

## The Monthly Checklist and society news

November 2018 - Issue 10



Field Meetings and Activities 2018
Fileld Meeting Reports
Corncrake in Frenaros area
Monthly Bird Quiz - Number 66
A – Z of Cyprus Birdwatching
October 2018 Systematic List
October 2018 Waterbird Count and Report



## **ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟ & ΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΚΟ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΥ**COUNCIL MEMBERS & STAFF OF THE SOCIETY



#### Πρόεδρος / President

Αναστάσιος Λεβέντης / Mr. A.P. Leventis

#### Επίτιμα Μέλη / Honorary Appointments

**Επίτιμοι Προέδροι / Honorary Chairmen:** Δρ. Κυριάκος Πιερίδης / Dr. Kyriacos Pierides, Dr. W.R.P. Bourne, Michael Gore, The Viscount Southwell Ευριπίδης Μιχαηλίδης / Evripides Michaelides, Jeff Gordon

#### Συμβούλιο / Council

#### Πρόεδρος / Chairman

Μελής Χαραλαμπίδης / Melis Charalambides, 99653205 <u>melis@cytanet.com.cy</u> **Αντιπρόεδρος & Υπεύθυνος Εξορμήσεων / Vice Chairman & Fieldtrips Officer** Dave Walker 99915907 <u>davidwalker@cytanet.com.cy</u>

#### Γραμματέας / Secretary

Σταύρος Χριστοδουλίδης / Stavros Christodoulides, 99425050 <u>christodoulidess@yahoo.com</u> **Ταμίας / Treasurer** 

Χριστάκης Χαραλαμπίδης / Chris Charalambides, 99541054 <u>chrischaralambides7@gmail.com</u>

Υπεύθυνη Κοινωνικών Εκδηλώσεων / Social Secretary

Λώρια Φυλακτή / Loria Phylakti, 99413383 loriaph@gmail.com

Υπεύθυνη Καταγραφών / Bird Recorder

Jane Stylianou / Jane Stylianou, 99558953 janestycy@yahoo.co.uk

Υπεύθυνος Εκδόσεων / Publications Officer

Silvio Rusmigo, 96893505 silvio.a.rusmigo@gmail.com

#### Μέλος / Member

Victor Tjernberg, 96107299 tjernberg.victor@gmail.com

Υπεύθυνος Προγραμμάτων / Projects & Funding Officer

Κωνσταντίνος Κονής / Konstantinos Konis, 99669943 dinos.konis@cytanet.com.cy

#### **Rarities Committee**

Jane Stylianou (Chair), Melis Charalambides, Stavros Christodoulides, Filippos Geogiades, Chris Stavrou. Martin Hellicar. Johannes Honold

Υπεύθυνη Καταγραφών / Bird Recorder Jane Stylianou, 99558953 janestycy@yahoo.co.uk

#### Προσωπικό του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου / BirdLife Cyprus Office Staff

Διευθυντής / Director Μάρτιν Χέλλικαρ / Martin Hellicar Υπεύθυνη Έρευνας & Παρακολούθησης / Monitoring & Research Coordinator Χριστίνα Ιερωνυμίδου / Christina Ieronymidou

Συντονίστρια Προγραμμάτων / Project Coordinator Μέλπω Αποστολίδου / Melpo Apostolidou Συντονιστής Εκστρατειών / Campaigns Coordinator Τάσος Σιαλής / Tassos Shialis Λειτουργός Εκστρατείας Ενάντια στη Λαθροθηρία / Campaigns Officer Against Illegal Bird Killing Νάταλη Στυλιανού / Natalie Stylianou

**Λειτουργός Ανάπτυξης / Development Officer** Έλενα Μαρκιτανή / Elena Markitani **Λειτουργός Προγράμματος για Θαλασσοπούλια / Seabirds project Officer** Άννη Παπαδοπούλου / Annie Papadopoulou

Υπεύθυνη Ευρωπαϊκής Πολιτικής / Policy Officer Βασιλική Αναστάση / Vasiliki Anastasi Βοηθός Πεδίου / Field Assistant Μάρκος Χαραλαμπίδης / Markos Charalambides Λογίστρια / Accountant Μύρια Αχιλλέως / Myria Achilleos Γραμματέας / Secretary Ρωμίνα Κωνσταντίνου / Romina Constantinou

P.O. Box 12026, 2340, Nicosia Tel: +357 22455072, Fax: +357 22455073 birdlifecyprus@birdlifecyprus.org.cy www.birdlifecyprus.org ISSN 1986-2938

#### CONTENTS

#### Page No.

- 3 Monthly Checklist compilation
- 4 Keep up-to-date and share sightings with BirdLife Cyprus Google Group
- 4 Importance of your sightings Jane Stylianou
- 5 Schedule of BirdLife Cyprus Field Meetings & Activities 2018
- 8 Field Meeting Report Paphos Headland & Lighthouse *Kate Bloomer*
- 9 Field Meeting Report Akrotiri 7<sup>th</sup> November *Victor Tjernberg*
- 10 Corncrake in Frenaros area Christoph Hein
- 12 Monthly Bird Quiz Stavros Christodoulides
- 13 New Collins Bird Guide in Greek
- 14 A Z of Cyprus Bird Watching June Neal
- 16 Monthly Systematic List October 2018 Jane Stylianou
- 37 BirdLife Cyprus Wetland Counts October 2018 Yiannis Christodoulides (Volunteer)

#### Last pages: Membership Application Forms

Cover photo: The Yellow-browed Warbler Phylloscopus inornatus breeds in temperate Asia. It is increasingly becoming more frequently observed during autumn migration in western Europe and although in Cyprus we still do not see the numbers seen for example on the east coast of the UK, we have recently been seeing one or two records a year. So far the only record for 2018 was found on 25th October at Agia Varvara (Paphos) by Dave and Jan Walker. Dave took this photo the next day when the bird was still present and seen well by several other local birders. This is the 20th record for Cyprus.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:ianestycy@yahoo.co.uk">ianestycy@yahoo.co.uk</a>. Telephone: 99558953

**Birdline** Operated by June Neal on behalf of BirdLife Cyprus is the bird information hotline. To hear a prerecorded message with recent interesting bird sightings and to add your own observations, please phone 00357 **25 934076**.

Join the <u>BirdLife Cyprus Google</u> group to exchange and receive emails updating local and visiting birders about recent sightings <a href="https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds">https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds</a>

## KEEP UP TO DATE AND SHARE RECENT SIGHTINGS WITH THE BIRDLIFE CYPRUS GOOGLE GROUP

Continuing BirdLife Cyprus' attempts to ensure both resident and visiting birders receive up to date information on the birds being spotted on the island, we have set up a Google Group through which group members can email in their recent sightings and bird news and receive and read those of other members.

If you would like to join please click here.

Email: BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com

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

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

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

Jane Stylianou

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

Most people submit their records on a monthly basis. To be included in the Systematic List that appears in the Monthly Checklist please make sure that Jane receives your records by the 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 <a href="http://blc.birdtrack.net">http://blc.birdtrack.net</a> or download our <a href="reporting excel">reporting excel</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk">janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk</a> 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 Ορνιθολονική Αναφορά.

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

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

#### The Winter/Spring schedule 2018/19

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 τον βαθμό δυσκολίας, αποστάσεις και συνθήκες των εξορμήσεων.

#### 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: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/F23CnS5iZA42">https://goo.gl/maps/F23CnS5iZA42</a>

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/TZ1v4RHgSxQ2

#### January 2019

#### Saturday 12th January: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299. Wintering gulls, waterfowl and passerines.

Meet at 9.00 am, car park adjacent to the hide at Zakaki ponds off the road to Lady's Mile.

Google Maps link: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nY2GENJHjfx">https://goo.gl/maps/nY2GENJHjfx</a>

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January: 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/xW5dk5txAN62

#### Saturday 19th January: New Year get-together

Join us for lunch after the field trip. Venue to be decided at Mackenzie Beach

Further details will follow.

Please contact Loria Phylaki for booking, Mobile: 99413383

email: loriaph@gmail.com

#### Saturday 26th January: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299

Waterbirds and other winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am, Akrotiri Marsh (Phassouri Reed beds). Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/oaCQat3x7tH2

#### February 2019

## Saturday 9th 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.

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/cYJi754DpHR2

#### Saturday 16th 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.

Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/qpJECsvpMHs

#### March 2018

#### Wednesday 6th March: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299

Late winter visitors, water birds and spring migrants.

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

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/nY2GENJHifx

#### Saturday 16th 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.

https://goo.gl/maps/K7eKYgWh7LD2

## Saturday 23th Marc h: Larnaca Sewage Works & Oroklini Marsh PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893.

Spring migrants and waterbirds.

Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/xW5dk5txAN62

#### April 2019

#### Friday 5th April - Sunday 7th April: Karpasia Peninsula

Spring migrants and rare residents.

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

Meet11.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall.

Google Maps link: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/cYJi754DpHR2">https://goo.gl/maps/cYJi754DpHR2</a> Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides.

#### Saturday 13th April: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

Spring migrants.

Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

Google Maps link: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/F23CnS5iZA42">https://goo.gl/maps/F23CnS5iZA42</a>

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Cape Greko PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides: Mobile: 99425050 Spring Migrants, (please note new meeting point. Meet 8.00 am, Capr Grko Environmental Centre Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/zPRPnzJoxtB2

#### Friday 26th April - Monday 29th April (Cypriot Easter)

#### Saturday 27th April: Arodes and Androlikou Akamas Villages

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker: Mobile: 99915907

Meet 9.00 am Pano Arodes square, St. Kelandion Church Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/emfrgyYToan

#### May 2019

#### Saturday 4th May: Akrotiri Peninsula.

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299

Late spring migrants and water birds.

Meet 8.30 am, Akrotiri Marsh (Phassouri Reed beds). Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/oaCQat3x7tH2

#### Saturday 18th May: End of Season Get Together Lunch

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou.

Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/CcfiYnirUoH2

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

#### FIELD MEETING - PAPHOS HEADLAND & LIGHTHOUSE - 27th October 2018

#### By Kate Bloomer

It was a bright and clear sunny morning when Ian and I met up with sixteen other birders at the CTO car park on the headland in Paphos. Amongst the regular birders were three visitors, Virginia visiting from South Africa and her son in Iaw Tony, now residing locally and Alexander Foki, a Birdlife Austria member who had joined us the previous year on his visit to Cyprus.

As we started along the headland we saw **Kestrel** in the distance and heard **Corn Bunting** calling. Three **Yellow-Legged Gulls** flew past us out to sea and **Hooded Crows** were feeding on the shoreline

White Wagtails and Crested Lark were feeding and calling along the pathway and a flock of Linnets flew overhead. Spanish and House Sparrow were in abundance amongst the bushes.

We searched the shoreline for waders and were rewarded with good views of a lone **Common Sandpiper**. A **Zitting Cisticola** flew overhead, calling and many **Stonechat** were seen on top of the thistles and bushes.

**Sardinian Warblers** were seen darting for cover and hiding deep down in the bushes and **Goldfinch** were in abundance, feeding on the seed heads.

As the over-wintering **Greater Sand Plover** were not in their usual position along the shoreline, we proceeded and were then delighted to see the four sitting together further up at the point.

As we journeyed back along the headland we saw a **Kingfisher** fishing from a boulder, making frequent forays into a pool, much to the delight of everyone, especially Sue who had hoped to see this bird on our walk and we were able to watch it for several minutes before it flew off to another perch.

As we scanned the shoreline, a **Ruddy Turnstone** was seen feeding amongst the seaweed and just as we were nearing the end of our walk, the over wintering **Whimbrel** was spotted sitting high up on a rock, with the sea as a backdrop, a great end to this part of our meeting.

We had a short break for refreshments in the car park before driving along to the Archaeological site in Paphos harbour for the second part of our meeting.

As we walked down the avenue of trees in front of the Frankish Fort we observed **Great Tit**, **Chiff Chaff** and **Willow Warbler** feeding amongst the trees.

Turning the corner we heard **Blackcap** singing and observed many of them flitting between a large bush and a tree. **Serin** was also spotted and watched with delight.

Jan heard the tick tick tick of a **Robin** and we eventually spotted it skulking low in a bush. As we walked toward the Odeon **Chaffinch and** Great Tit were seen flitting between the ground and the trees and many Sardinian Warblers flitting about.

As the site was particularly quiet bird wise we decided to end the meeting at this point and we parted company after a thoroughly enjoyable morning with 25 species seen.



#### FIELD MEETING - AKROTIRI PENINSULA - 7th November 2018

#### by Victor Tjernberg

Our day started at Zakaki Hide where the reeds had recently been cleared which thus created a whole view for bird watching, both from the hide and the areas surrounding it. Soon we became 17 eager birders who started scanning the area. No less then four **Moustached Warblers** greeted us with very nice views whilst searching for insects in the water's edge around the hide. **Spotted Crake** and **Citrine Wagtail** were also enjoyed from just a few meters away. A bit further away in the pool a female **Pintail**, a **Little Grebe** and plenty of **Moorhen** was visible throughout the morning. Plenty of **Black-headed Gulls** continuously swooped down to the pool as well for a few seconds of feeding frenzy before taking off again, never settling. A few **Penduline Tits** could be heard several times but only showed themselves a few times very quickly. Similarly so did a couple of **Reed Buntings** during the early morning.

After an hour we moved on to the beginning of Lady's Mile to sort through the several hundreds of gulls resting in the pools along the road. About 1.400 Black-headed Gulls but sadly only a few **Caspian Gulls** and **Armenian Gulls** could be seen. No other gems were hiding in the big flock this time. Driving down towards Bishop's Pool we scanned the rest of Lady's Mile without seeing a single wader, which was surprising and very disappointing.

At Bishop's Pool we could se more or less the usual suspects along with plenty of Little Grebe, one single **Black-necked Grebe** and quite a few **Northen Shovelers**. Another surprise was that we could not find any Ferruginous Ducks this time.

After a sandwich and a cup of coffee we had topped up our energy to move on down to the tower hide at Akrotiri Marsh. Here we enjoyed fantastic views of a few birds that came very close! First to be seen was a **Little Bittern** who at two occasions gave us plenty of time to study it in detail. Afterwards was a Penduline Tit that popped out of nowhere and displayed nicely close to the tower. And of course the compulsory **Kingfisher** came and showed off with its fishing skills – never a disappointment.

After this we were quite satisfied with our day of birding. All in all we had a total count of 59 species! A big thanks to everyone who participated!

## Corncrake in Frenaros area By Christoph Hein

Birdlife Cyprus and Birdlife Germany (Naturschutzbund Deutschland NABU) started in 2017 to develop two plots of land in the Frenaros / Avgorou area. Main topic is to offer a safe place for birds to stop during migration, protected first of all from hunting and illegal trapping. Actually half of the place is covered by trees (pine trees, fruit trees, Carob, Olive) and bushes (Lentiscus), the second half is non-cultivated farmland. The "wooded" part is fenced, the other part should be fenced in the near future to give a more natural development (plantation of bushes is in the program) a better chance against browsing goats.

A first baseline study has been made in autumn 2018 to observe the arrival and movements of birds on the plots and to understand the necessary improvements to make the place still more attractive for birds in migration. A wildlifecamera, set up on the plot to verify the presence of different mammals like fox or hedgehog, made a very interesting observation possible: a corncrake (Crex crex) resting on the plot.



The bird was first registered on the 12.10.2018 and photos of the bird have been taken automatically again in the following days (15.10. / 17.10. / 19.10. / 20.10.2018). Searching the bird on the plot had no success. Unfortunately the pictures show clearly a damage of the left wing of the bird - most probably the bird isn't able to continue its migration. Or it remains still in the area or became an easy prey to a predator like dog, fox or kestrel.

The Cyprus Bird Reports of the last years defines the corncrake "A very scarce passage migrant.", just single or few records have been made every year. Most probably the species is often overseen in migration.

The corncrake normally doesn't overwinter in the Mediterranean, but continues to migrate to the main wintering sites in the south-east of Africa. No findings of ringed corncrakes are reported from Cyprus.



#### **BIRD PHOTO QUIZ**

#### Stavros Christodoulides

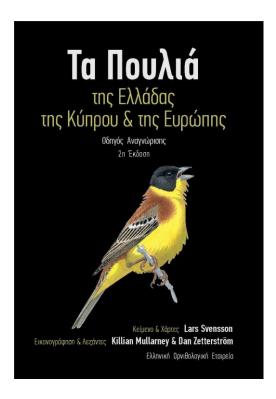
#### **PHOTO #66**



#### Last Month's Quiz answer

October's mystery bird is a rather colourful thick-billed passerine with pale trimmed dark tail and wing feathers, a scaly reddish-brown rump, brown-streaked greenish-yellow upperparts, a streaked crown and a bright yellow throat.

The small triangular, bicoloured bill, characteristic head pattern (prominent eye and moustachial stripes) and overall colouration suggest that our mystery bird is a species of Bunting, a widespread old world genus of birds belonging to the family Emberizidae. 13 species have been recorded in Cyprus, one occurring as a breeding resident, two as breeding summer visitors and the rest as migrants, winter visitors or rare vagrants. The resident Corn Bunting, our largest and most widespread species, can be ruled out as this is an entirely greyish-brown and white bird. Cretzschmar's and Ortolan Buntings, the first a breeding summer visitor the other a passage migrant, can also be ruled out as they show different colours and pattern. Reed Bunting, our commonest winter visitor is also brown, black and white and can be ruled out as can the vagrant Little, Rock, Rustic and Striolated Buntings that all show no vellow. We are left with three superficially similar species, all showing varying amount of yellow. One is a migrant breeder, the other a rare passage migrant while the third is a scarce winter visitor. The face pattern immediately rules out Black-headed Bunting, which shows a plain face/head in all plumages. We are left with two quite different and easy to identify species. Cinereous Bunting is a scarce passage migrant, mostly in spring, which shows a greyish back and rump and no eyestripe and can be ruled out. Our bird is a Yellowhammer, a scarce winter visitor mostly at higher elevations.



Τα Πουλιά της Ελλάδας, της Κύπρου & της Ευρώπης The Birds of Greece, Cyprus & Europe

Η 2<sup>n</sup> έκδοση του γνωστού οδηγού αναγνώρισης Collins τώρα διαθέσιμη στα ελληνικά The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the popular Collins guide now available in Greek

Μπορείτε να προμηθευτείτε το νέο οδηγό από τα γραφεία μας ή να τον παραγγείλετε επικοινωνώντας με την Ρωμίνα Κωνσταντίνου στο 22455072 ή μέσω email στο romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy

You can find the new guide at our offices or you can place your order by contacting Romina Constantinou, BirdLife Cyprus on 22455072 or at <a href="mailto:romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy">romina.constantinou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy</a>

Tιμή / Price: €25

#### A - Z of Cybrus Bird Watching - Almirolivado - Troodos

#### By June Neal

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



A good site to see winter visitors as well as resident birds in Troodos with its mixture of trees, bushes and peat meadow attracting several interesting species, eg

Mistle Thrush, Τριζάρα, *Turdus iscivorus* Song Thrush, Τζίηκλα, *Turdus hilomelos* Brambling, Χειμωνόσπινος, *Fringilla montifringilla* Hawfinch, Τζιεφαλόσπινος, *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* Goldcrest, Χρυσοβασιλίσκος, *Regulus regulus*  Resident birds include Coal Tit, Πέμπετσος, *Periparus ater Cypriotes*; Short-toed Tree-creeper, Δενδροβάτης, *Certhia brachydactyla dorotheae* and Eurasian Jays, Κίσσα, *Garrulus glandarius glazneri*, Eurasian Blackbird, β Μαυρόπουλλος ( $$\varphi$$  Μαυρότζικλα), *Turdus merula*.

Other breeding species include summer visitors – Masked Shrike, Δακκαννούρα, *Lanius nubicus* with 12 adults and nine fledglings seen here 3 July 2010

Spotted Flycatcher, Μουγιοφάς, *Muscicapa striata* Rarities which have been seen here include -

Yellowhammer, Χρυσοπιτίλλα, *Emberiza citronella* on 21 November 2014 Pine Bunting, Πευκοπιτίλλα, *Emberiza leucocephalos* – two males in November 2014 References:

Richardson, C. (ed.) (2011) Cyprus Bird Report 2010, BirdLife Cyprus

Stylianou, J. (ed.) (2016) Cyprus Bird Report 2014, BirdLife Cyprus

BirdLifeCyprus@googlegroups.com





Spotted Flycatcher, Μουγιοφάς, Muscicapa striata

Both species photographed April 2018 by Tony Reeves

#### SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR OCTOBER 2018

Jane Stylianou

5462 bird records received

210 species and forms recorded October 2018, compared to 209 in October 2017.

[Please note, the list has been edited for the purposes of this newsletter and contains records that have not been corrected or corroborated.1

The following species were also recorded in October 2018: Chukar, Black Francolin, Mallard, Little Grebe, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Grev Heron, European Shag, Great Cormorant, Black-headed Gull, Yellowlegged Gull, Little Owl, Common Kingfisher (118 records), Common Kestrel (145 records), Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Cetti's Warbler, Sardinian Warbler (120 records), Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, White Wagtail (130 records), Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin.

#### **COMMON QUAIL** Coturnix coturnix

Ορτύκι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 heard 6-Oct JN Pervolia fields 1 heard in alfalfa field 20-Oct JN

#### RED-CRESTED POCHARD Netta rufina

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Anthoupoli Sewage Works Fields 1 drake 27-Oct FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Fem/iuv type 15-Oct JS

#### **COMMON POCHARD** Aythya farina

Κουντούρα

Agia Eirini Dam 60 27-Oct CR

#### FERRUGINOUS DUCK Aythya nyroca

Βαλτόπαπια

Athalassa 6 16-Oct CS

Athalassa Park 4 22-Oct JS

Bishop's Pool 6 3-Oct JN

Bishop's Pool 4 12-Oct FM

Bishop's Pool 5 26-Oct JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15 & 18-Oct JS/LAC

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 29-Oct DJW Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 12 14-

Oct MC/CC/DK

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 22 20-

Oct JS/MC/AS

Oroklini Marsh 2 18-Oct LAC

Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 3

20-Oct FGe

Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 2 20-Oct FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Oct LAC

#### GARGANEY Spatula guerquedula

Μασουρατζιής

Bishop's Pool 3 females 3-Oct JN Bishop's Pool 1 11 & 12-Oct CR/JB/FM Larnaca Sewage Works 4 15-Oct JS Zakaki Marsh 1 female 17-Oct FM

#### NORTHERN SHOVELER Spatula clypeata

Σαξάνα

Max count per location:

Agia Eirini Dam 20 27-Oct CR

Bishop's Pool 15 12-Oct FM

Larnaca Sewage Works c150 20-Oct SC

with BirdLife Cyprus Fieldtrip

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 800+ 20-

Oct JS/MC/AS

Oroklini Marsh 1 female 20 & 22-Oct JN Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 6 20-

Oct FGe

Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 59 20-

Oct FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 19-Oct CR

#### **NORTHERN PINTAIL** Anas acuta

Σουβλονούρα

Max count per location:

Agia Eirini Dam 2 27-Oct CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 all in eclipse 6-Oct

Cape Pomos 25 single flock heading W low over water 14:37 30-Oct JWa

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 Female 20-Oct JS/MC/AS

Zakaki Marsh 1 female 17, 19, 21, 22, 23,

29. 30 & 31-Oct

FM/FGe/CR/SC/DJW/LAC/TRe/JS

**COMMON TEAL** Anas crecca Σαρσέλλι Max count per location:

Agia Eirini Dam 12 27-Oct CR Asprokremmos Dam 18 29-Oct CR Athalassa Park 4 22-Oct JS Bishop's Pool 30 12-Oct FM

Larnaca Sewage Works c100 20-Oct SC with BirdLife Cyprus Fieldtrip

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant c230 20-Oct JS/MC/AS

Oroklini Marsh 39 20-Oct JN Phasouri Reed Beds 1 18-Oct IKB Saramas Valley 1 18-Oct IKB

Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 1 20-Oct FGe

Vathia Gonia treated water old pool 5 20-Oct FGe

Zakaki Marsh 3 31-Oct TRe

#### **GREAT CRESTED GREBE** Podiceps

cristatus Σκουφοβούττης Kioneli Dam 1 17-Oct NCP

#### **BLACK-NECKED GREBE** Podiceps

nigricollis Μαυροβούττης
Bishop's Pool 1 31-Oct DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 6, 13, 15 & 21-Oct CR /JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 20 & 22-Oct LAC/SC/BC fieldtrip/JN
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 29-Oct JS

## **GREATER FLAMINGO** Phoenicopterus roseus Φλαμίννκο

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c500 19-Oct ABW Akrotiri Salt Lake c400 Incl melanistic 14-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works c730 22-Oct LAC

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 49 20-Oct JS/MC/AS

ROCK DOVE Columba livia Αρκοπέζουνο

Avagas Gorge c40 22-Oct DJW
Avagas Gorge c30 29-Oct DJW
Bishop's Pool 10 12-Oct FM
Bishop's Pool 28 26-Oct JN
Karpasia Peninsula 140+ In two flocks all of which appeared to be wild. Flying over area. Track inland to east of Koca Reis hotel 6-Oct JS
Orga 2 on sea cliffs 28-Oct CR

#### STOCK DOVE Columba oenas

Φασσοπέζουνο

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 24, 25 & 26-Oct CR/DJW/LAC

#### EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE Streptopelia

turtur Τρυγόνι

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 2-Oct JS

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 5-Oct DS

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 8-Oct DJW

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 orchard E of AEEC 10-Oct JN

Alaminos 1 juvenile 1-Oct FGe Bishop's Pool 1 12-Oct FM Cape Greco 1 Heading SE out to sea 3-Oct JS

Nicosia, Makedonitissa 1 12-Oct SC Zakaki Marsh 1 11-Oct CR/JB

## ORIENTAL TURTLE DOVE\* Strepopelia orientalis Ελατοτούνονο

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 juvenile 3-Oct NB (Rare Bird Report received for this possible 3<sup>rd</sup> record for Cyprus.)

## LAUGHING DOVE Spilopelia senegalensis Φοινικοτρύνονο

Max count per location:

Alaminos 1 juvenile 1-Oct FGe Kiti 1 20-Oct SC with BirdLife Cyprus Fieldtrip

Mandria 5 2 juvs 13-Oct CR/JB Paphos Sewage Works 1 26-Oct LAC Pervolia 1 13-Oct FGe

## **ALPINE SWIFT** *Tachymarptis melba* Ασπροπετροχελίδονο

Goudhi, Paphos c30 Hard to count as they were circling around the house, both at low level and high up. Seemed to be moving ahead of a weather front 9-Oct RAt Phasouri Bee-hives c8 13:45 - 15:45 9-Oct JS/LAC

#### **LITTLE SWIFT** Apus affinis

Μικροπετροχελίδονο

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 high over tower hide, with Common Swifts 6-Oct CR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 11-Oct TD Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 12-Oct IKB

Phasouri area 4 seen together 4-Oct MSS

Phasouri Bee-hives 2 2 & 10-Oct JS/JE Phasouri Bee-hives 3 8 & 9-Oct MSS/LAC/JS

#### PALLID SWIFT Apus pallidus

Στακτοπετροχελίδονο Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 6-Oct CR Phasouri Bee Hives 4 9-Oct LAC/JS Phasouri 3 10-Oct JE

#### **COMMON SWIFT** Apus apus

Πετροχελίδονο

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 6-Oct JN

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 6 6-Oct CR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 11-Oct CR/JB

Phasouri 3 10-Oct JE

Phasouri Bee Hives 3 9-Oct LAC/JS

## **WESTERN WATER RAIL** Rallus aquaticus Μαυροπουλάδα



Western Water Rail, Zakaki Marsh, 18<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 2 8-Oct JE
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3
31-Oct DJW/DS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 6, 10, 12 & 31-Oct
CR/JN/JS/MSS
Zakaki Marsh 6 7-Oct VT

#### CORNCRAKE Crex crex Ορτυκομάνα



Corncrake, Agia Varvara, 9th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 in soakaway 9 & 10-Oct CR/DJW/LAC/IKB Vrysoulles 1 12 & 15-Oct ChH

## **SPOTTED CRAKE** *Porzana porzana* Στικτοπουλάδα



Spotted Crake, Zakaki Marsh, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 1 in dry soakaway bed 3, 8, 9 & 13-Oct CR/JE/JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Zakaki run off area 07:45 - 10:45. Three seen out in open at same time and another heard in a different area 14-Oct JS Zakaki Marsh 3 4, 7 & 22-Oct FM//T/ARW

#### LITTLE CRAKE Zapornia parva

Μικροπουλάδα

Agia Varvara 1 8 & 10-Oct JE/LAC Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 10-Oct TRe

Oroklini Marsh 1 probably this species in distance feeding 22-Oct JN Zakaki Marsh 1 3 & 6-Oct HSt

COMMON CRANE Grus grus Γερανός Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Juvenile. Zakaki run off 9, 10, 11, 18 & 19-Oct JS/LAC/TRe/JE/CR/JB/IKB/ABW Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 10 & 15-Oct JN/JE Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 ad 30 & 31-Oct CR/DJW/TRe

Karpasia Peninsula 13 over 10:25am 16-Oct NCP

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 9-Oct DS Limnatis IBA 7 migrating over N of KantouValley from E to W 27-Oct JN Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 5 flew over 23-Oct NCP Rizokarpasos c56 8-Oct JMN

## SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER Calonectris diomedea Πελαγόμυχος

Agios Amvrosios 11 14-Oct NCP
Agios Amvrosios 70 15-Oct NCP
Agios Amvrosios 63 17-Oct NCP
Cape Kormakitis 6 20-Oct NCP
Cape Pomos 3 distant 13:15 - 14:00 30-Oct JWa

#### YELKOUAN SHEARWATER Puffinus yelkouan Μύχος της Μεσογείου Agios Amvrosios 2 15-Oct NCP Cape Kormakitis 18 feeding offshore 26-

Oct CR Cape Kormakitis 26 west 27-Oct CR

#### **BLACK STORK** *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός



Black Stork, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 8<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 7 & 8-Oct VT/MSS/DJW Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 10-Oct JN Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 12-Oct FM

#### **WHITE STORK** Ciconia ciconia Λευκός Πελαργός



White Stork, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 8<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3
high over tower hide 4-Oct MSS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6, 7, 8 & 13-Oct
CR/JN/VT/MSS/DJW/ADT
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15-Oct JS

#### EURASIAN SPOONBILL Platalea

Ieucorodia Κουταλάς
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 8 & 12-Oct MSS/DJW/JE/FM/TRe/JS/IKB
Cape Greco 2 Migrating along coast N to S 3-Oct JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 5 & 6-Oct JS/CR

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus* Χαλκόκοτα Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6-Oct JN/CR

## **EURASIAN BITTERN** *Botaurus stellaris* Βουρωδιός

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 29 & 30-Oct IKB/DS

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



Common Little Bittern, Akrotiri Marsh, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Agios Varvara 1 11-Oct MSS

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 2, 3, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 29, 30 & 31-Oct JS/JN/IKB/ABW/DS/FM/CR/LAC/DJW Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 4 & 19-Oct MSS/DJW

#### **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 adult in tree near end
of track to salt lake from Bishop's Pool 10Oct JN
Athalassa Park 2 Juveniles 8-Oct JS
Athalassa Park 3 Juveniles 22-Oct JS
Fresh Water Lake 20+ Mainly juvs 5-Oct
JS
Kouklia (Paphos) 2 4-Oct MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 juv 6-Oct CR
Zakaki Marsh 2 29-Oct JWa

SQUACCO HERON Ardeola ralloides Βορτακοφάς



Squacco Heron, Zakaki Marsh. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Akhna Dam 1 19-Oct LAC
Potamia 1 resting in an artificial pond 20-Oct FGe
Zakaki Marsh 1 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29 & 30-Oct
FM/RoB/JS/ABW/LAC/IKB/DS/CR/SC/FGe/DJW/TRe/JE/JWa
Zakaki Marsh 3 2 feeding and 1 in flight 26-Oct JN
Zakaki Marsh 2 31-Oct DJW

#### PURPLE HERON Ardea purpurea

Πορφυροψαροφάς Agia Varvara 1 15-Oct LAC Akhna Dam 1 27-Oct VT Mandria 1 11-Oct LAC Polis 4 in with flock of 40 Grey Herons 12-Oct TD

#### GREAT WHITE EGRET Ardea alba Χανούμισσα Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 3, 5 & 10-Oct ABW/IKB/JN/VT/TRe Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 8-Oct MSS Asprokremmos Dam 1 24-Oct FM Athalassa Park 2 8-Oct JS Athalassa 1 16-Oct CS Bishop's Pool 3 8-Oct DJW Bishop's Pool 1 overflying heading towards the salt lake 26-Oct JN Fresh Water Lakes 6 5-Oct JS/BC trip Karpasia Peninsula 1 On beach near Livana Hotel 5-Oct JS/BC trip Larnaca Sewage Works 8 3-Oct JS Larnaca Sewage Works 1 flew over area high 15-Oct JS

**GREAT WHITE PELICAN** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* Ροδοπελεκάνος

Mandria 1 8 & 13-Oct IKB/LAC



Great White Pelican, Akhna Dam, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Photograph by John East.

Akhna Dam 1 23 & 27-Oct JE/VT
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 30 & 31-Oct DS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv 30-Oct CR
Athalassa 1 16-Oct CS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 30-Oct VT
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 juvs
14-Oct MC/CC/DK/NCP
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 juvs
23-Oct NCP
Zakaki Marsh 1 Juvenile 31-Oct DJW

**EURASIAN THICK-KNEE** Burhinus oedicnemus Τρουλλουρία



Eurasian Thick-knee, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Acheleia Olive Grove 1 13-Oct CR/JB Kouklia (Paphos) 1 4-Oct MSS Mandria 2 5-Oct IKB Zakaki runoff 30+ 5-Oct TRe/JE/PFo

#### **EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER**

Haematopus ostralegus Στρειδοφάγος



Eurasian Oystercatcher, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 29<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Akrotiri salt lake 1 29-Oct IKB Kensington Cliffs 1 down in Zapallo Bay 31-Oct AF

#### BLACK-WINGED STILT Himantopus himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 32 14-Oct MC/CC/DK Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 30+ 20-

Oct JS/MC/AS Oroklini Marsh 5 8-Oct FM

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola* Στακτοπλουμίδι Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 13-Oct JE/ADT

**EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 30-Oct CR

#### COMMON RINGED PLOVER Charadrius hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι Largest counts: Lady's Mile 45 7-Oct VT Larnaca Sewage Works c30 21-Oct JS Zakaki Run-off c45 18-Oct IKB

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER Charadrius dubius Λιμνοπλουμίδι
Akhna Dam 1 5-Oct JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 3 & 6-Oct JN
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv 11-Oct CR/JB
Evretou Dam 1 4-Oct PFo
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 6-Oct CR
Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Oct JN
Paphos Headland 1 4-Oct DJW

KENTISH PLOVER Charadrius alexandrinus Νανοπλουμίδι Largest counts: Akrotiri Salt Lake c150 Zakaki run off area 07:45 - 10:45 14-Oct JS Lady's Mile c300 21-Oct CR Larnaca Sewage Works 70 6-Oct CR

GREATER SANDPLOVER Charadrius leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμίδι Macronissos Beach 6 11-Oct JS Paphos Headland 4 1, 13, 25 & 27-Oct CR/JN/DJW/LAC/IKB Paphos Headland 1 5 & 16-Oct Rat/IKB Paphos Headland 3 11, 15 & 31-Oct LAC/DJW/JWa Paphos Headland 2 29-Oct LAC

**NORTHERN LAPWING** Vanellus vanellus Γιαννής



Northern Lapwing, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akhna Dam 1 19-Oct LAC Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 13-Oct JE Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13 & 31-Oct TRe/JE/IKB/JN/DJW/LAC/JS/ADT Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 Zakaki run off area 4-Oct JE

Lady's Mile 1 29-Oct JE
Mandria Beach 1 5-Oct LAC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 11 14Oct MC/CC/DK
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 12+ 20Oct JS/MC/AS

#### SPUR-WINGED LAPWING Vanellus

spinosus Πελλοκατερίνα



Spur-winged Lapwing, Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

#### Largest counts:

Larnaca Sewage Works 40+ 12-Oct JS Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant c250 An incredible count of this species. May even be an undercount. 20-Oct JS/MC/AS Oroklini Marsh 107 20-Oct JN Paphos Sewage Plant 44 4-Oct DJW

#### **WHIMBREL** Numenius phaeopus Φαιομπεκάτσα

Paphos Headland 1 1, 25, 27 & 29-Oct LAC/CR/DJW/IKB

#### **BAR-TAILED GODWIT** Limosa Iapponica Θαλασσολιμόζα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 4 & 6-Oct SS/MSS/FM/CR

## **BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa* Λιμόζα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 feeding in distance on salt lake N shore, probably this species but seen in bad heat haze 10-Oct JN

#### **RUDDY TURNSTONE** Arenaria interpres Χαλικονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland 1 1, 4, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16, 25, 27, 29 & 31-Oct CR/JW/LAC/JN/IKB/JWa

#### RUFF Calidris pugnax Μαχητής

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 7, 10, 12 & 14-Oct VT/TRe/JN/JS

Fresh Water Lake 8 5-Oct JS Lady's Mile 5 29, 30 & 31-Oct TRe/CR/LAC

Larnaca Sewage Works 14 6-Oct CR Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 60 14-Oct MC/CC/DK

Oroklini Marsh 2 20-Oct LAC

#### **BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER** Calidris

falcinellus Ραβδονεραλλίδι Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3-Oct JN

#### **TEMMINCK'S STINT** Calidris temminckii Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Σιαχτονεραινιοί

Temminck's Stint, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3 & 9-Oct JN/TRe Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 30-Oct CR Jumbo Drain 2 21-Oct LAC Jumbo Drain 6 22-Oct LAC Lady's Mile 1 19 & 31-Oct TRe Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21-Oct JS Oroklini Marsh 1 19 & 22-Oct LAC

#### SANDERLING Calidris alba Λευκονεραλλίδι



Sanderling, Lady's Mile, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 on beach near shipwreck 18 & 19-Oct ADT/CR Lady's Mile 1 19-Oct TRe

**DUNLIN** Calidris alpina Λασπονεραλλίδι



Dunlin, Paphos Headland, 4<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

#### Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 16 6-Oct CR Lady's Mile 40+ 19-Oct TRe Larnaca Sewage Works 60 6-Oct CR

#### LITTLE STINT Calidris minuta

Nανονεραλλίδι Largest counts: Lady's Mile c50 18-Oct DS Larnaca Sewage Works 130 6-Oct CR Oroklini Marsh 72 20-Oct LAC

#### **COMMON SNIPE** Gallinago gallinago

Πικατσόνι
Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 2 25-Oct DJW
Akhna Dam 2 12-Oct JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 2-Oct TRe
Bishop's Pool 1 12-Oct FM

Evretou Dam 1 16-Oct DJW
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 41+ Most
seen in flight when flushed by Marsh
Harrier 20-Oct JS/MC/AS
Oroklini Marsh 2 18, 19 & 20-Oct LAC

## COMMON SANDPIPER Actitis hypoleucos Aktítno

Largest counts:

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 9-Oct DS Paphos Headland 5 16-Oct IKB

## **GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus* Δασονεραλλίδι

Acheleia Dam 1 13 & 24-Oct CR/JB Agia Varvara 2 10-Oct IKB Agia Varvara 1 25-Oct CR/DJW Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 2-Oct TRe Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 12-Oct FM Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 14 & 20-Oct MC/CC/DK/JS/AS Polis Bay 1 8-Oct CR

#### SPOTTED REDSHANK Tringa erythropus



Spotted Redshank, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1-Oct DJW Jumbo Drain 1 21 & 22-Oct LAC Oroklini Marsh 1 22-Oct LAC

#### **COMMON GREENSHANK** Tringa

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι Akhna 2 27-Oct JE Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2, 4 & 5-Oct JE Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 7 & 10-Oct JE Fresh Water Lakes 6 5-Oct JS Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 14-Oct MC/CC/DK Oroklini Marsh 1 18 & 19-Oct LAC

#### COMMON REDSHANK Tringa totanus

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 15 20-Oct JS/MC/AS

Oroklini Marsh 17 20-Oct LAC

#### WOOD SANDPIPER Tringa glareola

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 18-Oct TRe
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 20 14-

Oct MC/CC/DK

### COLLARED PRATINCOLE Glareola

pratincola Νεροχελίδονο



Collared Pratincole, Akhna Dam. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Akhna Dam 2 Juvs 12-Oct JS Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 5, 9, 12 & 14-Oct TRe/LAC/IKB/JS Oroklini Marsh 1 19-Oct LAC

#### SLENDER-BILLED GULL Larus genei

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος Cape Kormakitis 32 west 26-Oct CR Karpasia Peninsula 22 Track Agios Phylonas to Afendrika. Offshore heading E 7-Oct JS

Lady's Mile 1 juv 30 & 31-Oct CR/TRe Larnaca Sewage Works 12 non-breeding plum 6-Oct CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 12-Oct JS Spiros Beach 7 Heading W offshore 15-Oct JS

Baltic Gull Larus fuscus fuscus Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής Lady's Mile 1 ad 30-Oct CR

#### **ARMENIAN GULL** Larus armenicus

Γλάρος Αρμενίας Lady's Mile 5 23-Oct TRe Lady's Mile 4 29-Oct TRe Lady's Mile 13 30-Oct TRe Lady's Mile 6 31-Oct TRe Larnaca Sewage Works 1 4th winter 20-Oct SC/LAC/JN/BC field trip Polis Campsite 4 6-Oct RAt

## **CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος Κασπίας

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 on beach, ads 19-Oct CR

Oct CR
Lady's Mile 2 30-Oct CR
Lady's Mile 1 31-Oct TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 ads 6-Oct CR
Polis Bay 1 8-Oct CR
Spiros Beach 10 adults 6-Oct CR

#### **COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN**

Gelochelidon nilotica Γελογλάρονο Achna Dam 1 19-Oct LAC Larnaca Sewage Works 2 5-Oct JS

#### WHISKERED TERN Chlidonias hybrida

Λιμνογλάρονο



Whiskered Tern, Bishop's Pool, 26<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by John East

Akhna Dam 2 12-Oct JS
Akhna Dam 3 19-Oct LAC
Akhna Dam 1 23-Oct JE
Bishop's Pool 1 26-Oct JE
Fresh Water Lake 2 5-Oct JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 14-Oct
MC/CC/DK
Zakaki Marsh 1 juv 26-Oct FM

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

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 5-Oct JS

SANDWICH TERN Thalasseus sandvicensis Χειμωνογλάρονο



Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, 30<sup>th</sup> October. Photogaph by Tony Reeves.

Lady's Mile 1 29 & 30-Oct JWa/CR/TRe

ARCTIC SKUA Stercorarius parasiticus Γερακοληστόγλαρος Cape Pomos 3 single group W over horizon 14:33 2x pale and 1x dark/imm 30-Oct JWa

#### COMMON BARN OWL Tyto alba Αθρωποπούλλι Akrotiri Marsh 2 9:15pm 23-Oct FM Lakatameia 1 Flew over road near JUMBO tov shop 18:45 3-Oct JS

SCOPS OWL Otus scops Θουπί Rizokarpasos 1 Seen flying into an olive grove 19:45 5-Oct JS Souni 1 calling to E of our home 0620-25 24-Oct JN

#### OSPREY Pandion haliaetus Ψαραετός



Osprey, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 15<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akhna Dam 1 27-Oct VT Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 7 & 12-Oct VT/JS Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 9, 10 & 15-Oct JS/JE/TRe/JN Phasouri 1 5-Oct JE

## **BLACK-WINGED KITE\*** *Elanus caeruleus* Έλανος

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
Bird was perched in a tree. It went for a
short hunting session and after right back
on the branch 18-Oct DS (Rare Bird
Report required for this 3<sup>rd</sup> record for
Cyprus)

**EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD** Pernis apivorus Μελισσοσιάχινο



European Honey Buzzard, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 1st October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and last reports:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) c40
Between 8am and 10am 2-Oct JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 26 7:24 – 10:10 am 3-Oct JN
Phasouri Bee-hives 23 14:00 - 16:15 3-Oct FM/PAC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 19-Oct JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 19-Oct DJW
Souni 1 16-Oct JN

# SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE Circaetus gallicus Φιδαετός Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 5-Oct VT Mandria 1 16-Oct TD Phasouri area 1 4-Oct MSS Secret Valley GC 3 pale broad-winged, pale-bodied raptors, very high drifting south. Not Honey Buzzard (3 pale birds

very unlikely?). 90% sure 5-Oct CR

#### **GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας



Griffon Vulture, Kensington Cliffs, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Kensington Cliffs 6 12-Oct IKB

## LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE Clanga pomarina Κραυγαετός Mandria 1 8-Oct IKB

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



Bonelli's Eagle, Anarita Park, 31st October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8-Oct MSS/DJW
Anarita Park 2 25 & 31-Oct DJW/IKB
Armou Hills 1 juv 20 & 23-Oct CR
Evretou Dam 1 4-Oct PFo
Mandria Beach 1 2-Oct LAC
Marathounta Hills 1 juv 15-Oct CR
Phasouri Bee-hives 2 2 cy 19-Oct PAC
Pachyammos Forest 2 18-Oct CS
Tala 2 17.40 10-Oct DJW

## WESTERN MARSH HARRIER Circus aeruginosus Βαλτοσιάχινο



Western Marsh Harrier, Zakaki Marsh. Photograph by Andy Waller.

113 reports of this species received for October. Largest counts:
Akrotiri Peninsula 10 Raptor count 9-Oct ADT
Akrotiri Salt Lake 20+ 8-Oct MSS
Mandria 10 5-Oct IKB
Phasouri Bee-hives 15+ 8-Oct MSS

#### HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv Zakaki run off area 13, 14, 19, 21, 29 & 30-Oct ADT/FM/JE/JS/CR/DJW/IKB/TRe

## PALLID HARRIER Circus macrourus Ασπροσιάχινο Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 6-Oct JN Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 5-Oct VT Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6-Oct JN Alaminos 1 13-Oct FGe Mandria Beach 1 5-Oct LAC/IKB Phasouri area 1 male 8-Oct MSS

Ring-tailed harrier:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6 & 18-Oct CR/TRe

## LEVANT SPARROWHAWK\* Accipiter brevipes Σαΐνι

Mandria 1 male 10-Oct TD Rare Bird report requested Phasouri Bee-hives 1 juv 13-Oct ADT Rare Bird report received

## EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK Accipiter nisus Ξεφτέρι

Ones and twos recorded during October. Reports of 3+ below: Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 5-Oct VT Phasouri area 3 4-Oct MSS

#### NORTHERN GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis Διπλοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 Juvenile. Tower hide 12:00 - 13:00 12-Oct JS

Kritou Tera 1 17 & 29-Oct LSa Livadi tou Pashia 1 Flew over area 16-Oct JS

Neo Horio 1 4-Oct PFo

Pano 1 juvenile - possibly same bird as seen at Kritou Tera a week before 24-Oct I Sa

Paphos Sewage Works 1 26-Oct LAC

#### **BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα



Black Kite, Paphos Sewage Plant, 15<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Singles recored during month. Largest

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 6-Oct JN

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 6-Oct JN

#### **EURASIAN BUZZARD** Buteo buteo

Γερακίνα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 7-Oct VT

Kensington Cliffs 1 31-Oct AF Phasouri area 4 4-Oct MSS Phasouri Bee-hives 1 8 & 9-Oct MSS/ADT/LAC/JS Steppe Buzzard Buteo buteo vulpinus Στεπογερακίνα



'Steppe' Buzzard, Akrotiri Marsh, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Akrotiri Marsh 1 juv 5-Oct ABW
Phasouri Bee-hives 1 4 & 18-Oct MSS
Phasouri Bee-hives 4 during afternoon
13-Oct ADT

### LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD Buteo rufinus

Διπλογέρακο



Long-legged Buzzard, Evretou Dam, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Singles reported throughout the month from usual locations. Reports of 2+ below:
Agia Varvara 3 11-Oct DJW
Evretou Dam 2 4, 9 & 16-Oct
PFo/RAt/DJW
Goudi 2 2-Oct RAt
Kritou Tera 2 17-Oct LSa
Stroumbi 2 7-Oct RAt

#### **COMMON HOOPOE** Upupa epops

Πουπούξιος

Alaminos 1 13-Oct FGe Asprokremmos Dam Carpark 1 4-Oct DJW

Mandria 2 5 & 7-Oct HSt/IKB
Mandria 1 6-Oct LAC
Nicosia, Makedonitissa 1 12-Oct SC
Souni 1 in flight to pine tree at old goat
farm in village 5-Oct JN

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

Largest counts and late reports:

Agia Varvara 26 3-Oct CR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 145 3-Oct JN

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 20 22-Oct FM

Cape Greco 30+ 3-Oct JS

Phasouri Bee-hives c40 2-Oct JS

Pissouri to Cape Aspro 1 28-Oct AF

#### **EUROPEAN ROLLER** Coracias garrulus Κράγκα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 2-Oct\_DS/HSt

Alaminos 1 juvenile 1-Oct FGe Mandria Beach 1 2 & 3-Oct LAC Phasouri area 1 4-Oct MSS

### **EURASIAN WRYNECK** Jynx torquilla

Θερκοπούλλι

Anthoupolis Sewage Pools 1 26-Oct SC Oroklini Marsh 1 21-Oct LAC

#### LESSER KESTREL Falco naumanni

Agia Varvara 1 27-Oct IKB Kannaviou Dam 2 16-Oct DJW Phasouri area 1 male 4-Oct MSS Phasouri Bee Hives 1 9-Oct LAC

RED-FOOTED FALCON Falco vespertinus Μαυροφάλκονο



Red-footed Falcon, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 8th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and latest reports: Akrotiri 3 22-Oct ABW Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 20+ Gaining height over aerials 9:15 2-Oct JS Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 6 far and rising on thermal 19-Oct CR Akrotiri Salt Lake 15+ Zakaki run off area 8-Oct MSS

Mandria 11 5-Oct IKB Phasouri Bee-hives 35 14:00 - 16:15 3-Oct FM/PAC Souni 1 immature female with abraded tail on post 17-Oct JN

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

Μαυρομμάτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Peninsula 8 Raptor watch 9-Oct

Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 Zakaki run off 16:00 -16:45 9-Oct JS

Kensington Cliffs 8 12-Oct IKB

MERLIN Falco columbarius Νανοφάλκονο Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 possible flew past very fast 30-Oct CR Lady's Mile 1 chased by much larger Hoodies, then it raced off at low level 21-Oct CR Paphos Sewage Plant 1 25-Oct DJW Zakaki Marsh 1 flying through chasing

something at speed at dusk 29-Oct JWa

#### **EURASIAN HOBBY** Falco subbuteo

Δεντροφάλκονο

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Marsh 5 5-Oct ABW

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2. 3. 6. 10 & 18-Oct TRe/JN/IKB

Anarita Park 1 3-Oct CR

Armou Hills 1 4 & 18-Oct CR

Cape Greco 1 Being harassed by three Common Kestrel until forced to drop a Red-

rumped Swallow that it had caught. Seen later in area 3-Oct JS

Evretou Dam 1 9-Oct RAt

Mandria 3 5-Oct IKB

Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 3-Oct DJW

Phasouri Bee-hives 1 8, 9 & 13-Oct

MSS/LAC/JS/ADT

Souni 1 15 & 24-Oct JN Tala 2 2, 3, 9 & 11-Oct DJW

#### **PEREGRINE FALCON** Falco peregrinus Ζάνος



Peregrine Falcon, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 18th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Agia Varvara 1 3-Oct IKB
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 10-Oct JN
Akrotiri Peninsula 1 Raptor watch 9-Oct ADT
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3, 6, 9 & 18-Oct JN/TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 10-Oct JN
Androlikou to Pittokopos road 1 perched on radio mast 1-Oct PFo
Cape Greco 1 3-Oct JS
Mandria 2 8-Oct IKB
Mandria 1 31-Oct AF
Sarama 1 9-Oct RAt
Tala 1 24-Oct DJW

### **EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός Paphos Sewage Plant 1 25-Oct IKB/DJW

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



Red-backed Shrike, Bishop's Pool, 31st October. Photograph by Jan Walker.

## Largest counts: Akrotiri Gravel Pits 7 5-Oct JE Karpasia Peninsula 10+ 6-Oct JS/BC field trip

#### LESSER GREY SHRIKE Lanius minor Σταχτοκεφαλάς Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4-Oct JE Alaminos Fields 1 adult 7-Oct SC/FGe

MASKED SHRIKE Lanius nubicus

Δακκαννούρα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 First winter 15-Oct TD
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
Juvenile 14 & 15-Oct JS/TD
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 female 1-Oct FGe Karpasia Peninsula 1 Track inland to east of Koca Reis hotel 6-Oct JS/BC field trip Neo Horio 1 4-Oct PFo Souni 1 in flight 15-Oct JN

EURASIAN JAY Garrulus glandarius Κίσσα Almyrolivado 2 30-Oct JS Troodos – Atalante Nature Trail 3 23-Oct DS Troodos Forest 1 14-Oct IKB Troodos 4 2 seen and 2 others heard 27-Oct JN

#### COMMON RAVEN Corvus corax Κλόκκαρος Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 over 19-Oct NCP Pentadaktvlos 2 19-Oct NCP

COAL TIT Periparus ater cypriotes
Πέμπετσος
Max count per location:
Agios Nikolaos – Mandria 1 26-Oct CR
Almyrolivado Picnic area 2 28-Oct CR
Kannaviou Dam 2 16-Oct DJW
Livadi tou Pashia 10 26-Oct CR
Millomeris Waterfalls, Pano Platres 13 27-Oct JN
Moniatis, Troodos 4 27-Oct JN
Platres 4 27-Oct JN
Troodos 25 at least 27-Oct JN

#### EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT Remiz



Eurasian Penduline Tit, Zakaki Marsh, 31st October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 at least heard several times 26-Oct JN Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2+29-Oct JS/JWa Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 30 & 31-Oct DS/DJW Akrotiri Salt Lake 30+ in three flocks 31-Oct MSS Polis Reed-beds 1 27-Oct BCRS Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Oct TRe

## **BIMACULATED LARK** *Melanocorypha bimaculata* Στεποτράσιηλος Mandria Beach 1 6-Oct LAC

**CALANDRA LARK** Melanocorypha calandra Μαυροτράσιηλος Pervolia fields 1 13 & 20-Oct FGe/JN

#### **GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK**

Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασιηλούδα Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 8-Oct MSS Alaminos Fields 1+ heard only 7-Oct SC with F Georgiades Mandria 1 3-Oct LAC Mandria 2 25-Oct IKB Pervolia fields 2 20-Oct JN

## WOODLARK Lullula arborea



Woodlark, Anarita Park, 30<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by lan Bloomer.

Agia Eirini Dam 5 27-Oct CR Anarita Park 3 30-Oct IKB Cape Kormakitis 7 27-Oct CR Marathounta Hills 2 31-Oct CR Pervolia fields 5 29-Oct JS Souni 1 at least heard calling 28-Oct JN Souni 6 29-Oct JN Souni 2 heard 30 & 31-Oct JN

#### **EURASIAN SKYLARK** Alauda arvensis

Τρασιήλα Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 29-Oct IKB

Anthoupoli Sewage Works Fields 2 27-Oct FGe

Kiti Fields 4 20-Oct SC with BirdLife Cyprus Fieldtrip

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Heard 29-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 30-Oct VT Mandria Beach 30+ 30-Oct LAC Mandria c45 31-Oct IKB Pervolia fields 4 in calling flight together 20-Oct JN Zakaki Run-off 2 29-Oct IKB

## **MOUSTACHED WARBLER** Acrocephalus melanopogon Μουστακομουγιανούδι



Moustached Warbler, Zakaki Marsh, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 3. 29 & 31-Oct IKB/JN/DS/DJW/LAC Zakaki Marsh 2 30 & 31-Oct TRe

**SEDGE WARBLER** Acrocephalus schoenobaenus Σχοινομουγιανούδι



Sedge Warbler, Agia Varvara, 26th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 3, 25 & 26-Oct CR/DJW/IKB

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 2-Oct JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 11, 12, 14 & 15-Oct TRe/JE/JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 31-Oct MSS Paphos Sewage Plant 1 29-Oct AF Polis Reed-beds 2 13-Oct BCRS Polis Reed-beds 1 15 & 24-Oct BCRS Polis Reed-beds 6 27-Oct BCRS Zakaki Marsh 1 11, 17, 19 & 21-Oct CR/JB/ABW/FM/SC/FGe/CR Zakaki Marsh 2 18-Oct FM

#### MARSH WARBLER\* Acrocephalus palustris Βαλτομουγιανούδι

Agia Varvara 1 probably this sp, in tall grass, dark alula, buffy flanks, distinctive evering 3-Oct CR Rare Bird Report required

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 29-Oct AFRare Bird Report required

#### **EURASIAN REED WARBLER**

Acrocephalus scirpaceus Καλαμομουγιανούδι Largest counts: Agia Varvara 6+ 12-Oct LAC Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 2-Oct JS Polis Reed-beds 13 27-Oct BCRS

**GREAT REED WARBLER** Acrocephalus arundinaceus Τζικλομουγιανούδι



Great Reed Warbler, Zakaki Marsh, Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Max count per location: Agia Varvara 3 13-Oct JN Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 3-Oct JN Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 1 21 & 26-Oct FGe/SC Polis Reed-beds 3 15 & 20-Oct BCRS Zakaki 2 26-Oct JE

#### SAVI'S WARBLER Locustella luscinioides

Καλαμοτριλιστής Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 1 iuv/1stW 21-Oct FGe Polis Reed-beds 6 13-Oct BCRS Polis Reed-beds 3 24-Oct BCRS Zakaki Marsh 1 thick based cocked tail. indistinct warm brown barring beneath, indistinct supercilium, shortish bill, otherwise similar to Reed/Marsh 6-Oct CR

NORTHERN HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbicum Ασπροχελίδονο Akrotiri Bee-hives 1 6-Oct CR Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 7 migrating S 6-Oct JN Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 8 to N of tower hide, probably migrating S 10-Oct Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 11-Oct CR/JB Akrotiri Salt Lake 11 migrating S 10-Oct Cape Greco 1 11-Oct JS

#### **RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** Cecropis

daurica Μιλτοχελίδονο Largest counts and last reports: Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 14-Oct JS Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 20 11-Oct CR/JB

Cape Greco 16 3-Oct JS Kelokedara Ford 1 perched, probably dozens in the air 13-Oct CR/JB Phasouri Bee-hives 50+ 13:45 - 15:45 9-Oct JS

Zakaki Marsh 1+ 18-Oct FM

#### BARN SWALLOW Hirundo rustica Χελιδόνι Largest counts:

Akrotiri Bee-hives 1200 perched and flying on all horizons 6-Oct CR Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 760 at least feeding then migrating S 6-Oct JN Akrotiri Salt Lake 1331 at least, feeding then migrating S 10-Oct JN Kelokedara Ford 400 passing south in swirling flocks 13-Oct CR/JB

#### **EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** Ptyonoprogne rupestris Βραχοχελίδονο

Evretou Dam 12 flock through slowly drifting west over Dam at northern end 12pm 28-Oct JWa Pissouri to Cape Aspro 1+ 28-Oct AF Souni 6 flying slowly W over N ridge 29-Oct JN

#### (COLLARED) SAND MARTIN Riparia riparia Οχθοχελίδονο

Largest counts and last reports: Akrotiri Marsh 3 16-Oct ABW Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 25 7-Oct VT Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 10

19-Oct CR Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 8-Oct DJW Phasouri Bee-hives 30+ 13:45 - 15:45 9-

#### YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER\* Phylloscopus inornatus Κιτρινόφρυδο Γιαννούδι

Oct JS



Yellow-browed Warbler, Agia Varvara, 26th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 25 & 26-Oct DJW/CR/IKB/LAC (20th Cyprus record if accepted. Rare Bird report required)

WILLOW WARBLER Phylloscopus



Willow Warbler, Akrotiri, 2nd October, Photograph by John East.

136 reports of this species received for October. Largest counts: Alaminos c30 1 & 13-Oct FGe Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields c45 6-Oct FGe Karpasia Peninsula 43+ 6-Oct JS/BC field trip

#### **COMMON CHIFFCHAFF** Phylloscopus collybita Μουγιαννούδι Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 10 30-Oct CR Polis Reed-beds 26 27-Oct BCRS

#### **EURASIAN BLACKCAP** Sylvia atricapilla Αμπελοπούλλι

Largest counts:

Agios Minas, Neo Horio 148 22-Oct BCRS

Alaminos 13 13-Oct FGe Arodes 10 m,f 16-Oct CR Kritou Tera 12 22-Oct LSa Paphos Lighthouse c10 27-Oct IKB Polis Reed-beds 69 24-Oct BCRS

#### **GARDEN WARBLER** Sylvia borin Κηποσυκαλλίδι

Agios Minas, Neo Horio 2 8-Oct BCRS Alaminos 1 1stW 1-Oct FGe Polis Reed-beds 1 27-Oct BCRS Souni 1 calling very noisily calling in olive tree with 5 Lesser Whitethroat below it 1-Oct JN

#### LESSER WHITETHROAT Sylvia curruca Συκαλλίδι

Largest counts:

Agios Minas, Neo Horio 6 11-Oct BCRS Karpasia Peninsula 6+ Road to Apostolos Andreas 6-Oct JS/BC field trip Souni 21 15-Oct JN

#### **CYPRUS WARBLER** Sylvia melanothorax Τρυπομάζης

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 18-Oct DS Unusual location for this species Anarita Park 1 male 30-Oct JWa Armou Hills 1 f 20-Oct CR Asprokremmos Dam 1 male 13-Oct CR/JB

Karpasia Peninsula 1+ Male. Coming to drink at water tank near monastery at dawn 7-Oct JS

Limnatis IBA 1 male Kouris Dam 27-Oct JN

Pissouri to Cape Aspro 1+ 28-Oct AF Souni 11 24-Oct JN

#### **GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT**

Sylvia communis Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 1 6-Oct FGe

Armou Hills 1 20-Oct CR Lady's Mile 1 9-Oct LAC Souni 1 15 & 29-Oct JN Zakaki Marsh 1 18-Oct DS

#### SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER Certhia

*brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης Livadi tou Pashia 1 16 & 26-Oct JS/CR Troodos – Atalante Nature Trail 2 23-Oct DS

Troodos 2 heard 27-Oct JN

#### WALLCREEPER Tichodroma muraria Τοιχοδρόμος Limnatis IBA 1 possible on rocks above the ledges Kantou Cliffs close to the bend in the river bed 27-Oct JIN

#### NORTHERN WREN Troglodytes

troglodytes Τρυποκάρυδο Avakas Gorge 2 11-Oct FM/PCu Avakas Gorge 4 22-Oct DJW Avakas Gorge 3 29-Oct DJW Kritou Tera 2 22-Oct LSa Kritou Tera 1 30 & 31-Oct LSa Livadi tou Pashia 2 16-Oct JS Pano 3 22-Oct LSa Pano 1 24-Oct LSa

## **COMMON STARLING** Sturnus vulgaris Λαζούρι

Akrotiri Marsh c65 5-Oct ABW Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 19-Oct JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 24-Oct CR

## **SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos* Τζίηκλα

Agios Minas, Neo Horio 1 29-Oct BCRS Armou Hills 2 30-Oct CR
Avakas Gorge 5 29-Oct DJW
Cape Kormakitis 2 in flight 26-Oct CR
Cape Kormakitis 1 27-Oct CR
Kato Archimandrita 1+ 29-Oct AF
Kritou Tera 1 20 & 31-Oct LSa
Kritou Tera 5 30-Oct LSa
Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 29-Oct DJW
Polis Reed-beds 1 24-Oct BCRS
Souni 1 15 & 25-Oct JN

#### EURASIAN BLACKBIRD Turdus merula 3

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα) Agios Minas, Neo Horio 1 29-Oct BCRS Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 29 & 30-Oct IKB

Livadi tou Pashia 1 16-Oct JS Platres 1 heard Pano Platres 27-Oct JN Troodos - Atalante Nature Trail 1 23-Oct DS

#### SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa striata Μουγιοφάς



Spotted Flycatcher, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

#### Largest counts:

Agios Minas, Neo Horio 6 8-Oct BCRS Asprokremmos Dam Carpark 4 4-Oct DJW

Karpasia Peninsula 9+ 6-Oct JS/BC field trip

Neo Horio 5 4-Oct PFo Pittokopos 4 5-Oct HSt **EUROPEAN ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula* Κοτσινολαίμης

NOTO IVO AUDITS

European Robin, Avakas Gorge, 29<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

First reports and largest count:
Agios Minas, Neo Horio 2 8-Oct BCRS
Agios Minas, Neo Horio 22 29-Oct BCRS
Athalassa Park 20+ Most heard only 22-Oct JS
Limnatis IBA 21 27-Oct JN
Souni 41 30-Oct JN
Strakka 1 heard only 10-Oct
SC/MH/MC/JS

**BLUETHROAT** Cyanecula svecica

Γαλαζολαίμης



Bluethroat, Zakaki Marsh. Photograph by Andy Waller

First reports and max count per location:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 19Oct D.IW

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 14 & 18-Oct JS/IKB

Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 1 6-Oct FGe

Anthoupolis Sewage Pools 3 + 2 male, 1 female + 26-Oct SC Larnaca Sewage Works 1 30-Oct VT Polis Reed-beds 3 20-Oct BCRS Zakaki Marsh 1 4-Oct MSS/FM Zakaki Marsh 6 2 ad and 4 first winter 14-Oct RoB

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER\* Ficedula parva Κοκκινομουγιοχάφτης
Agios Minas, Neo Horio 1 8-Oct BCRS
Rare Bird Report received
Cape Kormakitis 1 pale bird, feeding in tree belt, watched for 1hr 27 & 28-Oct CR
Rare Bird Report received

BLACK REDSTART Phoenicurus ochruros

Καρβουνίαρης



Black Redstart, Avakas Gorge, 29<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agios Georgios, Orga 2 27 & 28-Oct CR Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 19-Oct JE Anarita Park 2 31-Oct IKB Asprokremmos Dam 1 30-Oct IKB Avakas Gorge 1 29-Oct DJW Evretou Dam 2 30-Oct RAt Kritou Tera 1 31-Oct LSa Larnaca Sewage Works 1 30-Oct VT Livera 1 27-Oct CR Mandria 1 31-Oct LAC/IKB Souni 1 30 & 31-Oct JN

COMMON REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης Largest counts:

Agios Minas, Neo Horio 9 8-Oct BCRS Asprokremmos Dam 2 15-Oct DJW Cape Kormakitis 2 1stw males 26, 27 & 28-Oct CR

Souni 9 7 females together plus 1 other female and a male in flight 29-Oct JN

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius* Γαλαζοκότσυφος



Blue Rock Thrush, Evretou Dam, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Agios Georgios, Orga 1 male 28-Oct CR Anarita Park 1 4 & 30-Oct CR/TRe Anarita Park 2 24-Oct FM Cape Greco 1 11-Oct JS Evretou Dam 1 2 & 9-Oct PFo/RAt Evretou Dam 3 15-Oct LSa Karpasia Peninsula 1 Track Agios Phylonas to Afendrika 7-Oct JS/BC field trip Karpasia Peninsula 1 Near Koca Reis

Karpasia Peninsula 1 Near Koca Reis hotel on an abandoned building 7-Oct JS/BC field trip

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 28-Oct SMM Pissouri to Cape Aspro 1 28-Oct AF

#### WHINCHAT Saxicola rubetra Βοσκαρούδι



Whinchat, Agia Napa, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Largest counts:
Agia Varvara 8 12-Oct CR
Cape Greco 25+ 3-Oct AgL
Karpasia Peninsula 14+ 6-Oct JS/BC field
trip
Mandria Beach 8 6-Oct LAC

## **EUROPEAN STONECHAT** Saxicola torquatus Παπαθκιά



Euroean Stonechat, Paphos Sewage Plant, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

168 reports of this species received during October. Largest counts:
Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 24 27-Oct FGe
Agios Sozomenos 26 20-Oct FGe
Cape Kormakitis 25 26-Oct CR
Kotchatis, Nicosia 33 27-Oct FGe
Limnatis IBA 40 27-Oct JN
Souni 34 30-Oct JN

Eastern (Siberian) Stonechat\* Saxicola torquatus maurus Σιβηρική Παπαθκιά Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 First winter male 15-Oct TD (Rare Bird Report requested)

## NORTHERN WHEATEAR Oenanthe oenanthe Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα



Northern Wheatear, Paphos Headland, 24<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

## Largest counts: Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 5-Oct JE Armou Hills 7 18-Oct CR Mandria 20+ 3-Oct TRe Marathounta Hills 7 together 22-Oct CR

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** Oenanthe isabellina Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα Agia Varvara 1 prob 12-Oct CR Androlikou to Pittokopos road 1 1-Oct PFo
Androlikou 1 5-Oct HSt
Asprokremmos Dam 1 dark buff ground colour 5-Oct CR
Cape Greco 2 3-Oct AgL
Mandria Beach 1 3.6 & 11-Oct
LAC/FM/PCu
Mandria Beach 2 5-Oct LAC
Paphos Headland 1 13-Oct JN

**BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR** Oenanthe hispanica Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 First winter 15-Oct TD

Kotchatis 1 1stW male dark-throated 27-Oct FGe

## **CYPRUS WHEATEAR** Oenanthe cypriaca Σκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts and late reports:
Arodes 9 16-Oct CR
Karpasia Peninsula 6+ Road to Apostolos
Andreas 6-Oct JS
Kotchatis, Nicosia 4 1stWs 27-Oct FGe
Limnatis IBA 1 27-Oct JN
Orga 1 27-Oct CR
Souni 11 1 & 5-Oct JN
Souni 2 30-Oct JN

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



Finsch's Wheatear, Anarita Park, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 m 22-Oct CR
Agios Ermolaos – Kontemenos 1 male
26-Oct CR
Agios Sozomenos 2 males 20-Oct FGe
Anarita Park 1 11, 15, 24 & 28-Oct
DJW/FM/LAC/IKB
Anarita Park 2 30 & 31-Oct JWa/IKB
Kidasi 1 m 26-Oct CR
Marathounta Hills 3 2m,1f 31-Oct CR

TREE PIPIT Anthus trivialis Δενδρογαλούδι Agia Varvara 1 9-Oct CR Agia Varvara 4 12-Oct CR Agia Varvara 2 13-Oct CR/JB Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8-Oct MSS Alaminos 2 13-Oct FGe Alaminos Fields 2 14-Oct SC with F Georgiades & L Sergides Cape Greco 1 Heard 11-Oct JS Karpasia Peninsula 2 Near water tank near monastery at dawn 7-Oct JS Nicosia, Makedonitissa 1 12-Oct SC Zakaki Marsh 1 9-Oct LAC

**RED-THROATED PIPIT** Anthus cervinus Κοτσινογαλούδι



Red-throated Pipit, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 13<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by John East.

#### Largest counts:

Alaminos Fields c50 14-Oct SC with F Georgiades & L Sergides Kiti Fields c80 20-Oct SC with BirdLife Cyprus Fieldtrip Mandria 70 tired standing in field 13-Oct CR/JB Paphos Sewage Plant 67 24-Oct CR

## **MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis* Λιβαδογαλούδι

Agia Varvara 3 3-Oct CR Agia Varvara 1 13-Oct CR/JB Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 31-Oct DS Anthoupolis Sewage Pools 1 26-Oct SC Kotchatis, Nicosia 1 27-Oct FGe Mandria 1 28-Oct JWa Paphos Sewage Works 2 26-Oct LAC Paphos Sewage Works 6 30-Oct LAC

## WATER PIPIT Anthus spinoletta

Νερογαλούδι



Water Pipit, Troodos, 30<sup>th</sup> October. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5+ 31-Oct MSS Paphos Sewage Works 2 30-Oct LAC Troodos 9 Feeding on ground near Sun Valley café 30-Oct JS Zakaki runoff 1 10-Oct JE

# RICHARD'S PIPIT Anthus richardi

Διπλογαλούδι



Richard's Pipit, Mandria, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Photograph by Paul Foster.

Cape Greco 3 Flew up on my arrival at Cava viewpoint and headed over cliffs calling. Prob migrated out to sea. 3-Oct JS Mandria 1 2 & 3-Oct PFo/LAC/JS/TRe Mandria 2 3-Oct LAC Mandria 3 12-Oct TD Paphos Headland 1 11-Oct DJW

### **TAWNY PIPIT** Anthus campestris

Ωχρογαλούδι
Agia Varvara 1 3 & 12-Oct CR/LAC
Agia Varvara 7 4-Oct CR
Agia Varvara 2 15-Oct LAC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4-Oct JE
Alaminos 8 1-Oct FGe
Alaminos Fields 2 7-Oct SC with F
Georgiades
Larnaca Desalination Plant fields 1 5-Oct
JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 2 15-Oct JS
Mandria 5 16-Oct TD
Mandria 1 28 & 30-Oct JWa/LAC
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 3-Oct DJW
Paphos Sewage Works 2 29-Oct LAC
Paphos Sewage Works 1 30-Oct LAC

## WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla

flava Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης Largest counts: Alaminos c140 13-Oct FGe Mandria c300 2-Oct DJW Pervolia c80 13-Oct FGe

Blue-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 flava 21-Oct CR Zakaki Marsh 1 juv 31-Oct JWa

Grey-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava thunbergi Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 12-Oct TRe Mandria 1 23-Oct LAC

## GREY WAGTAIL Motacilla cinereal

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης



Grey Wagtail, Zakaki Marsh, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Singles reported at suitable locations throughout the month. Reports of 2+ below: Evretou Dam 2 30-Oct RAt Goudi 2 28-Oct RAt Paphos Sewage Works 3 30-Oct LAC Souni 2 in flight 19-Oct JN Zakaki Marsh 3 18-Oct FM

## CITRINE WAGTAIL Motacilla citreola

Κιτροζευκαλάτης



Citrine Wagtail, Zakaki Marsh. Photograph by Andv Waller.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 12 & 13-Oct TRe/JE/ABW Zakaki Marsh 1 juv 31-Oct LAC/JWa

## COMMON ROSEFINCH\* Carpodacus

erythrinus Ροδόσπινος Zakaki Marsh 1 juv. Came down for water then into reeds next to path. Photographed 29-Oct MSS (Rare Bird Report required for possible 14<sup>th</sup> Cyprus record.)

## RED CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra

Σταυρομούττης Livadi tou Pashia 4 14 & 16-Oct IKB/JS Livadi tou Pashia 1 full song, on top of bare pine 26-Oct CR Millomeris Waterfalls, Pano Platres 1 heard calling then seen in flight 27-Oct JN Troodos 4 14-Oct IKB

### RED-FRONTED SERIN\* Serinus pusillus Μαυροκανάρινο Livera 1 29-Oct AO per BCFB via MSS

### **CORN BUNTING** Emberiza calandra

Τσακρόστρουθος Double figure counts: Anarita Park c20 30-Oct IKB Cape Kormakitis 18 27-Oct CR Limnatis IBA 23 27-Oct JN

# **ORTOLAN BUNTING** *Emberiza hortulana* Τσακροπιτίλλα Anarita Park 1 2-Oct HSt (Very late

record for this species)

## **REED BUNTING** Emberiza schoeniclus Καλαμοπιτίλλα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 31-Oct MSS

CONTRIBUTORS

ABW Andy Waller
ADT Alan Turtle
AF Alexander Foki

Agamemnon Loutsios

AS Andreas Siantonas

BCRS BirdLife Cyprus Ringing Scheme

CC Christakis Charalambides

ChH Christoph Hein
CR Colin Richardson
CS Chris Stavrou
DJW Dave & Jan Walker

DK Dinos Konis

DS Danny Schmeits FGe Filippos Georgiades

FM Frank Mogford

HSt Harry & Jacky Stanford IKB Ian & Kate Bloomer

JB John Baird

JMN Janet & Martyn Newlands

JN June Neal JS Jane Stylianou

JWa Jonathan Wasse LAC Lvnn & Alan Crane

LeS Leif Segelström
LS Lefkios Sergides
LSa Lawrie Sampson

LSa Lawrie Sampson MC Melis Charalambides

MSS Matt Smith NB Nigel Bell

NCP Nick Pegler

PAC Peter & Ann Chambers

PCu Paul Curry
PFo Paul Foster
RAt Ray Atkinson
PoB Poger Railey

RoB Roger Bailey SC Stavros Christodoulides

SM Shane Marshall

TD Tim & Elaine Drew TRe Tony Reeves

VT Victor Tjernberg VV Vasos Vasiliou

### MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

# October 2018 Markos Charalambides

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 September, 12 recorders covered 34 wetlands (including one coastal sites) across the island where 6391 birds, of 54 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Shoveler with 1038 individuals. The second most abundant species was the Mallard with 558 individuals followed by the Coot with 822 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds as well as being first in terms of species abundance, was Mia Milia Sewage Works with 3143 individuals from 23 different species. Larnaka Sewage Works was second in recorded individuals as well as species abundance with 940 individuals from 19 different species.

Mavrokolymbos Dam and Akrotiri Marsh only had 1 individual recorded at the whole site.

Akrotiri Meras had no waterbirds present. Kanli Dam, Kouklia Dam, Gypsou Dam, Sygkrasis Dam, Partiki Marsh, and Galateia Marsh were dry and thus no waterbirds were recorded.

# Site coverage for the October 2018 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Paphos Lighthouse	Ian & Kate Bloomer	16-10-18	coastal
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou	26-10-18	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou	26-10-18	No Waterbirds
Akrotiri Salt lake	Christina Ieronymidou	26-10-18	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou	26-10-18	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou	26-10-18	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou	26-10-18	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15-11-18	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15-11-18	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	15-11-18	
Mia Milia Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Andreas Siantonas	20-11-18	
Ayios Loukas Lake	Nick Pegler	18-10-18	
Silverbeach Marsh	Nick Pegler	18-10-18	
Klapsides Saltmarsh	Nick Pegler	18-10-18	
Klapsides Pool	Nick Pegler	18-10-18	
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	16-10-18	28%
Pafos Sewage Works	Ian & Kate Bloomer	16-10-18	
Asprokremnos Dam & pools	Dave & Jan Walker	15-10-18	17%
Acheleia Dam	Ian & Kate Bloomer	16-10-18	
Agia Eirini Dam	Nick Pegler	20-10-18	18%
Trachoni Pools	Nick Pegler	19-10-18	
Kioneli Dam	Nick Pegler	17-10-18	
Klepini W Dam	Nick Pegler	15-10-18	
Klepini E Dam	Nick Pegler	15-10-18	
Kanli Dam	Nick Pegler		DRY
Famagusta Freshwater Lake	Nick Pegler	18-10-18	
Sygkrasis Dam	Nick Pegler		DRY
Patriki Marsh	Nick Pegler		DRY
Galateia Marsh	Nick Pegler		DRY
Kouklia Dam	Nick Pegler		DRY
Gypsou Dam	Nick Pegler		DRY
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	16-10-18	33%
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	16-10-18	15%
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	17-10-18	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2018	Little Grebe	Great Crested Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Cormorant	Shag	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	White Stork
Paphos Lighthouse					1						
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Salt lake											
Akrotiri Lady's Mile										65	
Bishop's Pool	51							1			
Zakaki Pond	1					1				31	
Larnaka Salt Lake											
Larnaka Sewage Works	2		1						1	1	1
Oroklini Marsh											
Mia Milia Sewage Works	155						3	1		1	
Ayios Loukas Lake North								2		8	
Silverbeach Marsh											
Klapsides Pool								2		1	
Klapsides Marsh								2			
Evretou Dam				1						3	
Pafos Sewage Farm											
Asprokremnos Dam & pools				9				1		3	
Acheleia Dam	6										
Agia Eirini Dam	26								1		
Trachoni Pools	4										
Kioneli Dam	35	1						9	2	10	
Klepini W Dam	45									26	
Klepini E Dam											
Famagusta Freshwater Lake	18			12		10	6	10	6	55	
Mavrokolymbos Dam										1	
Kannaviou Dam				3				1		1	
Strakka Pools	12			3						2	
TOTAL	355	1	1	28	1	11	9	29	10	208	1

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2018	Greater Flamingo	Teal	Mallard	Pintail	Garganey	Shoveler	Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	Marsh Harrier	Eleonora's Falcon	Water Rail
Paphos Lighthouse											
Akrotiri Marsh										1	
Akrotiri Salt lake	116								1		
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											į.
Bishop's Pool		5	2			7		3			
Zakaki Pond			3								5
Larnaka Salt Lake											
Larnaka Sewage Works	597	20	45		4	131		1			į.
Oroklini Marsh		25	25								
Mia Milia Sewage Works	49	230	1000	1		800		22	3		
Ayios Loukas Lake North									1		
Silverbeach Marsh	1										į.
Klapsides Pool	45	35	20			55					
Klapsides Marsh		2									
Evretou Dam											
Pafos Sewage Farm		1	10								į.
Asprokremnos Dam & pools		7	24								
Acheleia Dam											į.
Agia Eirini Dam		28	18	3		40	72				
Trachoni Pools			8					1	2		
Kioneli Dam		18	14			1			1		
Klepini W Dam			4								
Klepini E Dam		1									
Famagusta Freshwater Lake		4									
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Kannaviou Dam			3								
Strakka Pools			5								
TOTAL	808	376	1181	4	4	1034	72	27	8	1	5

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2018	Moorhen	Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Grey Plover	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Ringed Plover	Red Knot
Paphos Lighthouse								1			
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Salt lake						2	71				
Akrotiri Lady's Mile							101				
Bishop's Pool		2									
Zakaki Pond	12										
Larnaka Salt Lake	7				6		1			1	
Larnaka Sewage Works		5			22		34			5	
Oroklini Marsh	9				44		6				6
Mia Milia Sewage Works	30	460	30	12	250						
Ayios Loukas Lake North	25										
Silverbeach Marsh											
Klapsides Pool			35		12						
Klapsides Marsh					2						
Evretou Dam										1	
Pafos Sewage Farm					16						
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Acheleia Dam	1										
Agia Eirini Dam	2	250									
Trachoni Pools					12						
Kioneli Dam	2	24			14				2		
Klepini W Dam	4	55									
Klepini E Dam		6									
Famagusta Freshwater Lake	48	16			8						
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Kannaviou Dam											
Strakka Pools	7	4									
TOTAL	147	822	65	12	386	2	213	1	2	7	6

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2018	Little Stint	Temminck's Stint	Curlew Sandpiper	Dunlin	Ruff	Snipe	Spotted Redshank	Redshank	Greenshank	Marsh Sandpiper	Green Sandpiper
Paphos Lighthouse				1							
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Salt lake											
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	39			7	3						
Bishop's Pool											
Zakaki Pond											
Larnaka Salt Lake								1			
Larnaka Sewage Works	37			10				2			
Oroklini Marsh	8	3	1	6		1					
Mia Milia Sewage Works					18	40		15			4
Ayios Loukas Lake North					22		4				1
Silverbeach Marsh								1			
Klapsides Pool	45			8				30	3	1	6
Klapsides Marsh											
Evretou Dam						1					
Pafos Sewage Farm											
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Acheleia Dam											
Agia Eirini Dam											
Trachoni Pools											
Kioneli Dam		2				18					
Klepini Dam											
Klepini E Dam											
Famagusta Freshwater Lake					1			14			
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Kannaviou Dam											
Strakka Pools											
TOTAL	129	5	1	32	44	60	4	63	3	1	11

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2018	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Ruddy Turnstone	Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Whiskered Tem	White-winged Black Tern	Kingfisher	Grey Wagtail	TOTAL	Species count
Paphos Lighthouse		5	1			2			2		13	7
Akrotiri Marsh											1	1
Akrotiri Salt lake											190	4
Akrotiri Lady's Mile						126					341	6
Bishop's Pool											71	7
Zakaki Pond									1	1	55	8
Larnaka Salt Lake					7				1		24	7
Larnaka Sewage Works						21					940	19
Oroklini Marsh											134	11
Mia Milia Sewage Works	16	2							1		3143	23
Ayios Loukas Lake North											63	7
Silverbeach Marsh											2	2
Klapsides Pool				2				1			301	16
Klapsides Marsh											6	3
Evretou Dam											6	4
Pafos Sewage Farm											27	3
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											44	5
Acheleia Dam		1							1		9	4
Agia Eirini Dam											440	9
Trachoni Pools											27	5
Kioneli Dam									4		157	16
Klepini Dam											134	5
Klepini E Dam											7	2
Famagusta Freshwater Lake		1					2		3		214	16
Mavrokolymbos Dam											1	1
Kannaviou Dam											8	4
Strakka Pools					_						33	6
TOTAL	16	9	1	2	7	149	2	1	13	1	6391	54



# BirdLife Cyprus Subscription Form Your support for Cyprus nature

#### 1. Contact details

'	. Contact details							
	Name:							
	Email:							
	Postal address:	Street:	Postal code:					
	i Ostai addiess.	Town/City:	Country:					
	Telephone number:							
	Date of birth:							
	Preferred language:	Greek ☐ English .☐						
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2. Subscription details  I wish to:  Renew my subscription □ Become a new member  I enclose:  ≤ 35 for single membership for one year's subscription (with Annual Bird Report)  ≤ 40 for joint membership for one year's subscription (without Annual Bird Report)  ≤ 45 for joint membership for one year's subscription (with Annual Bird Report)  ≤ 10 for junior membership for one year's subscription (without Annual Bird Report)  ≤ 10 for junior membership for one year's subscription (without Annual Bird Report)							
	€ 35 for single membershi € 45 for joint membership € 40 for joint membership	p for one year's subscription (with Annual Bird Re p for one year's subscription (without Annual Bird for one year's subscription (with Annual Bird Rep for one year's subscription (without Annual Bird F o for one year's subscription (without Annual Bird	Report) ort) Report)					
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 0000000 10081 0100  Piraeus Bank: Account No: 0001161054, SWIFT: PIRBCY2N  IBAN No: CY 730080 0103 0000000 00116 1054  Alpha Bank: Account No: 206-220-011014-0, Swift: ABKLCY2N  IBAN No: CY75 0090 0206 0002 0622 0011 0140  ii. □ Payment online via PayPal www.birdlifecyprus.org (Date of payment/)  iii. □ Cheque in euros made payable to BirdLife Cyprus  Amount: € Subscription  € Donation								
	€ Tota	al amount						

Please return by post or email to: BirdLife Cyprus, P.O. Box 12026, 2340 Nicosia, Cyprus or <a href="mailto:birdlifecyprus.org.cy">birdlifecyprus.org.cy</a>



## Αίτηση ετήσιας εγγραφής μέλους Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου Κύπρου Η υποστήριξη σου για την Κυπριακή φύση

## 1. Στοιχεία επικοινωνίας

Zioixeia ellikoivwvias									
Ονοματεπώνυμο/α:									
Ηλεκτρονικό Ταχ:									
Διεύθυνση:	Οδός:	T.T:							
Zicocovorj.	. Χωριό/Πόλη:								
Τηλέφωνο:									
Έτος Γέννησης:									
Προτιμώμενη γλώσσα επικοινωνίας:	Ελληνικά 🗌 Αγγλικά .								
	<b>ής</b> μή μου □ Να εγγραφώ μέλος								
□ ∈ 35 ατομική συνδρομή (μ $□ ∈ 30$ ατομική συνδρομή (χ $□ ∈ 40$ συνδρομή ζεύγους (ι $□ ∈ 35$ συνδρομή ζεύγους (χ	■ Επισυνάπτω: □ € 35 ατομική συνδρομή (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά) □ € 30 ατομική 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)								
<ul> <li>□ € 35 ατομική συνδρομή (χ</li> <li>□ € 45 συνδρομή ζεύγους (γ</li> <li>□ € 40 συνδρομή ζεύγους (χ</li> </ul>	ιε την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά) (ωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά) ιε την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά) (ωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά) (ωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)								
3. Τρόποι πληρωμής									
<ul> <li>Απευθείας πληρωμή στο λογαριασμό του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου Κύπρου BIRDLIFE CYPRUS         Τράπεζα Κύπρου: Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 0148-01-008101, SWIFT: BCYPCY2N IBAN No: CY 980020 0148 0000000 10081 0100         Τράπεζα Πειραιώς: Αρ. Λογαριασμού: 0001161054, SWIFT: PIRBCY2N IBAN No: CY 730080 0103 0000000 00116 1054</li></ul>									
<ul><li>ii. □ Πληρωμή με PayPal μ (Ημερομηνία της πληρ</li></ul>	έσω διαδικτύου www.birdlifecyprus.org ωμής _//)								
	οωτέα στον Πτηνολογικό Σύνδεσμο Κύπρου								
Πληρωτέο ποσό: € €	Συνδρομή Εισφορά <b>Σύνολο</b>								

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