h 1 & 14-Apr CR/JN
Mandria 2 calling 6-Apr CR
Paphos 1 exhausted sheltering on steps next Alex the Great Hotel found by my wife 3-Apr MJH
Paphos lighthouse 1 heard 1-Apr ABW
Pervolia fields 1 Heard 2-Apr JS
Pittokopos 1 heard 11-Apr DJW

WHITE-HEADED DUCK* Oxyura leucocephala Κεφαλόταπι
Kanli Dam 2 1m and 1f 3-Apr JvH/Obs

RED-CRESTED POCHARD Netta rufina Κοτσιγνοτζέθφιλη
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 7 & 19-Apr JLS
Oroklini Marsh 5 4-Apr BBo/PrO
Oroklini Marsh 1 1f with 8 ducklings 7, 8, 9, 10,16, 19, 20, 21 & 22-Apr KH/BBo/PrO/JS/VT/LAC
Oroklini Marsh 2 1m and 1f with 8 ducklings 12-Apr KH
Oroklini Marsh 3 1m and 2f - one with 8 ducklings 12-Apr JS/MF et al

Oroklini Marsh 1 m 16-Apr CR/WAS
Oroklini Marsh 2 Males 20-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Apr DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 male 21-Apr SC
Oroklini Marsh 4 3 male 1 female 22-Apr DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 female with nine ducklings 25-Apr BR
Oroklini Marsh 4 2 males plus 1f and another f with 9 small ducklings 26-Apr JS
Oroklini marsh 6+ 29-Apr HS

FERRUGINOUS DUCK Aythya nyroca Βαλτόταπι
Max count per location:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 26-Apr JS
Bishop's Pool 12 10 & 12-Apr CR/WAS/PA
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 9 19-Apr JLS
Oroklini Marsh 14 9-Apr JS
Phasouri Reed Beds 4 13-Apr FGe
GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Garganey, Agia Varvara, 10th April. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 400 3-Apr DJW
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 140 flock offshore 5-Apr JE
- Paphos Lighthouse 40 west, prob this sp 7-Apr CR
- Timi Beach 124 3 groups west 24-Apr CR

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*

Σαξάνα

Largest counts:
- Achna Dam 26 3-Apr PBr
- Larnaca Sewage Works c10 19 & 29-Apr JS/MF et al/HS
- Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 10 19-Apr JLS
- Oroklini Marsh 22 10-Apr JS

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope*

Αρματόσσης

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 a pair 19-Apr JLS

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Salt Lake c50 Zakaki run off area/eastern edge 4-Apr FM/IKB
- Mandria c80 in mixed flock with Garganey landed on sea 2-Apr MJH
- Mandria c30 Probably this sp offshore in raft 18-Apr JS/MF et al

COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρούνλι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 25 in flight 5-Apr TRe
- Akrotiri Salt Lake c40 13-Apr DJW
- Bishop's Pool 1 17-Apr ABW
- Oroklini Marsh 1 Male 9 & 10-Apr JS
- Phinikas 2 10-Apr DJW

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*

Μαυροβούτης

Black-necked Grebe, Akhna Dam, 10th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Akhna Dam 1 In full breeding plumage 3, 8 & 10-Apr JS/JV/LMN
- Bishop's Pool 1 sum plum 5, 7, 10, 11 & 12-Apr JE/CR/WAS/ABW/PA
- Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2-Apr JS
- Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11-Apr CDL
- Larnaca Sewage Works 2 12, 25 & 29-Apr JS/BR
- Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19-Apr JS/MF et al/LR/SD/VT

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus*

Φλαμίνγκο

Partly melanistic Greater Flamingo, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 11th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location:
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 Flying over 28-Apr JS
- Akrotiri Salt Lake Present incl one part melanistic 11-Apr TRe
- Akrotiri Salt Lake c1000 29-Apr CR
- Kensington Cliffs 11 28-Apr HS
- Lady's Mile 60+ 30-Apr TRe
- Larnaca Airport Pools North 180 29-Apr JS
- Larnaca Salt Lake 34 20-Apr JS
- Oroklini Marsh 24 3-Apr IKB
- Spiros Beach c200 Large flock heading E offshore 2-Apr JS
STOCK DOVE Columba oenas
Φασσοπτεζουνο
Omodos 3 10-Apr FM

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE Streptopelia turtur Τρυψονι
Largest counts:
Achna Dam 9 22-Apr LR/Obs
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c8 different places 28-Apr SC
Bishop’s Pool 16 flock 20-Apr CR/WAS
Kiti Dam 12 16-Apr CR/WAS

LAUGHING DOVE Spilopelia senegalensis
Φοινικοτρυγονο
Laughing Dove, Mandria, April. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Max counts per location:
Agia Napa 1 6 & 21-Apr FGe/SC/BC field trip
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 1 6-Apr FGe
Aradippou Farms 3 21-Apr SC
Cape Greco 2 21-Apr DJW/JN
Frenaros 4 (2 in song) 6 - 24-Apr AKe
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 3+ 20-Apr JS
Kapetanios Odyessios Hotel, Limassol 1+ 14-Apr JS/MF et al
Kiti Dam 1 2-Apr JS
Mandria 7 breeding 24-Apr LAC
Meneou Beach 1+ Heard 14-Apr JS
Pervolia fields 1 22-Apr JS
Protaras 1 A singing male, roadside post and tree lined compound nearby 27-Apr CF
Zygi 1 12-Apr CS

Namaqua Dove*, Oena capensis
Μικροπτερύστερο
Namaqua Dove, Mandria, 11th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Mandria 1 adult male 11 & 17-Apr IKB/MJH/LAC/HS/VT/DN (Rare Bird Report received)
Petounta Point 1 Male seen briefly on track in front of me, flew off showing distinctive shape and mask. Not relocated 21-Apr JS (Rare Bird Report required) 6th and 7th records for Cyprus if accepted.

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR Caprimulgus europaeus Νυκτοποιλι
Agios Therapon 47 heard (undercount) 18-Apr JN
Engomi, Nicosia 1+ Early evening, the characteristic guep call heard overhead several times. After dark two bursts of churring. I could not tell if it was one that had come down to feed or if birds passing over 27-Apr CF
Pissouri 1 26-Apr DoW
Souni 2 heard in pine wood areas 3-Apr JN
Souni 8 25-Apr JN
Timi Forest 1 24-Apr LR/Obs

ALPINE SWIFT Tachymarptis melba
Ασπροπτεροχελιδονο
Alpine Swift, Mandria, 9th April. Photograph by Luke Nash
Largest counts:
Anarita Park c30 21-Apr IKB
Asprokremmos Dam c80 12-Apr IKB
Kensington Cliffs 20 17-Apr MC/JS/MF et al
Mandria 20 9-Apr CR
Phinikas c30 10-Apr DJW

**PALLID SWIFT** *Apus pallidus*
Στακτοτετραχελίδιον
Bishop’s Pool 5 In area around entrance 28-Apr JS
Mandria 4 22-Apr CR
Paphos Headland 2 5-Apr JF
Phasouri 2 28-Apr JN
Troodos Forest c20 17-Apr JS/MF et al
Troodos Square 1 filmed leaving nest 25-Apr SD
Troodos Forest 2 29-Apr VT

**GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO** *Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονία

*Great Spotted Cuckoo, Asprokremmos Dam, 10th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:
Agia Varvara 4 7-Apr JN
Agios Therapon 6 5 seen in flight and 1 heard calling 13-Apr JN
Armou Hills 5 chasing and calling 8-Apr CR
Phinikas 6 10-Apr DJW
Souni 5 2 & 4-Apr JN

**COMMON CUCKOO** *Cuculus canorus*
Кούκος

*Common Cuckoo, Akrotiri. Photograph by Andy Waller.*

Singles heard and seen during month.
Reports of 2+ listed:
Agia Varvara 2 10-Apr DJW
Bishop's Pool 3 25-Apr KH
Karpasia road to point 2 Two birds, one feeding along main road and another in field by a side road 17-Apr JLS
Omodos 2 10-Apr FM
Troodos Forest 2 29-Apr VT

**WESTERN WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*
Μαυροπουλάδα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Heard. Eastern edge/Zakaki run off area 28-Apr JS
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 26-Apr DoW
Zakaki Marsh 1 22-Apr WAS

**CORNCRAKE** *Crex crex* Ορτυκομάνα
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 calling, near hide, 15.30h 10-Apr CR/WAS

**SPOTTED CRAKE** *Porzana porzana*
Στικτοπουλάδα
Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 2 16-Apr IKB
Akhna Dam 1 4, 12 & 26-Apr VT/KH/JS
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 1 5 & 7-Apr CR
Paralimni Lake 3 7-Apr BB0/PRo
Polis Reedbeds 1 1 7-Apr HE/CDL
Zakaki Marsh 2 26-Apr DoW
LITTLE CRAKE *Zapornia parva*
Μικροπουλάδα

Little Crake, Agia Varvara, 14th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:
Achna Dam 2 1m and 1f 20-Apr LAC
Agia Varvara 5 4 male 1 female 12-Apr DJW
Oroklini Marsh 6 2m and 4f 17-Apr HE/SD/SP
Paralimni Lake 2 1-Apr PWr
Trachoni Pools 1 adult male 19-Apr JLS
Zakaki Marsh 1 m 20, 22, 24, 25 & 26-Apr CR/WAS/KH

BAILLON’S CRAKE *Zapornia pusilla*
Νανοπουλάδα

Baillon’s Crake, Agia Varvara, 12th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 & 17-Apr

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός
Petra tou Romiou area 1 Over - high heading E 11-Apr JS

RED-THROATED DIVER*
Paphos coast 1 non-breeding plumage watched near shipwreck 12-Apr LC Rare Bird Report and further details requested. Possible first Cyprus record. Info received late.

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan* Μύχος της Μεσογείου
Cape Greco 1 1-Apr PWr

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός Πελαργός

White Stork, Phasouri, 21st April. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Cape Drepanum 1 7-Apr LH ?From Paphos Zoo
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 21-Apr KH

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς
Achna Dam 1 20-Apr LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 16 21-Apr KH
Oroklini Marsh 1 17-Apr HE/SD/SP
Paphos Headland 35 24-Apr LR/Obs

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus* Χαλκόκοτα

Glossy Ibis, April. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 121 11feeding around Dam with 110 in flock flying over 26-Apr JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake  188  3 large groups, circling and heading north  27-Apr
CR/WAS
Zakaki Marsh  124  90 then 30 circling around the area (later seen on NE shore of the salt lake) and 4 feeding along the stream  28-Apr JN

**EURASIAN BITTERN** *Botaurus stellaris*

Akhna Dam  1  1 & 2-Apr  JDo/BBo/PRo
Lady's Mile  1 flew from ground and landed in reeds behind Zakaki hide  13-Apr FGe

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

Agia Varvara  1  13 & 28-Apr  CR
Akhna Dam  2  23-Apr  VT
Akhna Dam  1 Male  26-Apr  JS
Bishop's Pool  1  13, 19 & 27-Apr
KH/WAS/VT/CR
Chrysochou  1  26-Apr  RAt
Evretou Dam  1  29 & 30-Apr
IKB/RAT/BCRS
Mavrokolymos Dam  1  24-Apr  LR/Obs
Nata Ford  1  male flew across channel above ford then feeding in stream  9-Apr
MJH
Oroklini Marsh  1  7-Apr  KH/BBo/PRo
Paralimni Lake  1  7-Apr  DC/MCa
Partenitis Dam  1 male  21-Apr  SC
Polis Reedbeds  1  26-Apr  BCRS
Zakaki Marsh  1  17-Apr  WAS

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

Black-crowned Night Heron, Akrotiri, 16th April. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  10  12-Apr  JE
Bishop's Pool  19  27-Apr  ABW
Paphos Headland  23  Flew NW  11-Apr
LMN

**SQUACCO HERON** *Ardeola ralloides* Βορτακοφάς

Squacco Heron, Timi Beach, 26th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Mandria  21  24-Apr  LAC
Paphos Harbour  6  20-Apr  LC
Phasouri Reed Beds  6  13 & 18-Apr
FGe/DJW/JS/MF et al
Timi Beach  20  28-Apr  IKB

**PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea* Πορφυροπαροβάς

Purple Heron, Asprokremmos Dam, 10th April. Photograph by Jan Walker.
125 records received for this species for April. Largest counts below:
- Anarita Park 38 north 24-Apr CR
- Cape Drepanum 50 Heading N inland 11-Apr LMN
- Kensington Cliffs 48 14-Apr KH
- Mandria 70 in off sea 3-Apr

**GREAT WHITE EGRET** *Ardea alba*
- Akhnas Dam 2 3-Apr PBr
- Akhnas Dam 4 7-Apr KH
- Akhnas Dam 6 Flock flew over 10-Apr JS
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 27-Apr CR/WAS
- Asprokremmos Dam 5 24-Apr BR
- Asprokremmos Dam 1 27-Apr DoW
- Cape Drepanum 2 flying north 28-Apr DJW
- Kanli Dam 2 6-Apr JLS
- Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 25 & 28-Apr HS/DJW
- Oroklini Marsh 1 Flew over 26-Apr JS
- Paphos Headland 4 over 23-Apr LR/Obs

**GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
- Achnas Dam 2 3-Apr PBr
- Asprokremmos Dam 1 9 & 14-Apr CR/DJW
- Cape Kormakitis 4 11-Apr JLS
- Evretou Dam 1 24-Apr HS
- Mandria 1 Flying W 6-Apr JS
- Mandria 50 migrating from S to N in two groups 11-Apr JN
- Mandria 15 migrating from S to NW 11-Apr JN
- Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 5 & 6-Apr LH/DJW
- Phinikas 1 5 & 10-Apr DJW
- Secret Valley Golf Club 2 7-Apr PBr

**EURASIAN THICK-KNEE** *Burhinus oedicnemus*

Largest counts:
- Agia Varvara 4 13-Apr FGe
- Dromolaxia 4+ Night survey 28-Apr JS
- Kivisili 5+ Heard. Night survey 9-Apr JS
- Larnaca Salt Lake 6+ Night survey 28-Apr JS
- Mandria 4 includes 1 returning to a nest 14-Apr JN
- Nata 4 11 & 14-Apr LAC/DJW

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 12-Apr JE
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 20 29-Apr MC
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 9, 10 & 13-Apr KH/CR/WAS/DJW
- Mandria 6 in off sea with group of slender-billed gull 1-Apr DC/DOH/MCa
- Spiros Pool 12 Flew in and then seen later on Larnaca Airport Pools South 2-Apr JS

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

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 35 27-Apr CR/WAS
- Lady's Mile 51 23-Apr LAC
- Larnaca Sewage Works 30 11-Apr CDL
- Oroklini Marsh c40 9 9 & 10-Apr JS

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 35 27-Apr CR/WAS
- Lady's Mile 51 23-Apr LAC
- Larnaca Sewage Works 30 11-Apr CDL
- Oroklini Marsh c40 9 9 & 10-Apr JS

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius hiaticula*

Max count per location:
- Akhnas Dam 1 22-Apr DJW
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 40 29-Apr CR
- Lady's Mile 2 2-Apr LAC
**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδη

*Little Ringed Plover, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 13th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:
- Akhna Dam 10 22-Apr DJW
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 18 10-Apr CR/WAS
- Asprokremmos Dam 8 14-Apr DJW
- Lady's Mile 4 13-Apr DJW
- Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 19-Apr LAC
- Mandria 1 12-Apr DJW
- Nata Ford/Bridge 3 One appeared to be incubating 14-Apr JS/MF et al
- Oroklini Marsh 1 20-Apr LAC
- Phinikas 9 10-Apr DJW
- Polis Reedbeds 2 7-Apr CDL
- Zakaki Marsh 7 feeding 28-Apr JN

**GREATER SANDPOLOVER** *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδη

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 21 & 26-Apr
- Cape Greco 1 4-Apr KH/BBo/PRo
- Mandria 1 1-Apr MJH/JSG
- Mandria 3 also 9th April 8-Apr DC
- Mandria 4 on beach, long-billed scythicus 12-Apr CR
- Mandria 6 13-Apr LAC
- Paralimni Lake 2 4 & 6-Apr BBo/PRo
- Spiros Pool 1 11-Apr CDL/GKo
- Timi Beach 1 3-Apr MJH/JF

**CASPIAN PLOVER** *Charadrius asiaticus* Στεπτοπλουμίδη

*Caspian Plover, Paralimni Lake, 8th April. Photograph by Luke Nash*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 18 & 19-Apr
- MSS/WAS/HE/VT/SD
- Paralimni Lake 1 ad male 6, 7 & 8-Apr
- BBo/PRo/LMN Rare Bird report required

**NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus* Γιαννής

Trachoni Pools 1 19-Apr JLS

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus* Φαίομπεκάτσα

*Whimbrel, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 20th April. Photograph by John East.*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8, 14, 16, 19, 20 & 26-Apr
- CDL/VT/CR/WAS/HE/JE/IKB
- Lady's Mile 4 flying west towards Akrotiri Salt Lake 20-Apr CR/WAS/JE
- Mandria 1 20-Apr IKB
- Mandria 1 23-Apr LC
- Paphos Headland 1 7-Apr LMN

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata* Νερομπεκάτσα

Mandria 1 18 22-Apr JS/MF/LC

**BAR-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa lapponica* Θαλασσολιμόζα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 east end, seen in flight, very hazy, possible only 29-Apr CR
**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*  
Λιμόζα

*Black-tailed Godwit, Lady’s Mile, 30th April. Photograph by John East.*

Akhna Dam 1 16-Apr CR/WAS/JS/MF et al  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8, 13 & 26-Apr CDL/KH/DJW/LR/Obs  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 12-Apr FM  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 27 & 29-Apr TRe/CR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 Eastern edge/Zakaki run off area 28-Apr JS  
Evretou Dam 1 29-Apr IKB/RAt  
Lady's Mile 1 25 & 30-Apr TRe/JE  
Larnaca Airport Pools North 5 16-Apr CR/WAS  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 7 & 19-Apr JLS  
Phinikas 1 10-Apr DJW  
Polis Reedbeds 1 7-Apr CDL

**TEMMINCK’S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*  
Σταχτονεραλλίδι

*Temminck’s Stint, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 27th April. Photograph by John East.*

Max count per location:  
Akhna Dam 2 26-Apr JS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c12 27-Apr TRe  
Androlíkou 1 On pool near goat farm 15-Apr JS/MF et al  
Lady's Mile 2 28-Apr JS  
Nata Ford 1 26 & 27-Apr CR/LAC  
Oroklini Marsh 1 10, 25 & 26-Apr JS/BR  
Paralimni Lake 3 1-Apr PWr  
Zakaki Marsh 6 feeding 28-Apr JN

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*  
Χαλικονεραλλίδι

*Mandria 1 flew off beach with Ruff 22-Apr CR*

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*  
Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

*Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8 & 21-Apr CDL/KH  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 19-Apr VT  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 26-Apr LR/Obs  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 26-Apr VT  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c7 28-Apr JS  
Lady's Mile 2 20 & 25-Apr CR/WAS/IKB  
Lady's Mile 1 preening 28-Apr JN  
Larnaca Airport Pools North 13 20-Apr DJW  
Larnaca Airport Pools North 4 25-Apr BR  
Spiros Pool 1 11-Apr CDL*

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina*  
Λασπινονεραλλίδι

*Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 4 & 10-Apr FM/CR/WAS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8-Apr CDL  
Ladies Mile 1 4-Apr JSG  
Paralimni Lake 10 3-Apr IKB  
Spiros Pool 4 8-Apr JS  
Spiros Pool 2 11-Apr CDL*

**GREAT SNIPE** *Gallinago media*  
Διπλοτοπικότσονο

*Agia Varvara 1 4, 5 & 6-Apr DC/DOH/MCa/MSS/LMN/MJH/CR  
Episkopi, Ezousas valley 1 17-Apr JDM  
Paralimni Lake 2 4-Apr BB/PRo  
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 8-Apr CDL  
Polis Reedbeds 1 flushed 1-Apr HE*

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*  
Πικατσούνι

*Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 9 22-Apr DJW  
Phasouri Reed-beds 4 in flight 28-Apr JN*
**JACK SNIPE** *Lymnocryptes minimus*
Κουφοτικάτσονο
Achna Dam 1 1-Apr JDo/JLo
Achna Dam 2 16-Apr JDo/JLo
Paralimni Lake 1 1, 2 & 4-Apr
PWr/BBo/PRo

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** *Phalaropus lobatus* Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 25-Apr WAS/IKB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 26-Apr LR/Obs
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 27-Apr CR/WAS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 3 20 & 22-Apr
JS/LAC/KH/DJW
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 23 & 25-Apr
LAC/BR

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*
Μαυρονεράλλιδι

![Spotted Redshank, Nata Ford, 26th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.](image)

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 26-Apr LR/Obs
Evretou Dam 1 24-Apr HS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 19, 20 & 22-Apr LAC/JS
Nata Ford 1 ad 26-Apr CR/DJW
Zakaki Marsh 2 28-Apr JN

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*
Κόκκινονεράλλιδι
Achna Dam 2 6-Apr BBo/PRo
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 10 & 12-Apr
CR/WAS/PA
Ladies’ Mile 2 6-Apr LMN
Lady’s Mile 1 25-Apr TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools North 3 19-Apr LAC
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 23-Apr LAC
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22-Apr LAC
Spiros Pool 1 6-Apr JS

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*
Βαλτόνεραλλίδι
Reported throughout the month from all suitable wetlands. Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 60 10-Apr CR/WAS
Lady’s Mile 35+ 30-Apr TRe

**CREAM-COLOURED COURSER**
*Cursorius cursor* Αμμοδρόμος

![Cream-coloured Courser, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 8th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.](image)

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5 & 8-Apr KH/TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works area 1 2-Apr
CV/BBo/PRo

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia* Πρασινονεράλλιδι

![Common Greenshank, Lady’s Mile, 26th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou](image)

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 10-Apr CR/WAS
**COLLARED PRATINCOLE** *Glareola pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο

*Collared Pratincole, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 16th April. Photograph by John East.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 17-Apr TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake c300 Eastern edge/Zakaki run off area. Large group roosting late afternoon 28-Apr JS
Lady’s Mile 9 28-Apr JS
Mandria 4 hawking fields behind beach 16-Apr MJH
Oroklini Marsh 26 Flew over area before flying off towards sea 26-Apr JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 overflying, heading towards Timi 16-Apr JN
Phasouri Reed-beds 15 26-Apr HS
Zakaki Marsh 3 28-Apr JN

**BLACK-WINGED PRATINCOLE*** Glareola nordmanni* Μαυρόφτερο Νεροχελίδονο
Achna Dam 10 Identified for me by a group of Dutch Birders present at the same time 30-Apr PBr (Further details and rare bird report required for this exceptional number of such a rare species. MC has spoken to Dutch birders and asked for photos.)

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus genei* Λεπτοκεφάλης Γλάρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 28 8-Apr CDL
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 16-Apr FM
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 27-Apr CR/WAS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 28-Apr JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 29-Apr CR
Cape Greco 50 1-Apr PWr
Lady’s Mile 2 12 & 28-Apr
PA/WAS/SC
Lady’s Mile 3 15-Apr WAS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 7 16-Apr CR/WAS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 8 20-Apr JS/DJW

**BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ridibundus* Χωραφογλάρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 25-Apr WAS/IKB
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 28 & 29-Apr JN/CR
Paphos Headland 10+ 7-Apr LMN

**PALLAS’S GULL** *Larus ichthyaetus* Αετόγλάρος
Cape Greco 1 first winter 1-Apr PWr

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22-Apr HS

**AUDOUIN’S GULL** *Larus audouinii* Νησόγλάρος
Agios Filonas, Karpasia 5 1-Apr JS
Cape Greco 1 2-Apr BBo/PRo
Cape Greco 2 23-Apr HS

**Baltic Gull** *Larus fuscus fuscus* Μελανόγλάρος Βαλτικής
Largest counts:
Cape Greco 7 6-Apr BBo/PRo
Mandria 12 11-Apr IKB
Oroklini Marsh 8 10-Apr VT

**Heuglin’s Gull** *Larus fuscus heuglini* Μελανόγλάρος Σιβηρίας
Lady’s Mile 1 2-Apr LAC

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus* Γλάρος Αρμενίας
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19, 27 & 28-Apr VT/CR/WAS/JN
Lady’s Mile 19 2-Apr FGe
Lady’s Mile 13 5 & 8-Apr JS/LMN
Lady’s Mile 2 immature 28-Apr SC
Mandria 1 1 ad and 1 first spring 2-Apr DC/DOH
Spiros Pool 3+ 19-Apr LAC

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος Κασπίας
Lady’s Mile 3 2-Apr FGe
Lady’s Mile 4 4-Apr TRe
Ladies’ Mile 2 8-Apr LMN
Paphos Sewage Plant 4 plus 2 Baltic, west 28-Apr CR
**LITTLE TERN** *Sternula albifrons* Φλαρόνι

*Little Tern, Akhna Dam, 20th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Earliest records and largest counts:
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 15-Apr WAS/TRe
- Akrotiri Salt Lake c20 Eastern edge/Zakaki run off area 28-Apr JS
- Lady's Mile c35 + 28-Apr SC
- Larnaca Sewage Works 8 29-Apr JS
- Spiros Pool 1 8-Apr JS

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

- Akhna Dam 1 23-Apr VT
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 48 1-Apr KH
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 27 3-Apr CDL
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 25 4-Apr IKB/FM
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 18 9-Apr KH
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 16 12-Apr PA/WAS
- Akrotiri Salt Lake c30 15-Apr TRe
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 16 & 23-Apr FM/TRe
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 18-Apr TRe
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 20-Apr DJW
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 38 ads 27-Apr CR/WAS
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 28-Apr JN
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 feeding with Little Terms in the middle 29-Apr CR
- Cape Greco 44 7-Apr BBo/PRo
- Oroklini Marsh 3 20-Apr LAC

**WHISKERED TERN** *Chlidonias hybrida* Λυμνογλάρονο

- Akhna Dam 1 ad 16-Apr CR/WAS/JS/MF et al
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 18 & 26-Apr TRe/VT
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 21 & 28-Apr KH/JN
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 27-Apr CR/WAS
- Athalassa Dam 2 11-Apr HE/SP
- Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Apr LAC

**WHITE-WINGED TERN** *Chlidonias leucopterus* Άργυρογλάρονο

*White-winged Tern, Akrotiri, 27th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

- Akhna Dam 2 26-Apr JS
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 15 & 29-Apr WAS/TRe/CR
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19 & 20-Apr VT/IKB/DJW
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 21 & 25-Apr KH/TRe/IKB
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 14 26-Apr VT
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 30+ 27-Apr TRe
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 28-Apr SC/JS/JN
- Larnaca Sewage Works 2 16-Apr KH
- Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22, 23 & 25-Apr LAC/HS/SD/VT/BR
- Larnaca Sewage Works 3 29 & 30-Apr JS
- Oroklini Marsh 2 26-Apr JS
- Zakaki Marsh 7 28-Apr JN

**BLACK TERN** *Chlidonias niger* Μαύρογλάρονο

- Oroklini Marsh 1 20-Apr LAC

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo* Θαλασσογλάρονο

*Common Tern, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 20th April. Photograph by John East.*

- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20-Apr CR/WAS/JE
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 9-Apr KH
Lady's Mile 1 21-Apr KH

**SANDWICH TERN** *Thalasseus sandvicensis* Χειμωνογλάρονο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 9-Apr KH
Avidou Bay 2 9-Apr CDL
Paphos Headland 2+ Offshore 7-Apr LMN

**ARCTIC SKUA** *Stercorarius parasiticus* Γερακοληπτόγλαρος
Paphos Headland 1 Pale morph adult, flew NW close inshore, chasing gulls 7-Apr LMN
Spiros Beach 1 flying north along coast 3-Apr PWr

**COMMON BARN OWL** *Tyto alba* Αθρωποποιύλλι
Agia Varvara 1 dead on slip road from highway 7-Apr JN
Frenaros 1 5-Apr AKe
Germasogeia, Green Valley 1 22 & 23-Apr VT
Kissonerga 1 flying from shoreline field inland 5-Apr JN

**NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL** *Asio otus* Αρκόθουτος

![Northern Long-eared Owl, Nicosia, 24th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou](image)

Agios Sozomenos 5 1f and 4 young JS/GKo/VV
Agios Therapon 2 heard 18-Apr JN
Souni 1 heard calling 2-Apr JN
Souni 1 being chased by Hooded Crow at 0850 10-Apr JN

**SHORT-EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus* Βαλτόθουτος
Achna Dam 1 7-Apr KH
Mandria 1 11, 18 & 25-Apr JN/KMus/LAC
Paphos Headland 1 28-Apr MC

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 11 & 18-Apr PNi/JS
Petounta Point 1 14-Apr MC
Timi Beach 1 in flight near airport 13-Apr CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 flying over area between hide and stadium, salt lake and lady's mile 28-Apr WAS
Zakaki Runoff 1 27-Apr JE

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός
Agia Varvara 1 22-Apr MSS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 10-Apr LAC
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 One heading north-east late morning 18-Apr JLS
Nata Ford/Bridge 1 6-Apr DC/MCa

**EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD** *Pernis apivorus* Μελισσοσάκχινο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 migrating from S to Salt Lake area 28-Apr JN
Konia 1 rising up at 8.10h 26-Apr CR
Latchi 1 fem 3-Apr LH
Troodos area 1 flew over early afternoon 25-Apr SD

**SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE** *Circaetus gallicus* Φίδαετός
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 26-Apr LR/Obs
Cape Greco 1 19-Apr SD

**GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας
Kensington Cliffs 7 11-Apr PBr
Kensington Cliffs 5 12-Apr PBr
Kensington Cliffs 1 17-Apr JS/MF et al
Kensington Cliffs 2 19-Apr WAS
Kensington Cliffs 4 23-Apr HS
Kensington Cliffs 3 28-Apr HS
Paramali 1 over tunnel 29-Apr CR
Troodos area 3 26-Apr BR

**BONELLI’S EAGLE** *Aquila fasciatus* Στιζαετός - Περτικοσάκχινο
Agia Varvara 1 5-Apr CDL
Agia Varvara 2 25-Apr HS
Agios Therapon 1 13-Apr JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 11-Apr TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 imm flushed 17:30 15-Apr FM
Anarita Park 2 7, 11, 14, 18, 23 & 25-Apr MJH/VT/JS/MF/LC
Anarita Park 1 8 & 10-Apr DC/MCa/HSt
Anarita Park 3 27-Apr IKB
Androlikou 1 4 & 18-Apr HSI/DJW
Androlikou 2 2 x adults 21-Apr RA1
Asprokremmos Dam 1 Probably 3cy, circling up over pools 5-Apr LMN
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 2 ad pr 23-Apr CR
Evretou Dam 2 hovering in wind, ads 3-Apr CR
Evretou Dam 1 11 & 24-Apr CR/HS
Lady's Mile 1 2 cy 3-Apr DC/DOH/MCa
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 2 & 6-Apr DJW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 2 ad and 1 imm 3 & 28-Apr LH/DJW
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 adult pair 25-Apr DJW
Mennogeia 1 Tatty immature flew over fields being chased by Hooded Crows 8-Apr JS
Nata Ford 2 7-Apr LMN
Nata Valley 2 pair over 8-Apr MJH
Phinikas 2 5 & 26-Apr DJW
Phinikas 3 10-Apr DJW
Phinikas 4 14-Apr DJW
Polis Reed-beds 2 2 adults 24-Apr HS

BOOTED EAGLE Hieraetus pennata
Γερακατός
Evretou Dam 1 10-Apr IKB

HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus
Ορνιθοσιάχιο
Achna Dam 1 female 12-Apr KH
Agia Varvara 1 4, 5, 11 & 13-Apr CR/LAC/CDL/MJH/VT
Agios Ermoías Dam 1 Male 6-Apr JLS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 13 & 17-Apr KH/TRe/JS/MF et al
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 5 & 18-Apr JS/TRe
Anarita Mast 1 1-Apr LAC
Cape Kormakitis 2 both ringtails 10-Apr JLS
Karpasia road to point 1 14 & 17-Apr JLS
Kathikas 1 16-Apr DJW
Lady's Mile 1 Male 5-Apr JS
Latchi 1 female 6-Apr LH
Lower Xeros Potamos 1 female 1-Apr CDL
Mandria 1 11, 22 & 27-Apr IKB/JN/CR/DoW
Phinikas, Paphos 1 5-Apr DJW
Pittokopos 1 11-Apr DJW
Polis Reed-beds 1 24-Apr HS

PALLID HARRIER Circus macrourus
Αστροποισίαχιο
Singles reported throughout the month.
Reports of 2+ listed:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Immatures 26-Apr JS
Cape Greco 2 2cy fems 17-Apr
He/SD/SP
Cape Greco 5 4f and 1m 19-Apr SD
Cape Greco 2 1f and 1 imm 16-Apr JS/MF et al
Cape Greco 4 27-Apr VT
Paralimni Lake 2 7-Apr BBo/PRo

MONTAGU'S HARRIER Circus pygargus
Κηπνοσιάχινο
Montagu's Harrier, Anarita Park, 26th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Immatures 26-Apr JS
Agia Varvara 2 25-Apr HS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 26 & 27-Apr HE/CR/WAS
Anarita Park 1 18 & 27-Apr JS/MF et al/IKB
Anarita Park 3 24 & 26-Apr LAC/IKB
Anarita Park 5 25 & 28-Apr LC/LAC
Anarita Park 2 30-Apr LAC
Asprokremmos Dam 1 14 & 27-Apr JS/MF et al/DoW
Cape Greco 1 16 & 26-Apr JS/MF et al
Cape Kormakitis 1 20-Apr JLS
Kivisili 1 Male on ground 21-Apr JS
Kivisili 5 4ad male and 1f 30-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 1 male 15 & 28-Apr KH/TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Ad male 20-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22 & 23-Apr JS/VT
Paphos Headland 1 25-Apr CD/Obs
Pervolia 1 f 16-Apr CR/WAS
Zakaki Marsh 1 24 & 28-Apr WAS/JN

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK Accipiter nisus Ξιφέτηρ
Akhna Dam 2 10-Apr JS
Anarita Park 1 10 & 14-Apr DJW/JS/MF et al
Anarita Park 2 11-Apr VT
Armou Hills  1 24-Apr CR
Asprokremmos Dam  1 4-Apr CR
Bishop’s Pool  1 26-Apr KH
Cape Greco  1 4-Apr KH
Cape Kormakitis  1 10 & 13-Apr JLS
Cape Kormakitis  2 11-Apr JLS
Cape Kormakitis  4 12-Apr JLS
Drouseia  2 9-Apr LH
Karpasia Donkey picnic  1 15-Apr JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  2 17-Apr JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  3 18-Apr JLS
Karpasia road to point  1 14-Apr JLS
Kouklia, Paphos  1 female 4-Apr CDL
Mavrokolymbos Dam  1 2-Apr DJW
Oroklini Lake  1 One flew through 30-Apr CF

NORTHERN GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis
Διπλοσιάχινο
Baths of Aphrodite  1 1-Apr DC/DOH/MCa
Cape Greco  1 13-Apr JDo/JLo
Mandria  1 flew over area 06:45 2-Apr HE
Theletra  1 prob imm, circling over gorge
19-Apr CR

BLACK KITE Milvus migrans Γυπογεράκο
Paralimni Lake  1 22-Apr DJW

EURASIAN BUZZARD Buteo buteo
Γερακίνα
Agia Varvara  1 5-Apr CR
Akhna Dam  1 2 & 3-Apr BB/JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake  1 Zakaki run off
area/eastern edge 8-Apr CDL
Baths of Aphrodite  1 6-Apr LH
Bishop’s Pool  1 13-Apr KH
Cape Greco  1 2-Apr IKB
Kouklia, Paphos  1 1 & 2-Apr CR/CDL
Kouklia Fish Farm  1 appeared tired 10-Apr MJH
Lower Ezousas  1 2-Apr MJH
Mandria  1 1 & 9-Apr CR/LMN
Paramali  1 5-Apr CDL
Secret Valley Golf Club  1 7-Apr PBr
Tala  1 6-Apr DJW

Steppe Buzzard Buteo buteo vulpinus
Στέπης Γερακίνα
Agia Varvara  1 15-Apr LAC
Akhna Dam  1 16-Apr CR/WAS
Aphrodite Trail, Akamas  1 7-Apr JF
Baths of Aphrodite  3 7-Apr DJW
Cape Kormakitis  1 seen climbing and
gaining height 11-Apr JLS
Cape Kormakitis  20 A few kettles came
through at 11am 12-Apr JLS

Cape Kormakitis  75 One large Kettle of 70
over at c11am with 2 Long-legged Buzzard
and sparrowhawk 13-Apr JLS
Germasogeia Dam  1 Resting on a rock.
Small size, colour and lack of ‘necklace’
pointed to this species. Flew off N 13-Apr
JS/MF et al
Karpasia Donkey picnic  8 15-Apr JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  11 small groups
heading north east late morning 17-Apr
JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  16 small groups
heading through late morning 18-Apr JLS
Karpasia road to point  1 14-Apr JLS
Karpasia road to point  6 small group
heading north-east along western hills late
evening 17-Apr JLS
Larnaca Sewage Works  1 16-Apr
CR/WAS
Mandria  1 3 & 8-Apr JF/DC/MCa
Marathounta 1 high, north 17-Apr CR
Pitlokos 2 flying over north 11-Apr CR
Smygies 4 7-Apr JF
Smygies 1 circling over 11-Apr CR
Trachoni Pools  1 19-Apr JLS

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD Buteo rufinus
Διπλογέρακο
Largest counts:
Baths of Aphrodite  2 7-Apr DJW
Cape Kormakitis  3 Two and one travelling
east in kettle of 70 + 5 Steppe Buzzards at
c11am 13-Apr JLS
Drouseia  2 pale ads 9-Apr CDL
Omodos  2 10-Apr FM
Prodromi  2 4-Apr HSt

COMMON HOOPOE Upupa epops
Πουπούζος

176 reports of this species received for
April. Largest counts:
Anarita Mast 8 on and around dung heap 1-Apr MJH
Cape Greco 9 6-Apr BBo/PRo
Souni 8 12-Apr JN

**BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER** *Merops persicus* Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος

![Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Lady’s Mile, 3rd April. Photograph by Dave Walker.](image1)

Lady’s Mile 1 3-Apr CDL/DJW
Ladies’ Mile 2 Flew high north calling 6-Apr LMN
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 2-Apr DJW
Meneou Pool 1 2-Apr JS
Paramali 1 4-Apr ABW

**EUROPEAN BEE-EATER** *Merops apiaster* Μελισσοφάγος

![European Bee-eater, Pittokopos, 22nd April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.](image2)

First reports and largest counts:
Asprokremmos Dam c30 27-Apr IKB
Bishop’s Pool c10 4-Apr IKB
Bishop’s Pool 30+ 25 & 30-Apr KH/ABW
Cape Greco c10 2-Apr IKB/VT
Drouseia 20+ 29-Apr HS
Mavrokolymbos Dam c20 28-Apr DJW
Tala 20 28-Apr ABW
Zakaki Marsh 1 Flew up out of trees at lorry park 6-Apr LMN

**EUROPEAN ROLLER** *Coracias garrulus* Κράγκα

![European Roller, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 23rd April. Photograph by Jan Walker.](image3)

129 reports received for this species for April. First reports and largest counts:
Akamas area 20 16-Apr MC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5 & 6-Apr JE/KH
Anarita Park 1 6-Apr JE/IKB/JS
Androlíkou 3 4-Apr HSt
Androlíkou 4 6-Apr HSt
Arodes 10 22-Apr IKB
Phinikas 9 14-Apr DJW
Souni 10 includes 3 displaying males; 1 pair in aerial display and 1 female at a possible nest site; 1 other possible nest site noted; 1 male chased by Common Kestrel 22-Apr JN

**PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis* Κύπρος

![Pied Kingfisher, Paphos Headland, 2-Apr. Photograph by Don O’Shea.](image4)

Achna Dam 1 6-Apr BBo/PRo

**EURASIAN WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla* Θερκοπούλι

![Eurasian Wryneck, Paphos Headland, 2-Apr. Photograph by Don O’Shea.](image5)

Agios Filonas, Karpasia 1 1-Apr JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3, 20, 22 & 25-Apr CDL/JE/KH
Anarita Park 1 2-Apr DC/DOH/MCa
Asprokremmos Dam 1 1-Apr RoB
Cape Greco 1 2-Apr BBo/PRo
Cape Greco 2 3 & 4-Apr KH
Cape Kormakitis 1 12 & 13-Apr JLS
Latchi 1 7-Apr DJW
Paphos Headland 1 2, 7 & 12-Apr AS/OB/LMN/LAC
Paralimni Lake 1 2 & 7-Apr KH/DC/DOH/MCa
Theletra 1 19-Apr CR
LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*

Κιρκινέζι

*Lesser Kestrel, Paphos, 24th April. Photograph by Raija Howard.*

Max count per location:
- Anarita Park  c12  18-Apr  JS/MF et al
- Androlikou  1 11 & 18-Apr  DJW
- Baths of Aphrodite  2 7-Apr  DJW
- Choletria  6 22-Apr  SD
- Kivisili  12+ 21-Apr  JS
- Omotos  2 10-Apr  FM
- Pittokopos 1 male 11-Apr  DJW

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

Μαυροφόλκο

- Agia Varvara 1 female 21-Apr  MSS
- Agia Varvara 2 25-Apr  HS
- Agia Varvara 9 26-Apr  DJW
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 female in a tree over track towards Bishop's Pool 28-Apr  JN
- Anarita Park 4 21-Apr  IKB
- Anarita Park 6 22-Apr  SD
- Anarita Park  c30 23-Apr  LC
- Anarita Park 42 24-Apr  CR
- Anarita Park 11 26-Apr  IKB
- Anarita Park 28 28-Apr  LAC
- Kivisili 5 2m and 3f 22-Apr  JS
- Kivisili 9 23-Apr  VT
- Mandria 1 female 21-Apr  MSS
- Mavrokolvmbos Dam 7 25-Apr  DJW
- Pissouri 1 26-Apr  DoW

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonorae*

Μαυρομμάτης

First reports and max counts per location:
- Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 16 & 21-Apr VT/SC/LAC/JN/DJW
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Flew over church heading inland 17-Apr JS/MF et al
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 26 & 27-Apr VT/CR/WAS/TRe
- Anarita Park 1 12-Apr  IKB
- Armou Hills 2 29-Apr  DJW
- Asprokremmos Dam 2 26-Apr  IKB
- Bishop's Pool 2 19-Apr  KH/WAS
- Cape Greco 1 23 & 26-Apr  HS/JS
- Cape Kormakitis 1 20-Apr  JLS
- Kamares (Tala) 2 16, 22, 23, 26, 27 & 29-Apr  DJW
- Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 18-Apr  JLS
- Karpasia road to point 1 17-Apr  JLS
- Kelokedara Ford 1 26-Apr  CR
- Mandria 1 27-Apr  DoW
- Mavrokolvmbos Dam 3 25-Apr  DJW
- Nata Ford 1 26-Apr  CR
- Odou 1 6-Apr  HE
- Paphos Sewage Plant 1 28-Apr  CR
- Paralimni Lake 1 22-Apr  DJW
- Phasouri Reed-beds 1 23-Apr  ABW
- Polis Reed-beds 1 24-Apr  HS

Kourio Archaeological Site 2 21-Apr  SD
Pachna Vineyard Valley 1 21-Apr  JS
Petra tou Romiou 6+ 27-Apr  DoW
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 26-Apr  HS
Souni 2 22-Apr  JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 dark morph 28-Apr  JN

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Ναοφόλκον

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3, 13 & 17-Apr TRe/KH
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 19-Apr  VT
Phasouri 1 female 11-Apr  KH

Eurasian Hobby, Tala, 17th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.
Troodos 1 26-Apr HS

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*
Závoς
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 pair 8-Apr KH
Episkopi, Paphos 5 29-Apr DJW
Kynousa 3 28-Apr RA
Mandria 2 pair, ad. caught passerine over sea and flew back to cliff ledge 22-Apr CR
Mavrokorymbos Dam 2 21-Apr LC

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός
First reports and largest counts:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 6 27-Apr VT
Androlrikou 3 18-Apr PCu
Asprokremmos Dam 9 28-Apr LAC
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 Male 15-Apr
JL
Phasouri 6 1 male heard singing 4 times before it took flight followed by 4 females and another male over orchard 28-Apr JN
Souni 1 heard male singing in W valley near taverna 13-Apr JN
Vretia 6 24-Apr IKB

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio* Κεφαλάς

First reports and largest counts:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 13 10m and 3f 26-Apr JS
Akrotiri Peninsula 51 26-Apr HE
Anarita Mast 1 Male 4-Apr LAC
Anarita Park 1 adult male 4-Apr NA/MJH
Anarita Park 13 26-Apr DJW
Agia Varvara 1 7 & 11-Apr JN/MJH
Cape Greco 29 21m and 8f 26-Apr JS
Mandria 7 26-Apr IKB/LAC

ISABELLINE SHRIKE *Lanius isabellinus*
Ξανθοκεφαλάς
Cape Greco, Konnos Bay 1 11 & 12-Apr DT

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*
Σταχτοκεφαλάς

Lesser Grey Shrike, Akamas, 30th April. Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Akamas 1 30-Apr RA
Akrotiri aerials 1 26-Apr ABW
Bishop's Pool 1 25-Apr LH
Limni Mines, Polis 1 27-Apr RA
Mandria 1 27-Apr LAC
Paphos Headland 1 28 & 30-Apr MC/IKB

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*
Κοκκινοκεφαλάς

Woodchat Shrike, Akrotiri, 7th April. Photograph by John East.

114 reports received for this species in April. Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 28-Apr JS
Cape Greco 3 10-Apr JS
Meleti Forest, Paphos 3 28-Apr DJW
**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus*  
Δακκαννούρα

Masked Shrike, Androlikou, 7th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:  
Livadi tou Pashia 4 3m and 1f 17-Apr  
JS/MF et al  
Neo Horio 4 7-Apr CDL  
Smygies 6+ Singing males 1-Apr  
DC/DOH/MCa  
Troodos area 5 26-Apr BR  
Vretsia 10 16-Apr IKB

**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater cypriotes*  
Πέμπτετος

Coal Tit, Troodos, 25th April. Photograph by John East.

Kannaviou Dam 4 16-Apr DJW  
Livadi tou Pashia 20+ 17-Apr JS/MF et al  
Troodos 2 pair with nest in rock cavity on boulder slope 20-Apr SD

**EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz pendulinus*  
Υφάντρα

Zakaki Marsh 1 4-Apr IKB

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius*  
Κίσσα

Eurasian Jay, Troodos, April. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Livadi tou Pashia 4+ 17-Apr JS/MF et al  
Livadi tou Pashia 1 19-Apr TRe  
Secret Valley Golf Club 1 7-Apr PBr  
Unusual location  
Troodos Forest 1 17-Apr JS/MF et al

**COMMON RAVEN** *Corvus corax*  
Κλόκκαρος

Ovgoros 1 5-Apr AKe  
St Hilarion Castle 1 6-Apr JLS

**BIMACULATED LARK** *Melanocorypha bimaculata*  
Στετοπτόραςιλος

Cape Greco 1 9-Apr JDo/JLo  
Mandria 1 11-Apr MJH  
Zakaki Runoff 1 with GStLarks 14-Apr JE

**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha calandra*  
Μαυροτράςιλος

Pervolia fields 3+ Display flight and song 2 & 21-Apr JS  
Pervolia fields 5 5 & 30-Apr HE/JS  
Pervolia fields 4+ 19-Apr JS/MF et al  
Pervolia fields 1 22-Apr JS  
Trachoni Pools 2 Bird in song flight plus at least one other 9-Apr JLS

**LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Alauda rufescens*  
Ερημοτραςιλούδα

Pegeia Sea Caves 1 4-Apr HE

**GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella brachydactyla*  
Τραςιλούδα

Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 80 10-Apr CR/WAS  
Cape Kormakitis 50 Flock of c 50 birds 11-Apr JLS  
Larnaca Airport Coast 50+ 10-Apr JS  
Mandria c35 11 & 12-Apr LAC/CR
WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*
Πευκοτραπεζίτσα
Frenaros 1 7-Apr AK
Troodos 3+ 26-Apr HS
Troodos 2 26-Apr BR

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*
Τραπεζίτσα
Achna Dam 2 3-Apr PBr
Anarita Mast 1 10-Apr HSt
Mandria 1 1 & 12-Apr CR/LAC

(EASTERN) OLIVACEOUS WARBLER
*Iduna pallida*
Τρυβτούρα
Olivaceous Warbler, Troodos, 19th April.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

126 reports received for this species in April. Largest counts:
Achna Dam 8+ 12 & 23-Apr KH/VT
Bishop's Pool 8 h 27-Apr CR/WAS
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 10 23-Apr CR
Marathounta 7 mostly heard 7-Apr CR

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*
Κτερινοτρυβτιτσά
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 26-Apr JS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 6-Apr
DC/DOH/MCa (Very early for this species. Needs confirmation)
Baths of Aphrodite 1 1-Apr DC/DOH/MCa
(Very early for this species. Needs confirmation)

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
Σχοινομούγιανούδι
Singles seen throughout month. Reports of 2+ listed:
Agia Varvara 2 7 & 9-Apr JN/CDL
Akhna Dam 2 3 & 8-Apr JS/JV
Cape Kormakitis 2 12-Apr JLS
Oroklini Marsh 3 9-Apr JS
Polis Reed-beds 3 20-Apr BCRS
Polis Reed-beds 19 26-Apr BCRS
Polis Reed-beds 10 28-Apr BCRS
Trachoni Pools 13 8-Apr JLS
Trachoni Pools 11 9-Apr JLS
Trachoni Pools 2 19-Apr JLS

MARSH WARBLER* Acrocephalus palustris*
Βαλτωμούγιανούδι
Agia Varvara 1 25-Apr HS (Further details and rare bird report required)
Drouseia 2 25-Apr HS (Further details and rare bird report required)

GREAT REED WARBLER
*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*
Τζικλομούγιανούδι

Great Reed Warbler, Bishop’s Pool, 26th April.
Photograph by Raija Howard.

Largest counts:
Agia Varvara 4 9-Apr CR
Bishop’s Pool 3 17 & 26-Apr ABW/KH
Polis Reed-beds 5 20-Apr BCRS
Polis Reed-beds 6 26 & 28-Apr BCRS
Trachoni Pools 3 8 & 19-Apr JLS

SAVI’S WARBLER *Locustella luscinioides*
Καλαμοτριλιστής
Akhna Dam 1 Heard reeling 3 & 4-Apr JS/VT
Paralimni Lake 2 3-Apr JDo/JLo

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica*
Μπλοχελίδονο

Red-rumped Swallow, Nata Ford, 29th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.
Largest counts:
Amiantos Botanical Garden  20+  17-Apr
JS/MF et al
Cape Kormakitis  20  13-Apr  JLS
Smygies  10  attacking buzzard  11-Apr  CR

Eurasian Crag Martin  *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδονο
Amiandos Botanical Garden  1  13 & 17-Apr
HE/SP/JS/MF et al
Cape Greco  1  16-Apr  JDo/JLo
Kannaviou Dam  2  16-Apr  DJW

(Collared) Sand Martin  *Riparia riparia* Όχθοχελίδονο
Largest counts:
Cape Kormakitis  5  20-Apr  JLS
Larnaca Sewage Works  7+  22-Apr  LAC
Neo Horio  c30  22-Apr  IKB

Eastern Bonelli’s Warbler  *Phylloscopus orientalis* Βουνογαλαννούδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  2  13-Apr  KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  2  13-Apr  JS/MF et al
Akrotiri Salt Lake  1  Zakaki run off
area/eastern edge  8-Apr  CDL
Asprokremmos Dam  1  1, 2, 3 & 5-Apr
MJH/CR/DC/DOH/MCa/JSG
Baths of Aphrodite  1  3 & 7-Apr  CR/JF
Cape Greco  1  3-Apr  JS
Cape Greco  2  4-Apr  VT
Drouseia  1  singing  29-Apr  HS
Neo Chorio  1  3-Apr  CR
Smygies, Neo Horio  1  1-Apr  DC/MCa

Wood Warbler  *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογαλαννούδι
Wood Warbler, Agia Varvara, 23rd April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.
Agia Napa Sewage Works  2  21-Apr  DJW
Agia Varvara  1  23-Apr  IKB
Akhna Dam  1  3-Apr  JS
Almirolivado  1  23-Apr  HS

Asprokremmos Dam  1  1 & 23-Apr
JSG/IKB
Avakas Gorge  1  23-Apr  BR
Bishop’s Pool  1  In area around entrance
11, 22 & 28-Apr  KH/JS
Cape Greco  1  4 & 27-Apr  VT
Cape Kormakitis  1  12 & 20-Apr  JLS
Episkopi, Paphos  1  Picnic area  4-Apr
MJH
Karpasia Golden Beach  1  16-Apr  JLS
Mandria  1  21-Apr  IKB
Neo Horio  1  24-Apr  HS
Phasouri Reed-beds  1  28-Apr  JN
Polis Reed-beds  1  26-Apr  BCRS

Willow Warbler  *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογαλαννούδι
Willow Warbler, Cape Greco, 30th April.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  12, 15 & 21-Apr  FM
Armou Hills  1  24-Apr  CR
Asprokremmos Dam  2  song heard  1-Apr  CR
Cape Greco  1  2 & 21-Apr  BBo/PRo/DJW
Cape Greco  3  16-Apr  JS/MF et al
Cape Kormakitis  1  12-Apr  JLS
Chrysochou  1  26-Apr  RA
Karpasia Donkey picnic  6  15-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  2  17-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Peninsula  1  Singing  1-Apr  JS
Mandria  1  27-Apr  DoW
Paphos Headland  1  1-Apr  ABW
Paralimni Lake  1  2-Apr  KH
Phasouri  1  at least heard  28-Apr  JN
Polis Reed-beds  1  26-Apr  BCRS
Secret Valley Golf Course  1  26-Apr  CR
Souni  1  2 & 4-Apr  JN
Souni  2  3-Apr  JN
Souni  1  4-Apr  JN
Trachoni Pools  1  8 & 19-Apr  JLS
Zakaki Marsh  1  3-Apr  DJW
COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* Μουγιαννούδι

Common Chiffchaff, Cape Greco, 2nd April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts and late records:
Asprokremmos Dam  6  2-Apr
DC/DOH/MCa
Bishop’s Pool  2  28-Apr  JS
Cape Greco  25+  3-Apr  JS
Cape Kormakitis  1  20-Apr  JLS
Secret Valley Golf Club  4  7-Apr  PBr

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin* Κηττοσυκαλλίδι

Garden Warbler, Bishop’s Pool, 11th April. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Agios Minas  2  23-Apr  BCRS
Bishop’s Pool  1  11-Apr  KH
Cape Kormakitis  10, 11 & 13-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  1  17-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  4  18-Apr  JLS
Kiti Dam  1  20-Apr  KH
Smygies, Neo Horio  1  1-Apr
DC/DOH/MCa
Vretsia  1  24-Apr  IKB

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria* Γιαλλούρα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  26-Apr  KH
Karpasia Donkey picnic  1  15-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  2  17-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  3  18-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Golden Beach  1  16-Apr  JLS

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia crassirostris* Θημυνογιαλλύρα
Agia Varvara  2  together feeding in a bush 7-Apr  JN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  2 & 3-Apr
HE/DC/DOH/MCa/CDL
Cape Greco  2  2-Apr  BBo/PRo
Cape Greco  1  2 & 16-Apr  VT/JS/MF et al
Cape Greco  3  6-Apr  BBo/PRo
Cape Kormakitis  1  13-Apr  JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic  1  17-Apr  JLS
Paralimni Lake  1  1-Apr  PWr

MÉNÉTRIES’S WARBLER* *Sylvia mystacea* Ασιατικός Τρυποβάτης
Cape Greco  1  male  3-Apr  KH Rare Bird Report required. Possible 4th Cyprus record

SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans* Γελδακφυλδ
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  singing male  2-Apr  HE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  2 females  3-Apr  DC/DOH/MCa
Anarita Mast  1  8-Apr  DC
Anarita Park  1  female  8-Apr  DC
Cape Greco  1  4-Apr  BBo/PRo
Paphos Headland  1  1 & 24-Apr
ABW/LR/OBs
Timi Beach  1  3-Apr  JF

RÜPPELL’S WARBLER *Sylvia rueppelli* Έληνοβάτης
Anarita Mast  1  female  4-Apr  DC/DOH/MCa
Asprokremmos Dam  1  female  8-Apr  DC/DOH/MCa
Cape Greco  1  male  3-Apr  KH
Cape Greco  1  female  19-Apr  SD
Lady’s Mile  1  3-Apr  TRe
Lower Xeros Potamos  1  male  1-Apr  CDL
Mavrokolymbos Dam  1  female  6-Apr  DJW
Mavrokolymbos Dam  1  male  24-Apr  LR/Obs
Paphos Headland  1  5-Apr  DC/DOH/MCa/JF

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
Singles reported throughout the month.
Reports of 2+ listed:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  2  13-Apr  JS/MF et al
Cape Greco  2  2 & 10-Apr  VT/JS
Neo Horio/Agios Minas  2  15-Apr  JS/MF et al
**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia brachydactyla*
Livadi tou Pashia 2  Heard 17-Apr JS/MF et al
Livadi tou Pashia 1 19-Apr TRe
Troodos 4 4-Apr DC/DOH/MCa
Troodos 7+ 26-Apr HS

**NORTHERN WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Kamares (Tala) 1 4, 13 & 15-Apr DJW
Livadi tou Pashia 2 Heard singing 17-Apr JS/MF et al
Theletra 3 2 singing, 1 seen 19-Apr CR
Troodos 2 26-Apr HS

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*
Λαξύφιρι
Akhna Dam 1 8-Apr LMN
Paphos Headland 1 5-Apr LMN/LAC
Phasouri Reed Beds 2 11-Apr KH
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 13 & 14-Apr FGe/KH

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*
Τζήκλα
Cape Greco 1 2-Apr BBo/PRo
Omodos 1 singing 10-Apr FM
Secret Valley Golf Course 1 4-Apr CR
Souni 1 seen feeding took flight 3-Apr JN

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂
Μαυρόπτουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
Livadi tou Pashia 4+ 17-Apr JS/MF et al
Livadi tou Pashia 2 19-Apr TRe
Troodos 1 26-Apr HS

**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris*
Τρυμοντζήκλα
Artemis Trail, Troodos 1 14-Apr HE/SP

**SPOTTED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa striata* Μουγιοφάς
First reports and largest counts:
Avakas Gorge 3 23-Apr BR
Avdimou Bay 1 9-Apr CDL
Bishop’s Pool 3 In area around entrance 28-Apr JS
Cape Greco 1 21-Apr DJW
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 3 23-Apr CR
Livadi tou Pashia 1 19-Apr TRe
Paphos Headland 4 23-Apr BR

**EUROPEAN ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*
Κοτόπολολήμης
Mazotos 1 1-Apr SGe

**BLUETHROAT** *Cyanecula svecica*
Γαλαζολάλημης
Cape Greco 1 white spotted 6-Apr BBo/PRo
Cape Greco 1 red spotted 17-Apr JDo/JLo

**THRUSH NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia luscinia*
Τζικλονήδινι
Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 17-Apr JLS
Karpasia Donkey picnic 3 18-Apr JLS
Karpasia Golden Beach 1 16-Apr JLS
Mandria 1 seen well feeding on track regularly flying back into bushes 13-Apr MJH
Paphos Headland 1 5-Apr JF
Polis Reed-beds 1 26-Apr BCRS
Timoni Beach 1 singing 13-Apr CR
Trachoni Pools 1 8-Apr JLS

**COMMON NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia megarhynchos* Ανδόνι

Largest counts:
Achna Dam 2 20-Apr LAC
Bishop’s Pool 2 In area around entrance 28-Apr JS
Cape Drepanum 2 5-Apr MJH
Cape Greco 4 3 heard only and one seen 3-Apr JS
Cape Kormakitis 2 13-Apr JLS
Kouklia, Paphos 2 2-Apr CDL
Omodos 2 10-Apr FM
Paphos Headland 6+ 7-Apr LMN

Common Nightingale, Cape Greco, 3rd April. Photograph by Raija Howard.
RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER* Ficedula parva Κοκκινομουγιοχάφτης

Red-breasted Flycatcher, Paphos Lighthouse, 29th April. Photograph by Andy Waller.
Paphos lighthouse 1 fem 29-Apr
ABW/CBe Rare Bird Report received

SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER Ficedula semitorquata Δρυμομουγιοχάφτης

Baths of Aphrodite 1 m 3-Apr CR
Bishop’s Pool 1 Female. In area around entrance 28-Apr JS
Cape Greco 1 5, 7 & 21-Apr BBo/PRo/Do/JLo/DJW
Kiti Dam 1 male 14-Apr MSS

EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER Ficedula hypoleuca Μαυρομουγιοχάφτης

European Pied Flycatcher, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 23rd April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
Agios Minas, Neo Horio 3 23-Apr BCRS
Cape Greco 10 21-Apr DJW
Kiti Dam 4 23-Apr VT

COLLARED FLYCATCHER Ficedula albicollis Κρικομουγιοχάφτης

Singles recorded throughout month.
Reports of 2+ listed:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 3m and 3f 1-Apr KH
Asprokremmos Dam 2 26 & 27-Apr LAC
Cape Greco 2 2, 3, 5 & 21-Apr IKB/KH/BBo/PRo/DJW

Cape Kormakitis 2 male and female 20-Apr JLS
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 1 male 1 female 25-Apr DJW

COMMON REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus Κοστινονούρης

Common Redstart, April. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Singles reported throughout the month.
Reports of 2+ listed:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 18, 25 & 30-Apr JE/JS/MF/KH/TRe
Cape Greco 2 16-Apr BBo/PRo
Mandria 2 1m and 1 f together 18-Apr JS/MF et al

RUFOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH Monticola saxatilis Πετροκότσιμος

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 female 27-Apr VT
Agios Sozomenos 1 male 13-Apr GKo
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 13-Apr KH/JS/MF et al
Lady’s Mile 1 male 13-Apr KH
St Hilarion Castle 1 Male 6-Apr JLS
Troodos 1 male photographed 20-Apr SD

BLUE ROCK THRUSH Monticola solitarius Γαλαζιόκότσιμος

Blue Rock Thrush, Akrotiri, 7th April. Photograph by John East.
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 1 fem 6-Apr FGe
Agios Phylonas, Karpasia 1 Male - near Lefkonisos Island 1-Apr JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1f 7-Apr JE
Anarita Park 1 2-Apr MJH/DC/DOH/MeCa
Cape Greco 1 2, 5 & 7-Apr KH/BBo/PRo/BB
Foinikas 1 12-Apr IKB
Giouti Point 1 13-Apr JLS
Troodos Forest 2 29-Apr VT

**WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι

Whinchat, Anarita Park, 26th April. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Singles reported throughout the month. Reports of 2+ listed:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 10-Apr CR/WAS
Armou Hills 9 m,f 24-Apr CR
Evretou Dam 2 24-Apr HS
Lady's Mile 2 20-Apr CR/WAS
Mandria 2 22-Apr CR
Nata Ford/Bridge 3 6-Apr JS
Paphos Headland 5 24-Apr LC
Souni 2 a pair on N ridge 12-Apr JN

**NORTHERN WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα

160 records received for this species this month. Largest counts:
Akrotiri Fish Farm 14 2-Apr FGe
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 22 2-Apr FGe
Cape Greco 19 6-Apr FGe
Lady's Mile 24 18-Apr SD
Mandria 30+ 6-Apr LMN

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts:
Cape Greco 7 7-Apr BBo/PRo
Mandria 10 seen late afternoon in fall with 15 Northern. Not present in morning 6-Apr DC
Paphos Lighthouse 3 7-Apr CR

**BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe hispanica* Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 2m and 3f 1-Apr KH
Cape Greco 5 2m and 2f dark and 1 pale m 3-Apr JS
Karpasia Donkey picnic 5 17-Apr JLS
Lady's Mile 6 3-Apr TRe
180 reports received for this species during April. Largest counts:
Akoursos-Pegieia  13+  Mixed genders, mostly males  10-Apr  LMN
Aphrodite Trail, Akamas  12+  7-Apr  JF
Mavrokolymbos Dam  11  5-Apr  KH
Pachna Vineyard Valley  11  23-Apr  JN
Souni  12  10-Apr  JN
Troodos  14  4-Apr  DC/DOH/MCa

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR  Oenanthe finschii
Βούνοσκαλιφούρτα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  1  2-Apr  LAC

TREE PIPIT  Anthus trivialis Δενδρογαλούδι
Max count per location:
Agia Varvara  2  5-Apr  DJW
Akhna Dam  14  10-Apr  JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  2  28-Apr  SC
Anarita Mast  2  10-Apr  MJH
Anarita Park  16  Together  6-Apr  JS
Asprokremmos Dam  1  25-Apr  LAC
Baths of Aphrodite  2  1 Apr  CR
Cape Greco  5  2-Apr  BBo/PRo
Cape Kormakitis  1  10-Apr  JLS
Karpassia Donkey picnic  5  15-Apr  JLS
Karpassia Peninsula  12  1-Apr  JS
Neo Horio  1  3-Apr  CR
Paphos Headland  3  7-Apr  LMN
Paphos Sewage Plant  1  16-Apr  JN
Pervolia fields  1  22-Apr  JS
Souni  1  3-Apr  JN

RED-THROATED PIPIT  Anthus cervinus
Κοτσινογαλούδι
Largest counts:
Anarita Mast  20  10-Apr  MJH
Paphos Headland  20+  7-Apr  LMN
Paphos Sewage Plant  40+  16-Apr  LAC

MEADOW PIPIT  Anthus pratensis
Λιβαδογαλούδι
Agia Varvara  1  6-Apr  LMN
Agia Varvara  3  drinking together at same area upstream as the Great Reed Warblers
7-Apr  JN
Agios Therapon  10  at least seen feeding, either late winter visitors or on passage  13-Apr  JN
Akhsna Dam  2  3-Apr  JS
Armou Hills  1  2-Apr  CR
Karpassia Donkey picnic  1  one over calling
17-Apr  JLS
Mandria  2  feeding  5-Apr  JN
Stavrokononou  16  11-Apr  JN

WATER PIPIT  Anthus spinoletta
Νερογαλούδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake  1  3-Apr  CDL
Cape Greco  1  7-Apr  BBo/PRo
Evretou Dam  1  3-Apr  CR
Lady's Mile  2  3-Apr  DJW
Nata Ford/Bridge  1  6-Apr  DC/DOH/MCa
Paphos Headland  1  9-Apr  LMN
Paphos Sewage Plant  1  16-Apr  LAC
Paralimni Lake  1  4-Apr  BBo/PRo

RICHARD'S PIPIT  Anthus richardi
Διπλογαλούδι
Paphos Headland  1  5-Apr  KM
Paphos Headland  2  10-Apr  LDe
**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris*  
Οχρογαλούδι

Tawny Pipit, Akrotiri, 8th April. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12, 2, 13 & 27-Apr FGe/TRe
- Anarita Park c30 in with flock of goat/sheep 5-Apr DC
- Asprokremmos Dam 35 11-Apr VT
- Avdimou Bay c45 9-Apr CDL

**WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*  
Τζηρινοζευκαλάτης

Western Yellow Wagtail, April. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Largest counts:
- Cape Drepanum 250+ Included Black & Blue-headed, and various intergrades 11-Apr LMN
- Mandria 150 17-Apr MC
- Paphos Sewage Plant 90 28-Apr CR
- Phassouri Reed Beds c110 13-Apr FGe

**Blue-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava flava*  
Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 30 est 10-Apr CR/WAS
- Mandria 30 22-Apr CR

**Grey-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava thunbergi*  
Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Grey-headed Wagtail, Mandria 2 5-Apr JN

**Paphos Sewage Plant 1 16-Apr LAC**
**Phassouri Reed Beds 1 18-Apr JS/MF et al**

**Sykes’s Wagtail** *Motacilla flava beema*  
Στεπτοξευκαλάτης
- Cape Kormakitis 1 at least one good "beema" blue-headed bird with yellow wagtail flock 11-Apr JLS
- Mandria 1 m 6, 18 & 22-Apr JS/CR

**Black-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava feldegg*  
Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης


Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Salt Lake 30 est 10-Apr CR/WAS
- Mandria 29 at least 5-Apr JN

**dombrowski intergrade** Akrotiri Salt Lake 1
- Cape Drepanum 1 In mixed flock 4-Apr LMN
- Mandria 4 In mixed flock 5-Apr LMN

**superciliaris intergrade**
- Akhna Dam 1+ With Black-headed Wagtails 8-Apr LMN
- Mandria 1 12-Apr LAC

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*  
Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Grey Wagtail, Karpasia Donkey picnic 1 17-Apr JLS
- Nata Ford/Bridge 1 27-Apr LAC
CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κιτροξευκαλάτης

*Citrine Wagtail, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 27th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Achna Dam 1 male 17-Apr HE/SD/SP
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 female 27-Apr TRe
Evretou Dam 1 16-Apr MC
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Males feeding at water's edge opposite hide 2-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 3-Apr PWv
Mandria 1 Female drinking at west end 5-Apr LMN/MJH
Mandria 1 male in partial summer plumage (other reports of a female which I did not see) 5-Apr JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 9 & 22-Apr KH/WAS

‘Eastern’ White Wagtail *Motacilla alba ocularis*

*Eastern White Wagtail, Phasouri, 12th April. Photograph by John East.*

Phasouri Reed Beds 1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14 & 15-Apr
JE/FGe/LAC/ABW/DJW/LMN/CR/WAS/FM/SC (First record for Cyprus present since end Mar)

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούτης

*Red Crossbill, Troodos, 25th April. Photograph by John East.*

Artemis Trail, Troodos 3+ 14-Apr HE/SP
Livadi tou Pashia 1 17-Apr JS/MF et al
Troodos Forest 1 17 & 26-Apr JS/MF et al/BR

EURASIAN SISKIN *Spinus spinus*

Όχυρολαρούδι
Phasouri area 2 16-Apr FM

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza melanocephala*

Τιρίλινγκος

*Black-headed Bunting, Androlikou, 18th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Singing male heard 26-Apr JS
Androlikou 2 18-Apr DJW
Arodos 2 22-Apr IKB
Cape Greco 3 26-Apr JS
Drouseia river 1 19-Apr RAat
Fasli 1 male 18-Apr PCu
Kathikas 6 males, in song 19-Apr CR
Omodos 1 heard singing 27-Apr JN
Vretsia 3 24-Apr IKB

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes.*

coccothraustes Τζιεφαλόσπινος
Atalante Trail, Troodos 1 14-Apr HE
ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*
Τσακροπτιλλα


Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  c20  13-Apr  KH
Anarita Park  38  2 groups  14-Apr  CR
Aphrodite Hills  21  One flock feeding in tall grass  14-Apr  FGe

CRETZSCHMAR’S BUNTING *Emberiza caesia* Σιαροπτοουλλι

Largest counts:
Agios Nikolaos to Mandria (Limassol) road 4+  At least two pairs  17-Apr  JS/MF et al
Akamas Peninsula  5  12-Apr  MH
Minthis Hills  5  singing, one with food, 3+ territories  23-Apr  CR
Souni  20  12-Apr  JN
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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 April, 9 recorders covered 18 wetlands (including one coastal site) across the island where 4778 birds, of 51 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Ruff with 1602 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Greater Flamingo with 963 individuals followed by the Little Stint with just under 700 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Akrotiri Salt Lake with 1385 individuals as well as the site with the second highest species abundance with 23 recorded species. On the other hand Larnaka Salt Lake was first in species abundance with 24 recorded species and second in number of individuals with 1303.

Kannaviou Dam had just one recorded individual.
## Site coverage for the April 2018 Waterbird Count

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3. Payment methods

i. ☐ Direct payment to BirdLife Cyprus’ account

**BIRDLIFE CYPRUS**

- **Bank of Cyprus:** Account No: 0148-01-008101, SWIFT: BCYPCY2N
- **IBAN No:** CY 980020 0148 000000 10081 0100
- **Piraeus Bank:** Account No: 0001161054, SWIFT: PIRBCY2N
- **IBAN No:** CY 730080 0103 000000 00116 1054
- **Alpha Bank:** Account No: 206-220-011014-0, Swift: ABKLCY2N
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ii. ☐ Payment online via PayPal [www.birdlifecyprus.org](http://www.birdlifecyprus.org) (Date of payment _ _ / _ _ / _ _ )

iii. ☐ Cheque in euros made payable to BirdLife Cyprus

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2. Πληροφορίες συνδρομής

- Επιθυμώντας συνδρομή να ανανεώσω τη συνδρομή μου ☐  
- Να εγγραφώ μέλος ☐

- Επισκευάστηκας:
  - ☐ € 35 οικιακή συνδρομή (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 30 οικιακή συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 40 συνδρομή ζεύγους (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 35 συνδρομή ζεύγους (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 10 παιδική συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)

Για μέλη εξωτερικού:
  - ☐ € 40 οικιακή συνδρομή (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 35 οικιακή συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 45 συνδρομή ζεύγους (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 40 συνδρομή ζεύγους (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
  - ☐ € 12 παιδική συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)

3. Τρόποι πληρωμής

i. ☐ Απευθείας πληρωμή στο λογαριασμό του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου Κύπρου

   **BIRDLIFE CYPRUS**
   **Τράπεζα Κύπρου:** Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 0148-01-008101, SWIFT: BCYPCY2N
   IBAN No: CY 980020 0148 000000 10081 0100

   **Τράπεζα Πειραιώς:** Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 0001161054, SWIFT: PIRBCY2N
   IBAN No: CY 730080 0103 000000 00116 1054

   **Alpha Bank:** Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 206-220-011014-0, Swift: ABKLCY2N
   IBAN No: CY75 0090 0206 0002 0622 0011 0140

ii. ☐ Πληρωμή με PayPal μέσω διαδικτύου www.birdlifecyprus.org
   (Ημερομηνία της πληρωμής _/__/__)

iii. ☐ Επιταχύ σε ευρώ πληρωτέα στον Πτηνολογικό Σύνδεσμο Κύπρου

Πληρωτέε ποσό: € ________ Συνδρομή
€ ________ Εισιτήριο
€ ________ Σύνολο

Παρακαλώ αποστείλετε ταχυδρομικώς ή ηλεκτρονικά στον Πτηνολογικό Σύνδεσμο Κύπρου, Τ.Θ. 12026, 2340 Λευκωσία, Κύπρος ή birdlifecyprus@birdlifecyprus.org.cy
Για τυχόν απορίες είμαστε στη διάθεσή σας στο τηλέφωνο: (+357) 22 455072