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*Cover photograph: Red-breasted Merganser Mergus serator are less than annual visitors to Cyprus and are usually to be found offshore when they do turn up. This female was at Akrotiri Gravel Pits throughout December and for most of her stay had a Great Crested Grebe Podiceps cristatus and two Black-necked Grebe Podiceps nigricollis for close company (only one is in the featured photo). This photo was taken on 4th December by John East who had originally reported the Merganser.*

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com)

Once you are a member you can choose whether to receive all emails or check the news via the web at a time convenient to you. Visit the settings option to ensure that you get emails if you want to. It is an informal group for birders to share what is around. It cannot be checked for accuracy or be held responsible for misinformation. The group is open to both BirdLife Cyprus members and non-members alike. If you know a non-member or friend who may be interested please let them know.

Any news will also be shared with the BirdLife Cyprus BirdLine 25 934076 and the BirdLife Cyprus [Recent sightings page](#) of the website. You can also use these two resources to find out what is around if you don't want to join the Google group.

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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk) mobile telephone 99558953.

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

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## **CYPRUS BIRD SIGHTINGS RECORDS FOR 2017**

Have you been out bird watching in Cyprus during 2017? Then please don't forget to send all your 2017 sightings in to the Recorder if you haven't already done so. They can be sent either via the Global portal of the BTO BirdTrack database <http://app.bto.org/birdtrack2/main/data-home.jsp> or on the excel form which you can either download from the BirdLife Cyprus website or the Recorder can send to you. Email lists are acceptable if you are not comfortable with either of those two methods. Users of the eBird recording scheme can download their sightings into an excel file and forward them in that format if they want.

So that the 2017 database can be completed it would be appreciated if they are received by February 10th 2018. If you are unable to meet that deadline but still have 2017 records to submit please let the Recorder know.

Make your birdwatching count and ensure that your sightings are included in the 2017 country database. Please note that the only way for your records to be included in the database is to ensure that the Recorder receives them. Unfortunately, she is unable to include those only noted on various social media sites, 'round-robin' emails, "BirdLine" etc.

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## **SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **The Autumn/Winter/Spring schedule 2017/2018**

*For field trips, please don't forget your flask of coffee and sandwiches*

*Although their higher clearance is an advantage, 4x4s are not necessary for any of the field trips unless **stated otherwise** below.*

*The schedule of field trips is drawn up well in advance of the actual dates. The schedule will only change due to an extraordinary event. However, it is sometimes necessary to assign a different leader.*

***Please note certain field trips require pre booking with the leader to ensure there are suitable conditions at the site for the time of year and sufficient participation (These will be marked Pre Book). Participants in field trips are always advised therefore to check with the BirdLife Cyprus website in case of any late changes or cancellations.***

*Whilst BirdLife Cyprus does not charge for attending field trips, any voluntary donation to its conservation work would be very welcome. Please present your gift to the leader on the day.*

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

***Important Announcement:*** Participation in BirdLife Cyprus field meetings is at one's own risk. BirdLife Cyprus accepts no liability or responsibility for accidents, illness, injury or loss or damage to property that might occur. Field trips require light to moderate exercise. Please contact the field trip leader for more information on difficulty, distances and terrain of a particular field trip.

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

### **February 2018**

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Late winter visitors, early spring migrants and waterbirds.

Meet 09.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall.

Coordinates: 35° 03.25' N, 33° 48.91' E

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Paphos Foothills**

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker. Mobile: 99915907

Winter thrushes and finches.

Meet at 9.00 am, roundabout Paphos end of motorway, lay-by at "Konia" exit.

Coordinates: 34° 47.09' N, 32° 26.74' E

## **March 2018**

### **Saturday 3rd March: Evretou Area**

Leader: Ray Atkinson. Mobile: 99011176

Early spring migrants and wetland birds.

Meet at 09.00 am Byrons Supermarket, Goudi (Paphos to Polis road at right turn to Steni)

Coordinates: 34° 59.01' N, 32° 27.10' E

### **Wednesday 7th March: Akrotiri Peninsula**

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

Late winter visitors, water birds and spring migrants.

Meet 8.30 am, (Please note the earlier start time) Viewing hide at Zakaki Marsh.

Coordinates: 34° 38.57' N, 33° 00.23' E

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Paphos Lighthouse**

Leader: Ian and Kate Bloomer. Mobile: 99265661

Early Spring migrants.

Meet 8.30 am (please note the earlier start time), Entrance of Archaeological area by the Paphos Harbour Car Park.

Coordinates: 34° 45.36' N, 32° 24.51' E

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Larnaca Sewage Works & Oroklini Marsh**

#### **PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER**

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893.

Spring migrants and waterbirds.

Meet 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Works Hide.

Coordinates: 34° 51.61' N, 33° 37.64' E

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Karpasia Peninsula**

Spring migrants and rare residents.

Leader: Melis Charalambides. Home Tel: 22632155, Mobile: 99653205

Meet 11.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall.

Coordinates: 35° 03.25' N, 33° 48.91' E

**Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides. Note, there is a 50 euro deposit on each booking**

## **April 2018**

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Cypriot Easter)**

#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria**

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

Spring migrants.

Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremmos Dam car park.

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

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Cape Greko**

##### **PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides: Mobile: 99425050

Spring Migrants, (please note earlier start time).

Meet 8.00 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off.

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

**May 2018**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Kannaviou Dam, Paphos Forest and Vretsia**

Leaders Dave and Jan Walker, Tel: Mobile: 99915907

Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds.

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

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

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Akrotiri Peninsula.**

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

Late spring migrants and water birds.

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

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

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May: End of Season Get Together Lunch**

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

For booking please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Tel: Mobile: 99413383, email: [loriaph@gmail.com](mailto:loriaph@gmail.com)

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## FIELD MEETING – AKROTIRI – 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018

*by June Neal*

Happy New Year to you all.

Four of us met at Zakaki Pool on a beautiful spring-like morning after several days of rain that had left the tracks around the peninsula almost impassable with far more pools than usual. Around the car park a female **Black Redstart** sat on the wires watching for insects, the **Common Moorhens** and **Cetti's Warblers** called from the reeds plus several **Common Chiffchaff**, a male **Sardinian Warbler** and two **Zitting Cisticola** fed. The pool provided views of a possible Moustached Warbler but it kept low and we decided not to add it to our records then a **European Robin** put in a brief appearance. One **Ferruginous Duck** flew low over the reeds from the SW and dropped out of sight into the pool.

An adult female **Western Marsh Harrier** hunted over the reed-bed coming close to the hide a few times. A couple of **Common Kestrels** soared high to the N. There were distant views of hundreds of **Greater Flamingo** on the E shore of the salt lake from the hide. The calling male **Black Francolin** on the opposite side of the road was heard but not seen.

On the marsh were a few **Common Stonechat** and **Crested Lark** as we drove down to a very muddy and pot-holed Lady's Mile. A dozen **Common Redshank** fed in the larger pool and a few **Armenian Gull** loafed there, whilst hundreds of **Common Black-headed Gulls** circled around, with just a few coming down to a puddle to drink and bathe. Eight juvenile Greater Flamingo fed at the far end of the smaller pool towards the marina. On the sea, amongst the Black-headed and Armenian Gulls, we found two **Baltic Gull** and one **Yellow-legged Gull**. The usual smaller birds were absent until a **White Wagtail** and two **Crested Lark** flew in.

Taking the main roads to Akrotiri Gravel Pit was the sensible option and we found a dry mound to stand upon and survey the water-logged gravel pits. There was no sign of any birds on the pool near Agios Georgios Church but an adult **Long-legged Buzzard** (with a lower flying **Common Buzzard** seen by Sue) made a close flight around the area before flying off to the E. **Meadow Pipits**, Chiffchaffs, Stonechats and Sardinian Warblers were the only other species we noted.

Akrotiri Salt Lake seemed to host around 900 Flamingoes but they were densely packed in a few groups, so we may have under-estimated the number present. Among the Flamingoes to the NW were at least 200 **Common Shelduck** and a handful of **Mallard**. Passerines included a **Great Tit**, more Meadow Pipits and Stonechats plus a few Crested Lark and White Wagtails.

Our final stop was Bishop's Pool where a Marsh Harrier perched in trees near the gate was noted. At the pool there were the most wetland birds I have ever seen at this site. Dozens of **Little Grebes**, **Northern Shoveler** and hundreds of **Common Teal** treated us to a few fly overs and as they landed we were able to pick out smaller numbers of **Northern Pintail**, Ferruginous Duck, Mallard and ten **Eurasian Wigeon**. A solitary **Black-necked Grebe** kept diving and re-appearing. A Common Buzzard was chased by one of the many Hooded Crows across the orchards **Common Chaffinch** were seen and heard in the track-side trees along with **Common Goldfinch**, Great Tit and a singing **Blackcap**.

Altogether 39 species were seen and our group of four had a most enjoyable morning.

## **BIRD PHOTO QUIZ**

*By Stavros Christodoulides*

### **PHOTO # 57**

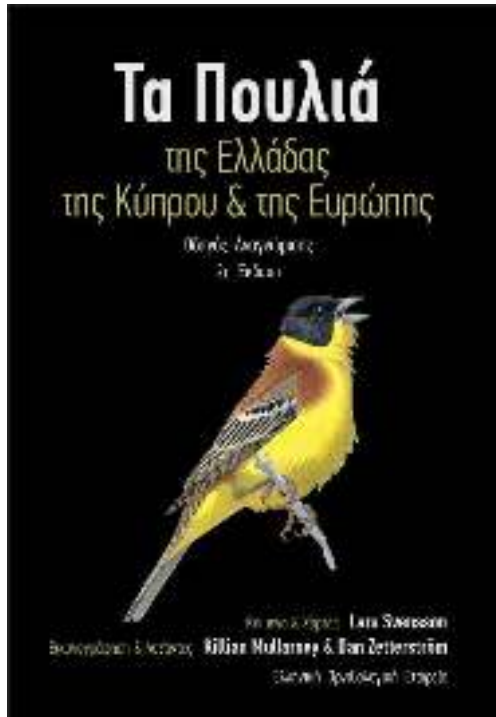


### **Last Month's Quiz answer**

December's bird quiz shows three birds. The two birds in the front are very similar and could be the same species while the bird at the back, out of focus but still recognizable appears different. Habitat, short bill, plump body and round head suggest that all three are species of Plover.

The middle bird, while partly hidden and out of focus, is probably the easiest to identify. A combination of size (compared to the other birds), brown and white plumage, pointed bill and dark neck point towards **Greater Sandplover**, an uncommon but regular winter visitor and passage migrant of beaches and rocky shores. Lesser Sandplover, a very similar species is yet to be recorded on the island, while the far commoner Kentish Plover has similar colours but has a shorter, less pointed bill and complete white neck collar.

The two other birds look very alike. Their buff-yellow and black spotted back, whitish underparts, pale eye-stripe and dark cheek patch identify them as species of Pluvialis Plovers, while the golden yellow upperparts and smaller bill should rule out the largest species, Grey Plover. Two species of Golden Plover have been recorded on the island; European Golden Plover is a locally common winter visitor while Pacific Golden Plover is a rare and irregular passage migrant and winter visitor. The two are very similar and identifying them requires care, but European Golden Plover is larger, plumper, with shorter tibia, shorter primary projection, a more rounded head and a broader based pointed bill. On careful inspection, the difference in shape/size of the two birds is quite evident, the bird on the left appearing considerably larger, plumper, shows a rounder head and a shorter primary projection while the bird on the right shows a longer projection, more angular head and bulbous tipped bill. These differences identify the two birds as a **European Golden Plover** on the left and a **Pacific Golden Plover** on the right.



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## A – Z OF BIRD WATCHING - ACCIPITER to ACROCEPHALUS WARBLERS

By June Neal

### Accipiter

In the order *Falconiformes* it is a term applied to members of the sub-family *Accipitridae*, most often used in America for hawks.

Hawks, *Accipters*, seen in Cyprus are -

- the accidental vagrant, Levant Sparrowhawk, Σάϊνι, *Accipiter brevipes*
- Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Ξεφτέρι *Accipiter nisus*
- Northern Goshawk, Διπλοσιάχινο, *Accipiter gentilis*

Black Kite, Γυπογεράκα, *Milvus migrans* and Osprey, Ψαραετός, *Pandion haliaetus* fall into this category too.

Old World Vultures seen in Cyprus include –

- Bearded Vulture, *Gypaetus barbatus* - a rare accidental vagrant
- Egyptian Vulture, Ασπρόγυπας, *Neophron percnopterus*
- Griffon Vulture, Γύπας, *Gyps fulvus*

Eagle species include –

- Bateleur, Άνουρος Αετός, *Terathopius ecaudatus* – a rare accidental vagrant
- White-tailed Sea Eagle, *Haliaeetus albicilla*- another rare accidental vagrant, last recorded in 2003
- Short-toed Snake-eagle, Φιδαιτός, *Circaetus gallicus*
- Lesser Spotted Eagle, Κραυγαετός, *Clanga pomarina*
- Greater Spotted Eagle, Σπικταετός, *Clanga clanga* - a very rare accidental vagrant, last recorded in 1998
- Eastern Imperial Eagle, Γεράκα, *Aquila heliaca* – a former breeding species here but not recorded since 2007
- Golden Eagle, Χρυσαιτός, *Aquila chrysaetos* – another very rare accidental vagrant, last recorded in 2009
- Booted Eagle, Γερακαετός, *Hieraaetus pennatus*

Harrier species include –

- Western Marsh Harrier, Βαλτοσιάχινο, *Circus aeruginosus*
- Hen Harrier, Ορνιθοσιάχινο, *Circus cyaneus*
- Pallid Harrier, Ασπροσιάχινο, *Circus macrourus*
- Montagu's Harrier, Καμποσιάχινο, *Circus pygargus*

Buzzard species seen in Cyprus are –

- European Honey Buzzard, Μελισσοσιάχινο, *Pernis apivorus*
- Oriental Honey Buzzard, Ασιατικό Μελισσοσιάχινο, *Pernis ptilorhynchus*- a rare accidental vagrant
- Rough-legged Buzzard, Χιονογεράκινα, *Buteo lagopus*- a rare accidental vagrant
- Eurasian Buzzard, Γερακίνα, *Buteo buteo*
- Steppe Buzzard, Στεππογεράκινα, *Buteo buteo vulpinus*
- Long-legged Buzzard, Διπλογέρακο, *Buteo rufinus*

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### **Achaelia, Paphos District**

An agricultural area on the Paphos plain that is close to the airport, off the B6. The Ezousas River sometimes flows through Achaelia in the spring. The Cyprus Water Development Department state 'The coastal part of the Ezousa riverbed aquifer, stretches up to 8 km from the coasts of Paphos district. The measure implementation concerns the utilization of the local aquifer as a natural reservoir for natural filtration, storage and reuse of water, by creating and feeding infiltration ponds located in the riverbed. The water consists of tertiary treated sewage originating from the Paphos sewage treatment plant.'

When there is water present the Lower Ezousas Pools, basins nearer the sea, attract many migrant species in the spring including –

- Spotted Crane, Σπικτοπούλαδα, *Porzana porzana*
- White-throated (Smyrna) Kingfisher, Σμυρναλκυόνα, *Halcyon smyrnensis* on 13 April 2013

During autumn rarities such as Bearded Reedling, Μουστακαλής, *Panurus biarmicus* may be present – a pair stayed for several days in November 2015. Also recorded here was a Common Rosefinch, Ροδόσπινος, *Carpodacus erythrinus* in November 2014. Osprey, Ψαραετός, *Pandion haliaetus* have also been seen here.

The olive grove at Achaelia is a favoured site for congregations of local Eurasian Thick-knee (Stone Curlew), Τρουλλουρία, *Burhinus oedichenus* during the autumn and winter months.

A Booted Eagle, Γερακαετός, *Hieraaetus pennatus* dark phase bird, was seen in January 2014.

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### **Acrocephalus Warblers**

The Acrocephalus warblers are small, insectivorous passerine birds belonging to the *Acrocephalus* genus. Formerly in the Old World warbler assemblage, they are now separated as the namesake of the marsh and tree warbler family *Acrocephalidae*.

Sometimes the group is further divided into unstreaked and streaked descriptions of the plumage. Unstreaked birds have uniformly coloured plumage such as Reed Warblers, Καλαμομουγιανούδι, *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*. Streaked plumage has dark markings, as seen on a Sedge Warbler, Σχοινομουγιανούδι, *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*.

Sedge Warbler, Σχοινομουγιανούδι, *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

This common passage migrant appears from late March sometimes staying until May and again on return passage from August to November. The largest count was **130** ringed at Polis Reed-beds on 22 April 2012 by Sorby Beck Ringing Group.

In Cyprus Common Reed Warblers, Καλαμομουγιανούδι, *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* may be found in reed-beds in wetland areas from February to November. It is a migrant breeding bird in wetlands, if the water levels are adequate, as well as a passage migrant.

Great Reed Warbler, Τζικλομουγιανούδι, *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* arrives in the spring on passage from March to May and is an occasional breeder if the water levels support it. Autumn passage begins during August and birds continue to be noted into November in wetland areas' reed-beds.



Photographed at Zakaki Pool by Tony Reeves on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

Moustached Warbler, Μουστακομουγιανούδι, *Acrocephalus melanopogon*



Photographed at  
Zakaki Pool, Limassol  
by Tony Reeves 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 2017.

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## SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR DECEMBER 2017

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3262 bird records received

140 species and forms recorded December 2017, compared to 156 in December 2016.

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

**COMMON QUAIL** *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι  
Mandria 1 flushed from field edge 7-Dec  
CR

**CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar* Περίτιτζι  
Largest counts:  
Armou Hills 12 19 & 22-Dec CR  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 10 14-Dec DJW  
Panagia Stazousa 8 11-Dec JS

**BLACK FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus  
francolinus* Φραγκολίνα



*Black Francolin, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Akrotiri Present 15-Dec MH  
Frenaros 1 singing 17-Dec AKe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1-Dec VT  
Mandria 1 flushed from field edge, fem 7-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 female 11-Dec DJW  
Phasouri Reed-beds 3 1 female in flight and 2 males heard calling 30-Dec JN

**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**  
*Anser albifrons* Αρκόσιγνα  
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 1-Dec VT  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11, 13 & 26-Dec VT/JS/FGe

**RED-BREASTED MERGANSER** *Mergus  
serrator* Θαλασσοπρίστης



*Red-breasted Merganser, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 29<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by John East.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 21, 27 & 29-Dec  
JE/JS/TRe/ABW/SC/FGe/CR/JN/DJW/MH/RH

**COMMON SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*  
Αλόουρος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 43 8-Dec CR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 65 at least 9-Dec JN  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 234 30-Dec JN  
Larnaca Salt Lake 38 11-Dec VT  
Larnaca Salt Lake 27 13-Dec JS

**COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya farina*  
Κουντούρα



*Common Pochard, Bishop's Pool. Photograph by Andy Waller.*

Athalassa Dam 1 m 26-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool 1 18 & 20-Dec JE/ABW  
Bishop's Pool 2 21-Dec ABW



Bishop's Pool 10 23-Dec SCar  
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 1 & 13-Dec  
VT/JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11-Dec VT

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιόπαπια

Athalassa Dam 3 26-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool 3 1-Dec JE  
Bishop's Pool 8 4-Dec JE  
Bishop's Pool 15 8-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool 2 1 male and 1 female 9-  
Dec JN  
Bishop's Pool 7 11-Dec JE  
Bishop's Pool 4 23-Dec SCar  
Bishop's Pool 6 29-Dec JE  
Larnaca Sewage Works 22 13-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 26-Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 7 9-  
Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 1 9-  
Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 3 30-  
Dec FGe

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*

Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 13-Dec  
JS

**NORTHERN SHOVELER** *Spatula clypeata*

Σαξάνα

Largest count:

Larnaca Sewage Works 389 13-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh c320 24-Dec MH  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool c435  
9-Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 170 9-  
Dec FGe

**GADWALL** *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα



Gadwall, Bishop's Pool, 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by John East.

Asprokremmos Dam 3 7 & 12-Dec CR

Bishop's Pool 3 8 & 9-Dec CR/JN  
Bishop's Pool 2 18 & 23-Dec JE/SCar  
Oroklini Marsh 2 11-Dec VT  
Oroklini Marsh 5 24-Dec MH

**EURASIAN WIGEON** *Mareca penelope*

Αρμαπάσσης



Eurasian Wigeon, Bishop's Pool, 21<sup>st</sup>  
December. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 29-Dec TRC  
Bishop's Pool 4 9 & 23-Dec JN/SCar  
Bishop's Pool 2 then up to 5 through  
month 11-Dec JE  
Bishop's Pool 5 20-Dec ABW  
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 1-Dec VT  
Larnaca Sewage Works 9 13-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 26-Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 3 9-  
Dec FGe

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοτζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 86 7-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool 40 8-Dec CR  
Larnaca Sewage Works 205 13-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh c30 24-Dec MH

**NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Bishop's Pool 8 fem types 8-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool 5 3 males and 2 females  
took flight 9-Dec JN  
Bishop's Pool 2 then up to 3 through  
month 18-Dec JE  
Bishop's Pool 7 20-Dec ABW  
Bishop's Pool 2 23-Dec SCar  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 13-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 13-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 9 24-Dec MH  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 1 30-  
Dec FGe

**COMMON TEAL** *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι



*Common Teal, Bishop's Pool, 21<sup>st</sup> December. Photograph by John East.*

**Largest counts:**

Asprokremmos Dam 52 12-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool c400 8-Dec CR  
Larnaca Salt Lake 85 13-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh c65 24-Dec MH

**LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιης

**Largest counts:**

Bishop's Pool 38 9-Dec JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 18 13-Dec JS  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 48  
26-Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 38 26-  
Dec FGe

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιης



*Great Crested Grebe, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by John East.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11,  
12 & 15-Dec  
JE/TRre/JS/ABW/FGe/CR/JN/DJW/MH  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 12-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 16, 21 & 28-Dec  
CR/DJW

**HORNED GREBE\*** *Podiceps auritus*  
Χειμωνβοούτιης



*Horned Grebe, Kouklia (Paphos), 16<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Kouklia Fish Farm 1 5, 7, 10, 13, 15, 16,  
20 & 30-Dec  
CR/SC/CM/SS/ABW/TRre/JE/DJW

**BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps nigricollis* Μαυροβούτιης



*Black-necked Grebe, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

**Max count per location:**

Achna Dam 4 16-Dec FGe  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14,  
15, 18, 21, 27 & 29-Dec  
ABW/SC/TRre/FGe/CR/JS/DJW/JE/RH/MH  
Bishop's Pool 3 23-Dec SCar  
Larnaca Sewage Works 40+ 11-Dec JS  
Manglis Lake 1 14-Dec JS  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 14-Dec DJW  
Oroklini Beach 1 11-Dec VT  
Potamos (Liopetri) 1 25-Dec AKe  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 1 30-  
Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 1 26-  
Dec FGe

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο



Greater Flamingo, immature, Lady's Mile.  
Photograph by Andy Waller.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3700 8-Dec CR  
Lady's Mile 122 8-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 62 13-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 26-Dec FGe  
Oroklini Marsh 52 13-Dec JS

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο



Rock Dove, Avagas Gorge, 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Photograph by Steve Carey.

Largest count:

Bishop's Pool 55 at least 9-Dec JN

**COMMON WOODPIGEON** *Columba palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Mandria c300 20-Dec SC  
Palaiometochos c180 2-Dec FGe  
Paphos Sewage Plant 550 3 flocks 3-Dec CR

**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE**

*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούνη

Largest counts:

Akhna 100 30-Dec AKe  
Frenaros 50 10, 11, 12, 18, 25, 26, 27 & 30-Dec AKe  
Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaiometochos 28 2-Dec FGe

Phasouri Reed-beds 22 at least 30-Dec JN

Sotira, Limassol 22 together in village outskirts 2-Dec JN

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Spilopelia senegalensis*

Φοινικοτρυγόνο

Max counts per location:

Chlorakas 1 31-Dec RH  
Frenaros 7 (2 singing) 16-Dec AKe  
Kouklia Bay 2 20-Dec SC  
Limassol city - Olympic residence area 3 foraging on the roadside 8-Dec FGe

**WESTERN WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα

Bishop's Pool 2 heard calling three times 9-Dec JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 5, 7 & 23-Dec JS/TRe/JN

Zakaki Marsh 4 3h, 1 seen 8-Dec CR

Zakaki Marsh 2+ Heard 9-Dec JS

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπετεινάρο

Largest counts:

Forest beach canal, Oroklini 11 16-Dec FGe

Paralimni 8 27-Dec AKe

Zakaki Marsh 11 6 ads 8-Dec CR

**COMMON COOT** *Fulica atra* Καραπαπάς

Largest counts:

Akhna 100 26 & 30-Dec AKe

Athalassa Park 44 26-Dec CR

Oroklini Marsh c50 13-Dec JS

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Lady's Mile 1 7-Dec VT

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**

*Nycticorax nycticorax* Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron, Zakaki Marsh, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Athalassa Dam 1 juv 26-Dec CR  
Zakaki Marsh 2 1 imm, 1 dead imm 8-Dec CR  
Zakaki Marsh 1 9 & 15-Dec JS/TRe

**CATTLE EGRET** *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης

Max count per location:  
Achna Dam 2 16-Dec FGe  
Agios Sozomenos 3 2-Dec JS  
Athalassa Dam 4 26-Dec CR  
Oroklini Marsh 80+ 13-Dec JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 20-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 9 & 23-Dec JN  
Zakaki Marsh 2 26-Dec CR

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

Σταχτοφαροφάς  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 8-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 4 5 & 12-Dec CR  
Athalassa Park 5 26-Dec CR

**GREAT WHITE EGRET** *Ardea alba*

Χανούμισσα  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 9-Dec JN  
Athalassa Dam 3 26-Dec CR

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη

Largest counts:  
Agia Trias 2 8-Dec VT  
Lady's Mile 2 12-Dec JS  
Paphos Headland 2 25-Dec RH  
Zakaki Marsh 2 7, 26 & 29-Dec TRe/CR/RH/TRe

**EUROPEAN SHAG** *Phalacrocorax*

*aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας  
Dekeleia 11 28-Dec AKe  
Kensington Cliffs 1 26-Dec JN  
Kouklia Bay 1 20 & 23-Dec SC  
Kouklia Fish Farm 2 10-Dec ABW  
Lady's Mile 4 in bay 8-Dec CR  
Spiros Beach 1 13 & 23-Dec JS/FGe

**GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax*

*carbo* Κορμοράνος  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 8-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 46 5 & 7-Dec CR  
Athalassa Park 40 26-Dec CR

**EURASIAN THICK-KNEE** *Burhinus*

*oedicanemus* Τρουλλουριά  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 12 13-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 11-Dec VT

Nata 40 4-Dec KRo  
Strakka, Nicosia 2 at least heard calling 11-Dec JN

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα  
Lady's Mile 2 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15 & 18-Dec JE/JS/TRe/VT/CR/ABW

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμίδι  
Agia Trias 3 8-Dec VT

**EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι



*Eurasian Golden Plover, Paphos Headland, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:  
Larnaca Desalination Plant 218 13-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 45 1-Dec VT  
Mandria 1 5 & 7-Dec KRo/SC  
Paphos Headland 81 15-Dec CR

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 11-Dec TRe  
Lady's Mile 1 8 & 11-Dec JS/TRe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 38 13-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1-Dec VT

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 13-Dec JS

**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι  
Max count per location:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 11-Dec JE  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 8-Dec CR  
Lady's Mile c60 12-Dec JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake c248 13-Dec JS

**GREATER SANDPLOVER** *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχιοπλουμιδι



Greater Sandplover, Paphos Headland, 28<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Steve Carey.

Agia Trias 5 8-Dec VT  
Paphos Headland 3 7, 15, 25 & 28-Dec  
DJW/SCar/RH

**NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*  
Γιαννής



Northern Lapwing, Agios Sozomenos, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Agios Sozomenos 82 2-Dec JS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 25 8-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 21-Dec CR  
Kouklia Bay 1 7-Dec SC with C Makris &  
S Spyrou  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 1-Dec VT  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 11-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 21 24-Dec MH  
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 3-Dec CR  
Potamia 15 9-Dec FGe

**SPUR-WINGED LAPWING** *Vanellus spinosus* Πελλοκατερίνα  
Max count per locaton:  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 13-Dec JS  
Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaiometochi 13  
3-Dec FGe  
Oroklini Marsh 42 24-Dec MH  
Paphos Sewage Plant 28 3-Dec CR

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*  
Φαιομπεκάτσα  
Paphos Headland 1 15-Dec DJW/CR

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*  
Νερομπεκάτσα  
Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 2 8, 11  
& 13-Dec NK/GF/JS  
Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 4 26-  
Dec FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1-Dec VT  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 11-Dec VT  
Spiros Pool 1 26-Dec FGe

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*  
Χαλικονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland 1 15-Dec DJW  
Paphos Headland 2 25-Dec RH

**RUFF** *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 1-Dec VT

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*  
Σταχτονεραλλίδι  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8-Dec CR

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι



Dunlin, Paphos Headland, 15<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Lady's Mile max 100 29-Dec RH  
Larnaca Salt Lake 223+ 13-Dec JS  
Meneou Pool 9 13-Dec JS  
Paphos Headland 2 15-Dec DJW/CR

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Ναυονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 90 8-Dec CR  
Lady's Mile c40 12-Dec JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 135+ 13-Dec JS

**EURASIAN WOODCOCK** *Scolopax*

*rusticola* Πικάτσα

Pedhoulas 1 27-Dec MH

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικατσόνι



*Common Snipe, Zakaki Marsh, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Max count per location:

Achna Dam 4 16-Dec FGe  
Agia Varvara 4 20-Dec CR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8-Dec CR  
Forest beach canal, Oroklini 2 16-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 13-Dec JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 in flight from reed-bed down to water meadow 30-Dec JN  
Sarama 1 8-Dec RAT  
Secret Valley Golf Course (Ha Potami) 10 5-Dec CR  
Zakaki Marsh 1 11, 12 & 15-Dec TRe

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακτίτης

Agia Trias 1 8-Dec VT  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 16 & 28-Dec DJW/CR  
Paphos Headland 2 15-Dec CR  
Petounta Point 1 23-Dec FGe

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8-Dec CR  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1-Dec VT  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Kamares area 13-Dec JS

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι



*Common Redshank, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 14 29-Dec RH  
Larnaca Salt Lake 18 11-Dec VT  
Zakaki Marsh 9 28-Dec TRe

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Achna Dam 2 16-Dec FGe

**LITTLE GULL** *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Νανόγλαρος

Asprokremmos Dam 1 first-winter, on water in cove 7-Dec CR

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus genei*

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



*Slender-billed Gull, Lady's Mile, 30<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Steve Carey.*

Lady's Mile 2 8, 12 & 29-Dec TRe/JS/JE  
Lady's Mile 1 14 & 23-Dec TRe

**BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus ridibundus*

Χωραφόγλαρος

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1000 probably all this species on N shore 9-Dec JN

Lady's Mile c500 + 7 &amp; 12-Dec SC/JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 448 13-Dec JS

Oroklini Beach 191 16-Dec FGe

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus**melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος

Lady's Mile 2 12-Dec TRe

Lady's Mile 1 14 &amp; 27-Dec TRe

Oroklini Beach 1 1st winter 13-Dec JS

**AUDOUIN'S GULL** *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος

Dekeleia 3 16-Dec FGe

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

Θυελλόγλαρος

Lady's Mile 1 22 &amp; 27-Dec SS/TRe

*Baltic Gull* *Larus fuscus fuscus**Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής*

Lady's Mile 1 15 &amp; 29-Dec TRe

*Heuglin's Gull* *Larus fuscus heuglini**Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας*

Larnaca Salt Lake 4 13-Dec JS

Lady's Mile 1 11 &amp; 14-Dec TRe

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus*

Γλάρος Αρμενίας

*Armenian Gull, Lady's Mile, 24<sup>th</sup> December.**Photograph by Steve Carey.*

Max count per location:

Asprokremmos Dam 2 21-Dec CR

Lady's Mile c20 23-Dec SC

Larnaca Airport Pools (South) c25 23-Dec FGe

Larnaca Salt Lake 3 13-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 26-Dec FGe

Oroklini Beach 4 13 &amp; 16-Dec JS/FGe

**YELLOW-LEGGED GULL** *Larus**michahellis* Ασημόγλαρος

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 33 includes at least 24 juveniles, probably this species 2-Dec JN

Koukklia Bay c10 7-Dec SC

Oroklini Beach 11 16-Dec FGe

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος

Κασπίας

Max count per location:

Asprokremmos Dam 4 1ad 12-Dec CR

Lady's Mile 4 1 ad and 3 juvs 5-Dec JS

Larnaca Airport Pools (South) c110 23-Dec FGe

Larnaca Salt Lake 13 13-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 11 26-Dec FGe

**WHITE-WINGED TERN** *Chlidonias**leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρονο

Asprokremmos Dam 1 ad plumage 12 &amp; 16-Dec CR/DJW

**SANDWICH TERN** *Thalasseus**sandvicensis* Χειμωνογλάρονο

Lady's Mile 4 23-Dec SC

Lady's Mile 3 29-Dec TRe

Oroklini Beach 6 11-Dec VT

Oroklini Beach 2 13-Dec JS

Spiros Beach 4 On offshore buoys 13-Dec JS

**COMMON BARN OWL** *Tyto alba*

Αθρωποπούλλι

Potamia, Nicosia 1 Dead on road near industrial estate 2-Dec JS

Xylofagou 1 Roadkill on motorway 8-Dec NK/GF

**LITTLE OWL** *Athene noctua*

Κουκουφκιάος

Agios Sozomenos 2 26-Dec MH

Avagas Gorge 1 28-Dec DJW

Kidasi 1 2-Dec KRo/JN

Marathounta 1 11-Dec CR

Phinikas 1 16-Dec DJW

Souni 1 1, 11, 12, 28, 29 &amp; 31-Dec JN

Vrysoulles 1 18 &amp; 27-Dec AKe

**SHORT-EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus*

Βαλτόθουπος

Zakaki Marsh 1 7-Dec VT

**GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας

Agios Ioannis 3 18-Dec CR

Kensington Cliffs 6 together on cliff ledge  
26-Dec JN  
Kidasi 6 2-Dec JN  
Secret Valley Golf Club (Ha Potami) 1 27-  
Dec PBR

**BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Aquila fasciatus*  
Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο



*Bonelli's Eagle, Agios Sozomenos, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Agios Sozomenos 1 Juvenile 2 & 30-Dec  
JS/FGe  
Akrotiri marsh 1 1 ad. hunting Wood  
Pigeons 29-Dec RH  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv, came up from  
nearby scrub 8-Dec CR  
Arminou Dam 2 ads 18-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 1 ad 1-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 juv 12-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool 1 11-Dec JE  
Evretou Dam 2 ads 14-Dec CR  
Kamares (Tala) 2 adult pair 13-Dec DJW  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 juv 3-Dec CR  
Phinikas 2 16-Dec DJW  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 2 1  
adult, 1 juvenile, flew over 9-Dec FGe  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 1  
juvenile, flew over towards UN buffer zone  
26-Dec FGe

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



*Western Marsh Harrier, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 8<sup>th</sup>  
December. Photograph by John East.*

Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 11-Dec JE  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 26-Dec FGe  
Phasouri Reed-beds 5 a female hunting  
over reed-bed, 2 quartering to S and 2  
circling to the N 9-Dec JN

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*  
Ορνιθοσιάχινο



*Hen Harrier, Mandria, 15<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by John East.*

Largest counts:  
Frenaros 2 5-Dec AKe  
Geri 3 1 adult male & 2 ringtails 26-Dec  
FGe  
Kidasi 2 2-Dec KRo  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 11-Dec VT  
Mandria 2 fems 28-Dec CR

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*  
Καμποσιάχινο  
Lady's Mile 1 7-Dec VT (Very late record.  
Needs further information.)

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter  
nissus* Ξεφτέρι

Agios Ioannis 3 18-Dec CR  
Akhna 1 16 & 26-Dec FGe/AKe  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Dec JS  
Amathus 1 9-Dec JS  
Armou Hills 1 17-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 12 & 16-Dec CR  
Germasogeia Dam 1 5-Dec JS  
Kidasi 1 2-Dec KRo  
Kouklia (Paphos) 1 over road 16-Dec CR  
Kouklia Bay 1 female type 20-Dec SC  
Mesogi 1 4-Dec RAT  
Paphos Lighthouse 1 7-Dec DJW  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3-Dec CR  
Phinikas 1 16-Dec DJW

**NORTHERN GOSHAWK** *Accipiter gentilis*  
Διπλοσιάχινο  
Agios Epifanios 1 2-Dec MH



Diarizos Valley 1 possibly this species 2-Dec JN  
Prodromi 1 7-Dec RAT  
Salamiou 1 18-Dec CR  
Secret Valley Golf Course (Ha Potami) 1  
nearly size of Hen Harrier 16-Dec CR

### EURASIAN BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 3 21-Dec JE  
Lady's Mile 6 7-Dec TRe  
Phasouri Reed-beds 6 includes 4 circling  
together with one calling repeatedly 9-Dec  
JN

Zakaki Marsh 49 All of them came from  
S/SW and continued N/NE. I tried not to  
double-count any of them so the number is  
probably around 10 ex short from the real  
number 7-Dec VT

### LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 20-Dec CR  
Agios Sozomenos 1 26 & 30-Dec  
MH/FGe  
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 immature 24-Dec  
FGe  
Armou 1 juv over road at 4pm 5-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 1 22-Dec CR  
Avagas Gorge 1 28-Dec DJW  
Evretou Dam 1 14-Dec CR  
Kathikas 2 14-Dec DJW  
Kato Akoudaleia 1 25 & 30-Dec RH/AC  
M1 Pools, Kouris River 1 11-Dec DJW  
Marathounta 1 1, 2, 27 & 30-Dec CR  
Peristerona 1 30-Dec RH/AC  
Potamia 1 9-Dec FGe  
Prodromi 1 7-Dec RAT  
Theletra 1 perched on tree beside road  
14-Dec CR

### COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκούνη



*Common Kingfisher, Paphos Headland, 15<sup>th</sup>  
December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agia Trias 1 8-Dec VT  
Athalassa Dam 1 26-Dec CR  
Ezousas Pools 1 1-Dec KRo  
Kouklia Bay 1 20 & 23-Dec SC  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 13-Dec JS  
Paphos Headland 1 15-Dec DJW  
Pedeiaos river, Nicosia 2 13-Dec FGe  
Secret Valley Golf Course (Ha Potami) 1  
16-Dec CR  
Zakaki Marsh 2 8-Dec CR  
Zakaki Marsh 1 9, 26 & 29-Dec  
JS/CR/RH

### COMMON KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Κίτρινος



*Common Kestrel, Paphos Headland, 7<sup>th</sup>  
December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:

Mandria 4 7-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 6 30-Dec JN

**MELIN** *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο  
Orokini Marsh 2 Flew over lake S to N -  
one definitely female other not sure 13-Dec  
JS

### PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάβογ

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 carrying a freshly  
killed pigeon 7-Dec SC  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Flew over chasing  
three Common Teal 8-Dec JS  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Dec TRe  
Avagas Gorge 1 28-Dec DJW  
Kensington Cliffs 1 preening on cliff ledge  
26-Dec JN

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα



*Eurasian Jay, Troodos, 21<sup>st</sup> December.  
Photograph by Tony Reeves*

Max count per location:

Almirolivado (Troodos) 3 2-Dec FGe  
Amiandos Botanical Gardens 1 1-Dec JS  
Arminou Dam 2 18-Dec CR  
Kionia 1 8-Dec JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 4 2-Dec DJW  
Platania scouts camp 1 2-Dec FGe  
Troodos area 5 29-Dec CR

**EURASIAN MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Κατσκορώνια

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 14 22-Dec CR  
Arodes 24 14-Dec DJW  
Marathounta 21 11-Dec CR  
Palaioметоcho 15 2-Dec FGe

**EURASIAN JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos c250 9-Dec FGe  
Evretou Dam 650 two giant flocks,  
probably over 800 14-Dec CR  
Potamia c220 30-Dec FGe

**HOODED CROW** *Corvus corone (cornix)*

Κοράζινος

Largest counts:

Athalassa Park 40 26-Dec CR  
Larnaca Sewage Works c60 11 & 23-Dec  
FGe  
Phasouri Reed Beds 40+ 5 & 11-Dec  
JS/DJW

**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater cyriotes*

Πέμπτετος



*Coal Tit, Troodos, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph  
by Tony Reeves.*

Largest counts:

Almirolivado (Troodos) c25 2-Dec FGe  
Livadi tou Pashia c35 2-Dec FGe  
Makhairas Forest 20+ 8-Dec JS

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts:

Kykkos Metochi, Engomi 11 25-Dec FGe  
Phasouri Reed-beds 12 30-Dec JN  
Souni 18 12-Dec JN

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



*Eurasian Penduline Tit, Zakaki Marsh, 26<sup>th</sup>  
December. Photograph by Steve Carey.*

Phasouri Reed-beds 2 heard calling 9-  
Dec JN

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 alarm call heard  
then female seen in flight from reed-bed  
near fence 30-Dec JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 Heard 8, 9 & 11-Dec  
JS/TRe

Zakaki Marsh 2 12 & 15-Dec TRe

Zakaki Marsh 3 25-Dec SCar

Zakaki Marsh 1-2 calls 29-Dec RH

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Largest counts:

Achna Dam 24 16-Dec FGe  
Agia Varvara 20 20-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 55 22-Dec CR

**EURASIAN SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα

Largest counts:

Kouklia fish farm c50 10-Dec ABW  
Larnaca Salt Lake c70 13-Dec JS  
Mandria 310 7-Dec CR

**CRESTED LARK** *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός

Largest counts:

Achna Dam 21 16-Dec FGe  
Frenaros 50 11 & 16-Dec AKE  
Larnaca Sewage Works 18 13-Dec JS

**ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis*

Δουλαππάρης

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 2 2 & 26-Dec JS/FGe  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Dec JN  
Kouklia Bay 1 heard only 20-Dec SC  
Mandria 2 7-Dec CR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3 & 10-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 6 30-Dec JN  
Secret Valley Golf Course (Ha Potami) 1 h  
16-Dec CR

**MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus*

*melanopogon* Μουστακομουγιανούδι



*Moustached Warbler, Zakaki Marsh, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Zakaki Marsh 1 7, 12, 15 & 29-Dec  
TRe/SCar  
Zakaki Marsh 3 1 seen and 2 others heard  
8 & 9-Dec JS  
Zakaki Marsh 2 25-Dec SCar

**EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER\*\***

*Phylloscopus orientalis* Βουνογιαννούδι  
Paphos Headland 1 per CR 3-Dec AB  
(Further details requested for this very  
unseasonal record)

**COMMON CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus*  
*collybita* Μουγιαννούδι

112 reports of this species received for the  
month.

Largest counts:

Frenaros 30 8-Dec AKE  
Potamia 24 9-Dec FGe  
Zakaki Marsh 20+ 9-Dec JS

**CETTI'S WARBLER** *Cettia cetti*

Ψευταηδόμι

Largest counts:

Achna Dam 4 16-Dec FGe  
Agia Varvara 5 song 20-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 10 at least heard  
calling 30-Dec JN  
Stavros tis Psokas valley 4 calling 14-Dec  
CR  
Zakaki Marsh 4+ 9-Dec JS

**EURASIAN BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Αμπελοπούλι

Largest counts:

Kouklia Bay c8 23-Dec SC  
Kykkos Metochi Engomi 18 25-Dec FGe  
Marathounta 9 song 23-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 12 30-Dec JN

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

Συκαλλιόδι

Kouklia Bay 1 23-Dec SC (Confirmation  
received for this very late record)

**CYPRUS WARBLER** *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης

Max count per location:

Agia Mavra 1 male 23-Dec FGe  
Amathus 1 Singing male 9-Dec JS  
Armou Hills 2 m,f 6-Dec CR  
Cape Greco 5 22-Dec PWr  
Geri 1 immature male seen well and heard  
singing 9-Dec FGe  
Kidasi 1 heard calling 2-Dec JN  
Kofinou Abattoir recycled water ponds 4  
23-Dec FGe  
Phinikas 2 male and female 16-Dec DJW  
Prastio Kellakiou 1 Heard 8-Dec JS  
Sotira, Limassol 1 male perched then in  
flight 7-Dec JN  
Souni 9 21-Dec JN

**SARDINIAN WARBLER** *Sylvia**melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 8 26-Dec JN

Armou Hills 8 22-Dec CR

Frenaros 10 3, 11 &amp; 18-Dec AKe

Souni 29 21-Dec JN

**SPECTACLED WARBLER** *Sylvia**conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 3 Inc one singing male

2-Dec JS

Frenaros 10 11 &amp; 16-Dec AKe

Geri 2 30-Dec FGe

Lady's Mile 2 together in bushes near

stadium 23-Dec JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Heard 13-Dec

JS

Makedonitissa, Nicosia 2 Near cemeteries

and UN buffer zone 7-Dec JS

Manglis Lake 1 14-Dec JS

Pera Orinis Present 2-Dec MH

**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia**brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης

Almirolivado 2 29-Dec CR

Livadi tou Pashia 2+ 1-Dec JS

Livadi tou Pashia 1 14-Dec TR

Platania Picnic site 1 1-Dec JS

Troodos 3 23-Dec PWR

Troodos area 1 29-Dec CR

Troodos, Leventis Botanical Garden 1 29-

Dec CR

**WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria*

Τοιχοδρόμος

*Wallcreeper, Avagas Gorge, 28<sup>th</sup> December.**Photograph by Steve Carey.*

Avagas Gorge 2 28-Dec DJW/SCar

**NORTHERN WREN** *Troglodytes**troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο

Avagas Gorge 2 28-Dec DJW

Green valley restaurant, Kakopetria 1 2-

Dec FGe

Livadi tou Pashia 3 1-Dec JS

Livadi tou Pashia 2 2-Dec FGe

Livadi tou Pashia 1 29-Dec CR

Platania scouts camp 1 2-Dec FGe

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

*Common Starling, Paphos Headland, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Max count per location:

Akhna 1000 19 &amp; 30-Dec AKe

Amathus 9 9-Dec JS

Frenaros 300 29-Dec AKe

Mandria 4 7-Dec CR

Nata Present 4-Dec KRo

Paphos Lighthouse c30 7-Dec DJW

Paphos Sewage Plant 24 3-Dec CR

Zakaki Marsh 50 pre roost 26-Dec CR

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα

Almirolivado (Troodos) 3 1-Dec DJW

Almirolivado 1 at puddle 29-Dec CR

Panagia Stazousa 2 Seen perched on

olive tree and then flew across road 11-

Dec JS

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos*

Τζιηκλα

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 8 6 &amp; 19-Dec CR

Kykkos Metochi, Engomi 9 25-Dec FGe

Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaiometochi 11

3-Dec FGe

Souni 10 4, 11 &amp; 12-Dec JN

**REDWING** *Turdus iliacus* Κοτσινότζιηκλα

Livadi tou Pashia 1 21-Dec TR

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂  
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)



*Eurasian Blackbird, Troodos, 21<sup>st</sup> December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

**Largest counts:**

Arminou Dam 24 en route, up valley 18-  
Dec CR  
Marathounta 7 23-Dec CR  
Souni 6 4-Dec JN  
Troodos area 6 29-Dec CR

**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris* Τρυονότζικλα  
Troodos 2 23-Dec PWR

**EUROPEAN ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

Κοτσινολαίμης

102 records received for this species this month.

**Largest counts:**

Frenaros 30 11 & 24-Dec AKe  
Germasogeia Dam 10+ 5-Dec JS  
Kourris Dam 10 16-Dec JN  
Kykkos Metochi, Engomi 14 25-Dec FGe  
Phasouri Reed-beds 10 30-Dec JN  
Souni 49 1-Dec JN  
Zanadja 22 18-Dec JN

**BLUETHROAT** *Cyanecula svecica*

Γαλαζολαίμης

Phasouri Reed Beds 1 5-Dec JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 8 & 29-Dec CR/TR

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Καρβουνιάρης

**Largest counts:**

Arodes 7 14-Dec DJW  
Asprokremmos Dam 4 2-Dec JN  
Avagas Gorge 4 28-Dec DJW  
Gioulou 4 In garden 31-Dec ChP  
Paphos Lighthouse 7 female 7-Dec DJW  
Souni 4 12 & 15-Dec JN

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*  
Γαλαζοκότσουφος



*Blue Rock Thrush, Cape Greco, 26<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Steve Carey.*

Agios Sozomenos 1 female 2-Dec JS  
Anarita Park 1 25-Dec CR  
Cape Greco 1 fem 26-Dec SCar  
Coral Bay 1 male 4-Dec DJW  
Kamares (Tala) 1 25-Dec DJW  
Phinikas 1 male 16-Dec DJW  
Secret Valley Golf Course (Ha Potami) 1  
fem 16-Dec CR

**EUROPEAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola torquatus* Παπαθικιά

125 records received for this species this month.

**Largest counts:**

Agios Sozomenos 25+ 2-Dec JS  
Frenaros 100 8, 10 & 24-Dec AKe  
Geri 27 9-Dec FGe  
Panagia Stazousa 30+ 11-Dec JS

**FINSCH'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe finschii*  
Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα



*Finch's Wheatear, Phinikas, 25<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Steve Carey.*

Agia Varvara 1 m 20 & 25-Dec CR  
Agios Sozomenos 3 2m and 1f 2-Dec JS  
Agios Sozomenos 1 m 9-Dec FGe  
Agios Sozomenos 2 males 30-Dec FGe  
Anarita Park 1 m 25-Dec CR

Kidasi 2 males 2-Dec JN  
Marathounta 1 dark-thr fem 11 & 23-Dec  
CR  
Phinikas 2 male 16-Dec DJW  
Phinikas 1 male 25-Dec SCar

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 100 22-Dec CR  
Frenaros 1000 3, 18 & 31-Dec AKe  
Larnaca Desalination Plant c100 13-Dec  
JS

**SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer*

*hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 100 30-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 40 12-Dec CR  
Diarizos Valley 79 in two flocks 2-Dec JN  
Geri c120 9-Dec FGe  
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone c45 3-Dec  
FGe  
Paphos Lighthouse c50 7-Dec DJW  
Paphos Sewage Plant 48 3-Dec CR

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

Κορσινογαλούδι

Max count per location:

Achna Dam 3 16-Dec FGe  
Agios Sozomenos 20+ 2-Dec JS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 8-Dec CR  
Frenaros 3 5-Dec AKe  
Mandria, beach area 1 27-Dec RH  
Paphos Headland 1 15 & 25-Dec CR/RH  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3-Dec CR  
Phasouri Reed-beds 3 9-Dec JN

**MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

Λιβαδογαλούδι

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos c150 30-Dec FGe  
Geri c125 30-Dec FGe  
Potamia c150 30-Dec FGe

**WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 8-Dec CR  
Evretou Dam 3 14-Dec CR/DJW

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Athalassa Dam 1 26-Dec CR  
Avagas Gorge 1 28-Dec DJW  
Bishop's Pool 2 feeding together on track  
9-Dec JN

Chlorakas, coast 1 25-Dec RH  
Germasogeia Dam 2 5-Dec JS  
Kourris Dam 1 in flight 16-Dec JN  
Lady's Mile 1 27-Dec TRe  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3, 10, 20 & 25-  
Dec CR  
Souni 1 1, 18, 27 & 29-Dec JE/JN  
Stavros tis Psokas valley 1 14-Dec CR  
Troodos, Leventis Botanical Garden 1 29-  
Dec CR

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Frenaros 20 24-Dec AKe  
Geri 85 30-Dec FGe  
Mandria 55 28-Dec CR  
Potamia 12 9-Dec FGe

**COMMON CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίνιος

119 records received for this species this  
month.

Largest counts:

Agios Ioannis 70 18-Dec CR  
Amiandos Botanical Gardens 50+ 1-Dec  
JS  
Arodes c60 14-Dec DJW  
Frenaros 100 10-Dec AKe  
Phasouri Reed-beds 65 30-Dec JN  
Potamia c150 most seen going to roost in  
citrus and eucalyptus trees 9-Dec FGe  
Souni 118 at least 21-Dec JN

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*

Χειμωνόσπινιος



*Brambling, Troodos, 21<sup>st</sup> December.*  
*Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 11-Dec VT  
Livadi tou Pashia 4 1-Dec DJW  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 14-Dec TRe  
Livadi tou Pashia 1+ 21-Dec TRe  
Marathounta 2 with Hawfinches 23-Dec  
CR

Marathounta 3 1m 27-Dec CR  
Salamiou 2 fems 18-Dec CR  
Troodos, Leventis Botanical Garden 1 fem  
29-Dec CR

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes*.  
*coccothraustes* Τζιεφαλόσπινος



*Hawfinch, Troodos, 21<sup>st</sup> December.*  
*Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Almirolivado (Troodos) 1 1 & 29-Dec  
JS/CR  
Amiandos Botanical Gardens c8 1-Dec  
JS  
Armou Hills 1 flying away 22-Dec CR  
Livadi tou Pashia 3 1m and 2f 1-Dec JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 1 2, 14 & 21-Dec  
FGe/TRe  
Marathounta 1 in valley 11-Dec CR  
Marathounta 10 perched and flying around  
23-Dec CR  
Marathounta 6 perched in rain, in valley  
31-Dec CR  
Platania Picnic site 4+ 1-Dec JS  
Salamiou 3 18-Dec CR  
Troodos area 1 29-Dec CR  
Troodos, Leventis Botanical Garden 19  
29-Dec CR

**EUROPEAN GREENFINCH** *Chloris chloris*

Λουλουδάς η Φλώρος  
Largest counts:  
Frenaros 30 10-Dec AKe  
Lady's Mile 20+ 5-Dec JS  
Phasouri 20 at least all in one bush on  
edge of a field 30-Dec JN  
Souni 52 11-Dec JN  
Troodos, Leventis Botanical Garden 30  
29-Dec CR  
Ypsonas 30 at least 16-Dec JN

**COMMON LINNET** *Linaria cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 35 8-Dec FGe

Amathus c40 9-Dec JS  
Armou Hills 60 22-Dec CR

**RED CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*  
Σταυρομούπτης



*Red Crossbill, Livadi tou Pashia, 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Almirolivado 6 29-Dec CR  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 1 & 2-Dec JS/FGe  
Troodos area 30 flocks flying and perching  
29-Dec CR  
Troodos, Leventis Botanical Garden 14  
29-Dec CR  
Troodos, visitors centre 1 yellow male in  
full song on top of pine tree 29-Dec CR

**EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis*  
*carduelis* Σγαπρίλι

Largest counts:  
Agios Sozomenos c105 one flock 30-Dec  
FGe  
Armou Hills 43 30-Dec CR  
Evretou Dam 60 14-Dec CR  
Frenaros 200 3-Dec AKe  
Souni 46 at least 29 seen feeding in one  
flock 29-Dec JN

**EUROPEAN SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο  
Largest counts:  
Agios Theodoros Soleas c140 2-Dec FGe  
Evretou Dam 80 14-Dec CR  
Kofinou Abattoir recycled water ponds c65  
23-Dec FGe  
Souni 47 includes at least 31 feeding  
together 27-Dec JN

**EURASIAN SISKIN** *Spinus spinus*

Θκιολαρούδι



*Eurasian Siskin, Troodos, 14<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Arminou Dam 4 2m,2f 18-Dec CR  
Big Boulder pass, Diarizos 12 29-Dec CR  
Green valley restaurant, Kakopetria 7 2-  
Dec FGe  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 14-Dec TRe  
Livadi tou Pashia 1+ 21-Dec TRe  
Platania Picnic site, Troodos 4 1-Dec JS  
Platania scouts camp 1 2-Dec FGe  
Stavros tis Psokas valley 2 m,f 14-Dec  
CR

**CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος

Anthoupolis, Nicosia c55 31-Dec FGe

Arodes 55 14-Dec DJW

Marathounta 48 11-Dec CR

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Καλαμποπιτίλλα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 feeding male 9-Dec

JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 9, 11 & 29-Dec JS/TRe



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## **MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT**

**November 2017**

**Yiannis Christodoulides**

*The BirdLife Cyprus waterbirds monitoring programme has been running since 2005 and covers around 60 wetlands and other waterbird sites around the island. All sites are covered at least every January (mid-winter count) and every May (breeding season count), while the more important sites are also covered in March, September and November. Key Important Bird Area (IBA) wetlands such as the island's two salt lakes, which attract large numbers of birds, are covered on a monthly basis. The monitoring programme is based on the voluntary work of a team of dedicated and experienced recorders and preliminary results are presented in the Monthly Checklist.*

For November, 7 recorders covered 20 wetlands (including two coastal sites) across the island where 7472 birds, of 47 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo, with almost 2100 individuals, with the second most abundant species being the Black-headed Gull with just over 1300 individuals closely followed by the Northern Shoveler with just under 1300 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Akrotiri Salt Lake with 2814 individuals. Larnaka Sewage works was second in recorded individuals with 1529. These two sites are tied third in species abundance as well. Larnaka Salt Lake had the highest species count with 24 different species while also being third in individuals recorded with 1301 individuals.

Akrotiri Marsh and Mavrokolymbos Dam had 2 recorded individuals each while Akrotiri Meras had just 1 recorded individual.

### *Site coverage for the November 2017 Waterbird Count*

<b>Site</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Water level</b>
<b>Akrotiri Marsh</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	24/11/2017	
<b>Akrotiri Meras</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	24/11/2017	
<b>Akrotiri Salt lake</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	24/11/2017	
<b>Akrotiri Lady's Mile</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	24/11/2017	
<b>Bishop's Pool</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	24/11/2017	
<b>Zakaki Pond</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	24/11/2017	
<b>Larnaka Salt Lake</b>	Jane Stylianos	21/11/2017	
<b>Larnaka Sewage Works</b>	Jane Stylianos	21/11/2017	
<b>Oroklini Marsh</b>	Martin Hellicar	26/11/2017	
<b>Achna Dam</b>	Bill Barker	16/11/2017	
<b>Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast</b>	Filippos Georgiades	18/11/2017	coastal
<b>Paralimni Lake</b>	Filippos Georgiades	18/11/2017	
<b>Evretou Dam</b>	Dave & Jan Walker	14/11/2017	30%
<b>Asprokremnos Dam &amp; pools</b>	Dave & Jan Walker	16/11/2017	19%
<b>Athalassa Dam</b>	Martin Hellicar	18/11/2017	
<b>Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam</b>	Filippos Georgiades	18/11/2017	Very Low
<b>Aradippou slurry pits</b>	Filippos Georgiades	18/11/2017	
<b>Mavrokolymbos Dam</b>	Dave & Jan Walker	14/11/2017	20%
<b>Kannaviou Dam</b>	Dave & Jan Walker	14/11/2017	23%
<b>Manglis Dam</b>	Jane Stylianos	16/11/2017	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2017	Little Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Cormorant	Shag	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Greater Flamingo	White-fronted Goose	Common Shelduck	Wigeon
Akrotiri Marsh						1							
Akrotiri Meras													
Akrotiri Salt lake		2							55	1811		8	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile									33	115			
Bishop's Pool	13	1							1				
Zakaki Pond													
Larnaka Salt Lake				3			3			152		1	
Larnaka Sewage Works	15	3								5	4		4
Oroklini Marsh	1						1		2	11			
Achna Dam	1					6	1		2				
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast													
Paralimni Lake	12												
Evretou Dam			2						1				
Asprokremnos Dam & pools			30						5				1
Athalassa Dam	12		80		1		4	1	3				
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	3						1						
Aradippou slurry pits							4						
Mavrokolymbos Dam									1				
Kannaviou Dam			8						2				
Manglis Dam			2						1				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2094</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2017	Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Pintail	Shoveler	Red-crested Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	Marsh Harrier	Hen Harrier	Moorhen	Coot	Avocet	Stone-curlew
Akrotiri Marsh								1					
Akrotiri Meras								1					
Akrotiri Salt lake	60				12			1					
Akrotiri Lady's Mile												2	
Bishop's Pool	167	3		3	19	1	3	2		4	1		
Zakaki Pond								3		2			
Larnaka Salt Lake	26							1	1	8			7
Larnaka Sewage Works	172	226	2	29	1047		16				4		
Oroklini Marsh	100	20		6	200					1	20		
Achna Dam											61		
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast													
Paralimni Lake	3							1		4	21		
Evretou Dam		2									23		
Asprokremnos Dam & pools	9	48		1							3		
Athalassa Dam	20	15			10			2		9	4		
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	8									6			
Aradippou slurry pits										2			
Mavrokolymbos Dam										1			
Kannaviou Dam		8									5		
Manglis Dam	1			1	1					6	4		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1289</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2017	Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Golden Plover	Kentish Plover	Ringed Plover	Little Stint	Dunlin	Snipe	Black-tailed Godwit	Bar-tailed Godwit	Curlew	Redshank	Green Sandpiper
Akrotiri Marsh													
Akrotiri Meras													
Akrotiri Salt lake	5		5	217		14	23					1	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile													
Bishop's Pool													
Zakaki Pond													
Larnaka Salt Lake		2	28	120	1	100	130	5		1		10	
Larnaka Sewage Works											1		
Oroklini Marsh		15				1							
Achna Dam													
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast				42									
Paralimni Lake													
Evretou Dam													
Asprokremnos Dam & pools									1				
Athalassa Dam													
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam		27										1	
Aradippou slurry pits								6				2	3
Mavrokolymbos Dam													
Kannaviou Dam													
Manglis Dam													
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2017	Common Sandpiper	Black-headed Gull	Audouin's Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Caspian Gull	Armenian Gull	Sandwich Tern	Kingfisher	Total	Species Count
Akrotiri Marsh									2	2
Akrotiri Meras									1	1
Akrotiri Salt lake		600							2814	14
Akrotiri Lady's Mile				500					650	4
Bishop's Pool									218	12
Zakaki Pond									5	2
Larnaka Salt Lake		694	1	1	3		2	1	1300	23
Larnaka Sewage Works		1							1529	14
Oroklini Marsh		22		1		1			402	15
Achna Dam									71	5
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	2							1	44	2
Paralimni Lake									41	5
Evretou Dam									28	4
Asprokremnos Dam & pools									98	8
Athalassa Dam								2	161	12
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam									46	6
Aradippou slurry pits									17	5
Mavrokolymbos Dam									2	2
Kannaviou Dam									23	4
Manglis Dam									16	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7468</b>	<b>46</b>



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