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*Cover photo: A male Caspian Plover Charadrius asiaticus was at Mandria on 14th and 15th March where it was very confiding enabling birders and photographers alike to get excellent views of this rare migrant through Cyprus. This photo was taken by Tony Reeves.*

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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.

Για οποιαδήποτε διευκρίνιση επικοινωνήστε με την Jane στο [janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk) ή στο 99558953.

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**CYPRUS BIRD REPORT 2016**

*Cyprus Bird Report*  
2016



The Cyprus Bird Report 2016 is now available. The report contains 53 colour photos, the 2016 Systematic List of 310 observed species or recognised forms which was compiled from nearly 61,000 records, the 2016 Ringing report. Plus papers on the first Brown-necked Raven, Amur Falcon, Rustic Bunting and Oriental Turtle Dove in Cyprus; the declining trend of Cyprus' Audouin's Gull colony; the BirdLife Cyprus 2016 monitoring programmes; the breeding biology of the European Roller in western Cyprus and patterns of incidence of Troodos song birds at a rainwater resource. The Report includes species charts and tables and a full Cyprus bird List. The front cover features a pair of Great Spotted Cuckoo photographed at Anarita Park. The Report will be sent automatically to those BirdLife Cyprus members whose subscription includes it. Extra copies can be purchased if required by contacting the BirdLife Cyprus office.

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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.

### **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)

- **August 2018**

**Saturday 25th August: Akrotiri Salt Lake**

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299.

Demoiselle Cranes and early autumn migrants.

Meet at 8.30 am, Sylvana Restaurant. **Please note earlier start time.**

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/9udkCQDDY2E2>

- **September 2018**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September: Akamas Weekend, including Latchi Boat Trip**

Joint Leaders: Melis Charalambides and Loria Phylakti.

An enjoyable, sociable, birding weekend to see seabirds and autumn migrants.

**Further details to follow. However please book in advance separately for accommodation and dinners with Melis Charalambides, Mobile: 99653205, or for the boat trip with Loria Phylakti, Mobile 99413383**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam & Anarita Park**

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

Late autumn migrants and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am Mandria, 'Lark Corner', on coastal track opposite rocky islands.

Coordinates: 34° 41.51' N, 32° 31.49' E

**October 2018**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October: Karpasia Peninsula**

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.

Details will follow. Meet 11.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall.

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.**

**Sunday 7th October: EuroBirdwatch Day**

**Athalassa Park, Nicosia (Family Birdwatching Day) 09:30 - 12:00, Leader: Martin Hellicar,**

Mobile: 99907893

**Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299**

**Paphos Plain, Paphos. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Alan Crane, Mobile: 99276310**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Larnaca Sewage Works**

**PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Early wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

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

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Paphos Lighthouse**

Leader: Ian and Kate Bloomer. Mobile: 99265661

Winter visiting passerines and shore birds.

Meet at 8.30 am, near beach cafe at CTO beach, west end of Paphos Lighthouse archaeological site.

Coordinates: 34° 36.04' N, 32° 57.35'.94 E

## **November 2018**

### **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November: Family Birdwatching Day at Athalassa Park**

Leaders: Martin Hellicar (99907893) & Elena Markitani (99305085).

Meet 10.00 am at Athalassa Park bird hide.

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

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299.

Waterbirds and winter visitors.

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

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/nY2GENJHjfx>

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Troodos**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Winter visitors and mountain endemics.

Meet at 9.00 am, Forestry Department Environment Centre next to Dolphin Restaurant.

Coordinates: 34° 55.18' N, 32° 52.39' E

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Agios Sozomenos and Athalassa Park**

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Winter residents and visitors such as the regular, but fairly scarce, Finsch's Wheatear.

Take the 'Tseri/Dali Industrial Estate' exit (junction 6) from the Nicosia-Limassol highway.

Meet 9.00 am in parking area in front of the EKO petrol station on the old Nicosia-Limassol road.

Coordinates: 35° 03.07' N, 33° 23.16' E

## **December 2018**

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Kidasi**

Leader: Dave Walker, Mobile: 99915907

Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

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

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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## PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE FIELD MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

*by Kate Bloomer*

It was a warm and sunny morning when we met our guests, some regular faces but mostly visiting birders 33 of us in total.

As we walked up the steps and turned to the right there were many **Barn Swallows** overhead and the calls of the **Hooded Crows** were heard in the tops of the trees.

As we slowly made our way down the Avenue many **Greenfinch** and **Great Tit** were observed with **Chiffchaff** busily feeding amongst the leaves. **Chaffinch**, **House** and **Spanish Sparrows** were busily feeding on the ground as we passed.

At the Frankish Fort we saw **White Wagtails** on the stones posing for photographs, amongst them a stunning male **Black Redstart** his tail blazing as he flew away.

As we turned the corner there were **Meadow Pipit** feeding and flying, amongst them and throughout the walk were the common but always nice to see **Crested Lark**. **Lesser Whitethroat** were observed busy in the bushes flying to and fro along with Chiffchaff. One of the few remaining **Stonechat** sat watching us from his viewpoint atop a thistle.

As we approached the Orchard two **Hoopoe** were seen by some and flying away by most of the group and a **Song Thrush** was seen fleetingly as it flew deep into a bush. A **Robin** made an appearance but was only seen briefly as the group walked down the path towards the seating shelter.

It was at that point that someone noticed a Chameleon, resting on a lower branch of a bush and we all gathered around to get a better look at it, a pleasant interlude!

As we came into the open area in front of the Odeon we were pleased to see a **Black-eared Wheatear** perched on a rock, a **Cyprus Wheatear** was seen briefly perched on the railings in front of the Odeon but was quickly lost from view. After some time spent waiting for the Cyprus Wheatear to make another appearance we decided to walk up the hill to the Rotunda where we rested and had our refreshments. A bird caught June's eye down below in the bushes which turned out to be a male **Common Redstart**. As we looked down through our scopes to the Headland we were lucky enough to find one **Common Sandpiper** on the shore.

Fully rested we walked back down to the Odeon hoping to see the Cyprus Wheatear again but were unlucky.

We walked along to the bushes where we saw and heard **Whitethroat** along with **Sardinian Warblers** and many **Corn Bunting**. As we turned the corner and walked up the slope we also had many **Linnet** with the males looking particularly stunning. When we came to the open ground at the top of the slope we saw **Northern Wheatear** and June directed us towards **Subalpine** and **Ruppell's** warblers which we were all thrilled to see.

Throughout the morning we had many **Kestrels**, **Wood Pigeon**, **House Martin** and **Zitting Cisticola**.

A truly delightful morning was had by all with 32 species seen, not as many as would have hoped for! The visiting birders showed their appreciation by making donations to Birdlife Cyprus amounting to 143 euros including the sale of six Birdlife Cyprus calendars.



## BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 60

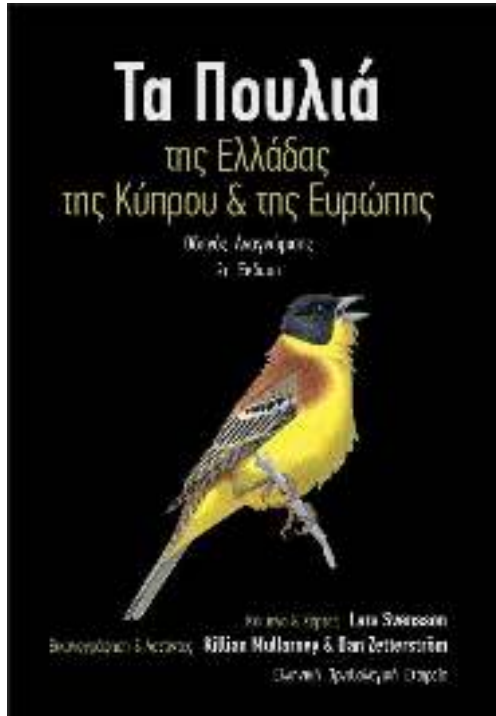


### Last Month's Quiz answer

Black-and-white body, thin bill and medium length tail suggest that last month's mystery bird is a species of Wheatear, a family of Old World passerines that is well represented on the island. A number of dark-and-pale Wheatears occur mostly as passage migrants; some regular, others scarce or rare vagrants; while one species is an endemic breeding bird and another an uncommon but regular winter visitor.

In most species only the male birds are dark-and-pale with female birds having less contrasting, earthy colours. Key to their identification is the amount and pattern of the dark and pale areas, while in flight the tail pattern can be very useful. The black back eliminates Finsch's Wheatear, our only regular over-wintering species, which shows a white back, while the white cap and underparts eliminate Black-eared and Desert Wheatears which have more buff-coloured pale areas. The white breast and belly rule out White-crowned Wheatear which shows extensive black underparts, while the white rump and tail sides exclude Kurdish Wheatear which has a reddish rump, vent and tail sides. Hooded Wheatear, which shows mostly white tail sides, can also be eliminated by the extensive amount of black on the tail tip.

Three species remain: Cyprus Wheatear, a common and widespread breeding endemic which usually arrives in March and departs by Oct/early November and two very rare vagrants; Pied and Mourning Wheatears. Cyprus and Pied Wheatears are very hard to tell apart, with breeding plumaged males being almost identical, their call being the best way to separate the two. Both Cyprus and Pied Wheatear have a peachy wash to their breast and a white vent. With careful observation our bird shows no colour on its white breast but buff-coloured undertail coverts making this a male **Mourning Wheatear**, while the extensive all white cap extending to its upper back and brownish wings (darker on both Pied and Cyprus Wheatears) confirm the birds identity.



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### **Akamas**

This wonderful area has several sites of particular interest to birdwatchers during all seasons. It overlooks Polis Chrysouchoi Bay and can provide good sea-watching opportunities during spring and autumn. In autumn large flocks of migrating duck, egret and heron migrate across the bay. Stagg and Hearl rightly refer to the fact that 'During migration the northward pointing finger of the Akamas peninsula acts as a funnel for birds moving across the Mediterranean to and from Europe'.



Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Please refer also to Agios Minas, Androlikou, Arodes, Avagas Gorge, Baths of Aphrodite, Drousia, Neo Horio and Latsi as well as the leaflet Birdwatching in Cyprus on BirdLife Cyprus' web page link.

At almost any time of the year Bonelli's Eagle, Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο, *Aquila fasciata* may be seen. Long-legged Buzzard, Διπλογέρακο, *Buteo rufinus* are also present in this area, with five recorded on 25 January 2015.

In spring you may find –

Lesser Kestrel, Κίρκινέζι, *Falco naumanni* migrating through the area

Barred Warbler, Γιαλλούρα, *Sylvia nisoria*

Summer breeding species include –

Masked Shrike, Δακκαννούρα, *Lanius nubicus*

Red-rumped Swallow, Μιλτοχελίδο, *Cecropis daurica*

Black-headed Bunting, Τιρίλινγκος, *Emberiza melanocephala*

Cretzschmar's Bunting, Σιταροπούλλι, *Emberiza caesia*

In spring the following species may be seen flying along the coast or over the bay –  
Yelkouan Shearwater, Μύχος της Μεσογείου, *Puffinus yelkouan* Three were seen flying N along coast past Kioni 11 April 2015  
On July 2015, 13 Great White Pelican were noted flying over.

Autum passage species include –

Glossy Ibis, Χαλκόκοτα, *Plegadis falcinellus*

Purple Heron, Πορφυροψαροφάς, *Ardea purpurea*

Little Egret, Χιονάτη, *Egretta garzetta*, sometimes in large numbers often in September, c150 were reported in flight along the N coastline on 12 September 2015

Also in autumn, rafts of assorted duck may be seen on Chrysouchou Bay such as Garganey, Μασουρατζιής, *Spatula querquedula*.

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## SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR MARCH 2018

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7873 bird records received

232 species and forms recorded March 2018, compared to 223 in March 2017.

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

The following species were also recorded in March 2018: Chukar, Black Francolin, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Common Teal, Little Grebe, Rock Dove, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Swift, Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Little Egret, European Shag, Great Cormorant, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Common Redshank, Black-headed Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Scops Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Eurasian Buzzard, Common Kestrel (151 records), Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow (155 records), Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow (215 records), Common Chiffchaff, Cetti's Warbler (124 records), Eurasian Blackcap, Cyprus Warbler, Sardinian Warbler (160 records), Spectacled Warbler, Song Thrush, Eurasian Blackbird, European Robin, Black Redstart, European Stonechat, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Meadow Pipit (120 records), White Wagtail, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch (173 records), Common Linnets, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

**COMMON QUAIL** *Coturnix coturnix* Ορνίθκι  
Heard calling at many locations throughout the month. Reports of two or more below:  
Agios Theodoros 2 3-Mar FGe  
Livana - Golden Beach, Karpasia 2 calling 19-Mar CR  
Mandria 9 calling birds 31-Mar DC  
Meneou Fields 2 heard only 20-Mar SC  
Paphos Headland 3 8-Mar IKB

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



Red-breasted Merganser, Paphos Headland 4<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Paphos Headland 1 female 4-Mar TRe

**COMMON SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*  
Αλάουρτος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40 flew in and down to lake 18-Mar JN  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 19-Mar JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 7 23-Mar JS  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 8 24 & 26-Mar JS/LAC/JN  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 15-Mar JS  
Silver Beach, Famagusta 14 9-Mar CC/MC

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD** *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη  
Oroklini Marsh 1 2 & 24-Mar MH/JN  
Oroklini Marsh 4 Two pairs courting 3-Mar JS  
Oroklini Marsh 3 10-Mar BR  
Oroklini Marsh 2 19, 24 & 26-Mar CR/LAC/PTo

**COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya farina*

Κουντούρα  
Akhna Dam 1 male 14-Mar KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 Female 15, 17, 18 & 19-Mar JS/AWh  
Zakaki Marsh 44 flew over 3-Mar KH

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια  
Max count per location:  
Agia Paraskevi pond 2 17-Mar FGe  
Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 2 9 & 30-Mar CC/MC/JS/BC field trip  
Athalassa Dam 1 24-Mar MH  
Bishop's Pool 7 29 & 30-Mar JE/CDL  
Fresh Water Lake 4 30-Mar JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 24 & 26-Mar  
LAC/JN  
Oroklini Marsh 10 23-Mar LAC  
Ovgoros Dam 4 9-Mar CC/MC  
Paralimni Lake 2 17, 23 & 27-Mar FGe/JS  
Partenitis Dam 1 14-Mar SC  
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 3 & 29-Mar KH/JS  
Vathia Gonia treated water new pool 1 18-  
Mar FGe

**GARGANEY** *Spatula querquedula*  
Μασουρατζιής



*Garganey, Phasouri Reed-beds, 20<sup>th</sup> March.*  
*Photograph by Rajja Howard.*

**Largest counts:**

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c300 raft on the sea  
23-Mar JE  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 50+ 22-Mar MSS  
Ormideia Fishing Shelter c270 c200  
Floating offshore 17:30 then flew E and  
another group c70 further out heading W  
27-Mar JS  
Paphos Headland 30+ 23-Mar JoD

**GADWALL** *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα  
Fresh Water Lake (North) 6 19-Mar CR  
Fresh Water Lake (North) 16 many paired  
21-Mar CR  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 10-Mar BR  
Oroklini Marsh 3 2 & 24-Mar MH/JN  
Oroklini Marsh 1 Female 3-Mar JS

**EURASIAN WIGEON** *Mareca penelope*  
Αρμαπάσσης  
Fresh Water Lake (North) 2 m,f 19-Mar  
CR  
Fresh Water Lake (North) 3 21 & 30-Mar  
CR/JS/BC field trip  
Karaolos Pond, Famagusta 4 9-Mar  
CC/MC  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 1m and 1f  
17-Mar JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 7 4-Mar KeR  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 Females 5-Mar  
JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 10-Mar BR

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 15 & 24-Mar  
JS/LAC/JN  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 18-Mar  
AWH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 2m and 4f 19-  
Mar JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 2-Mar MH  
Oroklini Marsh 4 1m and 3f 3-Mar JS  
Spiros Pool 3 5-Mar SC

**NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*  
Σουβλονούρα

Akhna Dam 1 male 14-Mar KH  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c200 raft on the sea 3-  
Mar JE  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 flew in off sea at E  
end of gravel pits heading W inland 3-Mar  
JN  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c15 7-Mar KH  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 19 22-Mar MSS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 205 29-Mar KH  
Bishop's Pool 1 2 & 12-Mar JE  
Cape Greco c145 All migrating. Three  
groups: c30 heading N offshore 15:35; c35  
W to NE 16:00; c80 W to NE 16:15 3-  
Mar JS  
Mandria 120 east (into wind) 3-Mar CR  
Oroklini Marsh 3 2-Mar MH  
Partenitis Dam 1 male 14-Mar SC

*Duck spp* Akrotiri Bay many large mixed  
flock of shoveler, pintail, mallard and  
garganey 6-Mar KH

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps*  
*cristatus* Σκουφοβούττης  
Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 1 9-Mar  
CC/MC  
Agios Theodoros coast 4 Resting offshore.  
Breeding plumage 5-Mar JS/SC  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 8-Mar KH

**BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps*  
*nigricollis* Μαυροβούττης



*Black-necked Grebe, Larnaca Sewage Works,*  
*15<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 5 Three in breeding plumage 9-Mar JS  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 5-Mar CR  
Bishop's Pool 3 2 & 7-Mar JE/IKB/JN  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 7 17-Mar JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 25 10-Mar BR  
Oroklini Marsh 1 2, 3 & 10-Mar MH/JS/BR

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Max count per location:

Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 74 9-Mar CC/MC  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1735+ including the melanistic bird 3-Mar JN  
Karaolos Pond, Famagusta 86 9-Mar CC/MC  
Lady's Mile 8 flew over 14-Mar TR  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 178 15-Mar JS  
Larnaca salt lake 33 31-Mar FGe  
Meneou Pool 39 5-Mar JS  
Oroklini Marsh 79 3-Mar JS  
Silver Beach, Famagusta 1 9-Mar CC/MC

**EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia turtur* Τρυγόνι

Kiti Dam 1 30-Mar VT  
Mandria 1 25 & 28-Mar AWh  
Pervolia 1 4-Mar KeR Early report for this species. Confirmation required

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Spilopelia senegalensis* Φοινικотρύγωνα



Laughing Dove, Coral Bay, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.  
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Max counts per location:

Aradippou 1 14 & 17-Mar SC/FGe  
Frenaros 4 4 - 31-Mar AKE  
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 11 25-Mar FGe  
Kiti 2 31-Mar FGe  
Kiti Dam 1 30-Mar VT  
Kiti to Petounta road 1 20-Mar SC

Kouklia, Paphos 1 17-Mar JN  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 First time at this location 15-Mar JS  
Leivadia 2 17-Mar FGe  
Mandria 5 13-Mar LAC  
Pervolia Fields 1 20-Mar SC  
near Anarita village 1 23-Mar JoD  
Nissi Beach, Agia Napa 2 Singing 4-Mar JS  
Paphos Sea Caves 1 3-Mar IKB  
Sotira 1 17-Mar AKE

**EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR** *Caprimulgus europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι

Souni 2 heard calling 20-Mar JN  
Souni 1 heard calling 22-Mar JN

**ALPINE SWIFT** *Tachymarptis melba* Ασπροπετροχειλίδο



Alpine Swift, Kensington Cliffs, 11<sup>th</sup> March.  
Photograph by Raija Howard.

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 15 13-Mar MP  
Kensington Cliffs 22 chasing 27-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria  
Kouklia, Paphos 10 28-Mar CDL

**PALLID SWIFT** *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχειλίδο  
Apostolos Andreas 2 20-Mar CR  
Baths of Aphrodite 1 29-Mar HE  
Paphos Headland 2 in with flock of Common Swift 23-Mar JoD  
Paphos Headland 1 24 & 26-Mar TF/CR/BirdLife Austria  
Troodos Forest 2+ At least two over Troodos Square 22-Mar JS  
Troodos c10 26-Mar DJW



**GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO** *Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά



*Great Spotted Cuckoo, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 3 28-Mar KH  
Anarita Mast 3 28-Mar IKB  
Armou Hills 6 1-Mar CR  
Germasogeia Dam 3 5-Mar KH  
Kiti Dam 3 30-Mar AS/OB  
Marathounta 3 2 chasing over village 7am  
13-Mar CR  
Souni 3 14, 15 & 16-Mar JN

**COMMON CUCKOO** *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος  
Panagia area 1 heard 24-Mar PFo  
Souni 2 26-Mar JN  
Troodos 1 31-Mar JN

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

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 10-Mar BR  
Oroklini Marsh 2 Both heard. One on main  
lake and the other from south hide 3-Mar  
JS  
Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1 5-  
Mar FGE  
Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 3, 8, 10 & 21-Mar  
KH/JS

**SPOTTED CRAKE** *Porzana porzana*  
ΣΠΙΚΤΟΠΟΥΛΑΔΑ



*Spotted Crake, Paralimni Lake, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Agia Varvara 1 31-Mar CDL  
Paralimni Salt Lake 1 27-Mar JS

**LITTLE CRAKE** *Zapornia parva*  
Μικροπουλάδα  
Zakaki Marsh 1 Male 10-Mar JS

**DEMOISELLE CRANE** *Grus virgo*  
Νυφογερανός



*Demoiselle Crane, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Raija Howard.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 72 flying over 9:25am  
12-Mar KH  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 17 11-Mar KH  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c25 7:30am 12-Mar KH

**COMMON CRANE** *Grus grus* Γερανός  
Agios Loukas Marsh 1 ad 19, 21 & 30-  
Mar CR/MC  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 flying N 6.00am 24-  
Mar PFo

*Crane spp* Anarita Park 5 seen heading N  
in pm but quickly lost to view 19-Mar JWA

**YELKOUAN SHEARWATER** *Puffinus yelkouan* Μύχος της Μεσογείου  
Paphos 1 E to W past islands 28-Mar JN

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς  
Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 2 30-Mar  
JS/BC field trip  
Oroklini Marsh 5 31-Mar VT

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα



*Glossy Ibis, Phasouri Reed-beds. Photograph by Andy Waller.*

Largest counts:

Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta c60 30-Mar JS/BC trip

Oroklini Marsh 15 25-Mar LAC

Paphos Headland 33 16 + 17 heading N 24-Mar JoD

Phasouri Reed-beds 62 30-Mar ABW

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

*Black-crowned Night Heron, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Athalassa Dam 3 24-Mar MH

Baths of Aphrodite 1 ad, flew in to land on cliff bush 29-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria  
Fresh Water Lake South 1 Adult 30-Mar JS/BC field trip

Kiles Point, Karpasia 1 calling after dark 19-Mar CR

Larnaca salt lake 31 25-Mar FGE

Larnaca Sewage Works 9 23-Mar VT

Mandria 5 22-Mar MSS

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 27-Mar DJW

Oroklini Marsh 11 23-Mar LAC

Paphos Headland 7 25-Mar TF

Phasouri 1 in flight 29-Mar JN

Zakaki Marsh 6 flying over, ads 27-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria

**SQUACCO HERON** *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Earliest reports and max count per location:

Acheleia Dam 1 29-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria

Akhna Dam 1 23-Mar AKe

Evretou Dam 1 25-Mar IKB

Lady's Mile 1 24-Mar JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 27-Mar JS

Paphos Headland 1 19 & 24-Mar JoD/TF

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 6 & 8-Mar KH

Phasouri Reed-beds 2 7-Mar KH

Phasouri Reed Beds 6 29-Mar JS

Secret Valley GC 1 26-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria

**PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυρομαροφάς



*Purple Heron, Paphos Headland, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Athalassa Dam 1 24-Mar MH

Bishop's Pool 2 23 & 29-Mar JE

Fresh Water Lake 1 30-Mar JS/BC field trip

Lady's Mile 1 26-Mar VT

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24-Mar VT

Paphos Headland 1 20 & 21-Mar JS/JoD/DJW

Paralimni Lake 1 23-Mar JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 21-Mar KH

**GREAT WHITE EGRET** *Ardea alba*

Χανούμισσα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8 & 19-Mar KH/CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 14-Mar TRe

Athalassa Dam 2 24-Mar MH

Cape Drepanum 2 3-Mar IKB

Fresh Water Lake (North) 1 19 & 21-Mar CR

Lady's Mile 1 19-Mar CR

Larnaca Airport Pools North 11 24-Mar LAC

Larnaca Salt Lake 8 1-Mar KeR

Oroklini Marsh 9 14-Mar KH

Oroklini Marsh 2 23-Mar LAC  
Timi Beach 1 Flying E along coast 21-Mar  
JS/LAC  
Zakaki Marsh 1 21, 22 & 23-Mar  
KH/LAC/FM

**NORTHERN GANNET** *Morus bassanus*

Σούλα

Cape Greco 1 16-Mar KH/JS  
Paphos 1 sub ad flying along coast W to E  
close to shore 28-Mar JN

**EURASIAN THICK-KNEE** *Burhinus*

*oedicephalus* Τρουλλουριά

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 2 Flew up from village  
as I arrived 2-Mar JS

Agios Theodoros 1 28-Mar KH

Akhna Dam 1 2-Mar KeR

Apostolos Andreas 4 2 pairs 20-Mar CR

Cape Greco Park 1 17-Mar SC

Kiles Point, Karpasia 2 calling after dark  
19-Mar CR

Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 15-Mar JS

Mandria 2 12, 21, 25, & 28-Mar

IKB/TRe/CR/LAC

Nata Ford 9 16-Mar DBr

Pyla 1 5-Mar KeR

Timi Beach 1 21-Mar TRe

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 15 22-Mar MSS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 29-Mar KH

Larnaca Airport Pools South 12 22-Mar  
LAC

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 23-Mar JS

Zakaki Run-off 5 23-Mar FM

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus*

*himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς

Largest counts:

Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 40+ 30-  
Mar JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 80 19-Mar CR

Larnaca Airport Pools North 96 24-Mar  
LAC

Oroklini Marsh 32 24-Mar MH

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20+ Zakaki run-off 10-  
Mar JS

Cape Andreas 1 10-Mar CC/MC

Larnaca Salt Lake 28 15-Mar JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 4-Mar KeR

Meneou Pool 1 5-Mar JS

Paphos Headland 1 19-Mar JoD

Silver Beach 2 21-Mar CR

Zakaki Run-off 4 23-Mar FM

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*

*dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι



Little Ringed Plover, Cape Greco. Photograph  
by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 15-Mar JE

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20+ 8 & 10-Mar KH/JS

Athens Beach Hotel fields 3 15-Mar CR

Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 2 25-Mar

FGE

Lady's Mile 6 19-Mar TRe

Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 24-Mar  
LAC

Larnaca salt lake 8 25-Mar FGE

Mandria 1 15-Mar TRe

Nata Ford 1 16 & 23-Mar CR/IKB

Paralimni Lake 4 27-Mar JS

Silver Beach 2 21-Mar CR

Timi Beach 1 21-Mar TRe

**GREATER SANDPLOVER** *Charadrius*

*leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι



Greater Sandplover, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 19<sup>th</sup>  
March. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 19-Mar RAT/TRe/IKB

Karpasia Peninsula 1 30-Mar DK

Kermia Beach 1 3-Mar JS  
 Lady's Mile 2 19-Mar CR  
 Mandria 3 14-Mar CR/LAC/AWh/MP/JN  
 Mandria 1 31-Mar LAC/AS/OB  
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 2, 4, 7, 8 & 11-Mar  
 CR/TRe/JS/BR/MH  
 Spiros Beach 2 One acquiring breeding  
 plumage 5-Mar JS  
 Spiros Beach 1 Later seen on Spiros Pool  
 15-Mar JS  
 Timi Beach 4 in pm 23-Mar JoD

**CASPIAN PLOVER\*** *Charadrius asiaticus*  
 Στεποπλουμιδι



*Caspian Plover, Mandria, 14<sup>th</sup> March.*  
*Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 male 21 & 26-Mar  
 KH/CI/HE Rare Bird Report requested  
 Mandria 1 14 & 15-Mar  
 VT/CR/LAC/AWh/MP/JN/TRe/JS Rare Bird  
 Report required  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 adult in winter plumage -  
 very good and quite close views 7-Mar  
 JN/IKB Rare Bird Report received

**NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*  
 Γιαννής  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Mar MH

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*  
 Φαιομπεκάτσα  
 Lady's Mile 1 26-Mar DGR  
 Paphos Headland 1 24-Mar JoD/TF

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*  
 Νερομπεκάτσα  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 8-Mar KH  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 11-Mar KH  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 19-Mar KH  
 Lady's Mile 3 2-Mar TRe  
 Mandria 1 14-Mar AWh/VT/LAC  
 Pioneer Beach Hotel headland, Paphos 1  
 flying west 15-Mar CR  
 Zakaki Marsh 2 23-Mar FM

**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*  
 Λιμόζα  
 Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 1 21-Mar  
 CR  
 Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 2 30-Mar  
 JS/BC field trip  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6-Mar KH  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 14 8-Mar KH  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 6, 9, 10 & 25-Mar  
 KeR/KH/BR/LAC/VT  
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 18-Mar PFO

*Godwit spp* Akrotiri Salt Lake 30+ too  
 distant for def ID 22-Mar MSS

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*  
 Χαλικονεραλλίδι



*Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 19<sup>th</sup>  
 March. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Paphos Headland 3 2-Mar CR  
 Paphos Headland 4 7 & 24-Mar JS/TF  
 Paphos Headland 2 15-Mar IKB

**RUFF** *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής  
 Largest counts:  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 80 19-Mar CR  
 Larnaca Airport Pools North 68 26-Mar  
 LAC  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 145 15-Mar JS  
 Paralimni Lake 50 20-Mar AKe  
 Phasouri Reed-beds 51 30-Mar CDL

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*  
 Σταχτονεραλλίδι  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8, 15, 19 & 21-Mar  
 KH/CR

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι  
 Max count per location:  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 19-Mar CR  
 Clapsides 2 19-Mar CR  
 Lady's Mile 10 24-Mar JS  
 Larnaca salt lake 32 25-Mar FGe  
 Paphos Lighthouse 3 imms 2-Mar CR

Silver Beach, Famagusta 26 21-Mar CR  
Zakaki Run-off c20 13-Mar IKB

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 54 19-Mar CR  
Larnaca salt lake 100 25-Mar FGe

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόνι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 Flying together.  
Zakaki run-off 10-Mar JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 5+ 15-Mar JS  
Paralimni Lake 3 27-Mar JS

**JACK SNIPE** *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Κουφοπικάτσονο

Zakaki Marsh 2 24-Mar KH

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι



Spotted Redshank, Phasouri Reed-beds, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19-Mar KH  
Bishop's Pool 1 19-Mar KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 24-Mar LAC  
Oroklini Marsh 1 25-Mar LAC  
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 18, 19 & 20-Mar  
IKB/DJW/MH/RAT  
Silver Beach, Famagusta 1 non-breeding  
plum 21-Mar CR

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa*

*nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 36 29-Mar KH  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 17-Mar JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 18-Mar AWh  
Paralimni Lake 1 Heard 23-Mar JS  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 30-Mar CDL/VT  
Silver Beach 1 21-Mar CR  
Timi Beach 2 21-Mar TRé

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 24-Mar  
JS

Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1  
15-Mar JS

Lady's Mile 2 16-Mar TRé

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22-Mar LAC

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 24-Mar JN

Mandria 1 Seen daily until 19<sup>th</sup> 16-Mar  
LAC

Paralimni Lake 1 8, 20 & 23-Mar AKE/JS

Phasouri Reed Beds 2 29-Mar VT

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 30-Mar CDL/VT

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 2 30-Mar  
JS/BC field trip

Akrotiri Salt Lake 26 19-Mar KH

Lady's Mile 1 19-Mar TRé

Larnaca Airport Pools North 11 24-Mar  
LAC

Larnaca salt lake 2 25-Mar FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 18-Mar AWh

Oroklini Marsh 2 24-Mar MH/JN

Paralimni Lake 2 23-Mar JS

Phasouri Reed Beds 1 30-Mar VT

**CREAM-COLOURED COURSER**

*Cursorius cursor* Αμμοδόρομος



Cream-coloured Courser, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Photographed by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24 & 26-Mar  
JS/AWh/ABW/LAC/TRé/JE/VT/DGr Prob  
same bird as that at Mandria which was last  
seen heading E  
Mandria 1 23-Mar  
VT/CR/JWa/HSt/JoD/IKB/JN  
Timi Beach 1 23-Mar VT Flew E and  
relocated Mandria

**LITTLE GULL** *Hydrocoloeus minutus*  
Νανόγλαρος  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2CY 16-Mar FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1<sup>st</sup> spring 5-  
Mar JS/SC

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus genei*  
Λεπτόρραμφος Γλάρος  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 8-Mar KH  
Larnaca Airport Pools North 250+ 17-Mar  
JWa  
Larnaca Salt Lake 637 15-Mar JS

**PALLAS'S GULL** *Larus ichthyaetus*  
Αετόγλαρος  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 ad 3-Mar KH  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 photographed 20-  
Mar SS  
Akrotiri Salt lake 1 first year 21, 23, 27 &  
29-Mar KH/FM/CR/BirdLife Austria  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 imms 22-Mar MSS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 26-Mar HE/CI  
Mandria 1 on beach. Photographed 5-Mar  
KPr  
Timi Beach 3 20 & 21-Mar IKB/JoD/VT/JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 imm flew over 24-Mar  
KH

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



*Mediterranean Gull, Akrotiri Bay, 6<sup>th</sup> March.  
Photograph by Raija Howard.*

Akrotiri Bay 14 10 ad and 4 imm 6-Mar  
KH  
Oroklini Marsh 2 2-Mar MH

**AUDOUIN'S GULL** *Larus audouinii*  
Νησόγλαρος  
Agios Filonas 6 ads. flying west 20-Mar  
CR  
Cape Greco 1 22 & 23-Mar KH/JS  
Cape Greco 2 31-Mar VT  
Dekeleia 2 25-Mar FGe

Karpasia Peninsula 4 around fishing boats  
off Blue Sea Hotel 20-Mar CR  
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Near Koca Reis  
Hotel 30-Mar DK  
Karpasia Peninsula 6 Seen from road from  
Koca Reis hotel to Cape Andreas 31-Mar  
JS/BC field trip  
Kermia Beach 2 27-Mar JS  
Latchi 1 ad landed on sea. Good scope  
views 23-Mar MP  
Livana Hotel bay, Karpasia 2 on rocks 19-  
Mar CR  
Mandria 1 flying along shoreline from E to  
W 14-Mar JN  
Paphos Headland 2 in flight over area 23-  
Mar JoD

**LESSER BLACK-BACKED GUL** *Larus fuscus* Μελανόγλαρος  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 prob heuglins -  
paler than Baltic 9-Mar BR  
Cape Drepanum 5 24-Mar IKB  
Lady's Mile 1 16-Mar FGe

*Baltic Gull* *Larus fuscus fuscus*  
*Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής*  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 10 20 & 29-Mar  
IKB/VT  
Cape Greco 10 flying NE 22-Mar FGe  
Pervolia 27 Along coast heading E at  
16:30 19-Mar JS  
Petounta Point 12 Flying E 17:30 19-Mar  
JS

*Heuglin's Gull* *Larus fuscus heuglini*  
*Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας*  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 24-Mar  
JS  
Lady's Mile 1 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19 &  
22-Mar JS/JE/KH/SC/FGe/TRe/CR/LAC

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus*  
Γλάρος Αρμενίας  
Max count per location:  
Akrotiri Bay c30 6-Mar KH  
Lady's Mile 32 includes at least 19  
immature birds 3-Mar JN  
Oroklini Beach 3 Immatures 3-Mar JS  
Paphos Beach 7+ on beach at first light  
25-Mar JoD  
Paphos Headland 1 19, 23 & 24-Mar JoD  
Timi Beach 4 11-Mar IKB

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος  
Κασπίας  
Lady's Mile 1 3, 7, 23 & 27-Mar  
JN/TRe/LAC/CR/BirdLife Austria  
Lady's Mile 2 9, 10 & 15-Mar TRe/JS/SC  
Lady's Mile 3 22-Mar LAC  
Lady's Mile 4 24-Mar JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 5-Mar JS  
Paphos Headland 3 2 ad and 1 imm 25-  
Mar JoD  
Spiros Beach 1 Imm 5-Mar JS

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



Common Gull-billed Tern, Lady's Mile, 16<sup>th</sup>  
March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 22 22-Mar MSS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 29-Mar KH  
Kiti to Petounta Road 2 Prob this species  
along coast 19-Mar JS/CR  
Lady's Mile 1 16-Mar TRe  
Mandria 1 flying over potato fields 19-Mar  
MSS  
Pervolia 4 Flying along coast heading E  
17-Mar JS  
Timi Beach 1 east 23-Mar CR  
Zakaki Run-off 30 22-Mar RoD

**CASPIAN TERN** *Hydroprogne caspia*  
Γιγαντογλάρονο  
Mandria 1 18-Mar LAC

**WHITE-WINGED TERN** *Chlidonias*  
*leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρονο  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 29-Mar KH  
Oroklini Marsh 1 3-Mar JS

**COMMON TERN** *Sterna hirundo*  
Θαλασσογλάρονο  
Zakaki Run-off 1 22-Mar RoD

**SANDWICH TERN** *Thalasseus*  
*sandvicensis* Χειμωνογλάρονο  
Lady's Mile 1 2 & 7-Mar TRe  
Lady's Mile 2 14-Mar SC

Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 24-Mar  
LAC  
Mandria 1 12 & 17-Mar CR/RAT  
Oroklini Beach 1 3-Mar JS  
Oroklini Beach 8 10-Mar BR

**COMMON BARN OWL** *Tyto alba*  
Αθρωποπούλλι  
Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 20-Mar MH

**NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL** *Asio*  
*otus* Αρκόθουπος  
Kouklia, Paphos 1 in flight between  
Kouklia and Mandria 19-Mar JN  
Timi Beach headland 1 19.55 31-Mar  
DJW

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



Short-eared Owl, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 21<sup>st</sup>  
March. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 19-Mar  
JWa/TRe/MSS  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 21 & 27-Mar  
JE/CR/BirdLife Austria/NK/GF  
Cape Greco 1 5-Mar StM  
Lower Ezousas 1 28-Mar IKB  
Mandria 1 8 & 25-Mar TRe/CR  
Paphos Headland 1 19, 21, 22, 24, 26 &  
27-Mar JoD/JS/DJW/DGr/KH/CR/BirdLife  
Austria/AS/OB  
Timi Beach 1 19-Mar VT

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός  
Anarita Park 1 23-Mar VT  
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 Over area flying W  
18:40 29-Mar JS

**EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD** *Pernis*  
*apivorus* Μελισσοσιάχινο  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 2 circling together  
grappled briefly, 1 other in flight further W at  
same time 3-Mar JN

**SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE** *Circaetus**gallicus* Φιδαιτός

Agios Theodoros 2 juvenile, the one pale-throated 3-Mar FGe/SC

Agios Theodoros 1 With brown throat, probably one of the two juveniles seen at the same area since February 11<sup>th</sup> 31-Mar FGe

**GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας

*Griffon Vulture, Kensington Cliffs, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.*

Amargeti – Xeros Potamos valley 1 over Kelokedara 16-Mar CR  
 Kensington Cliffs 7 13-Mar IKB  
 Kensington Cliffs 8 19-Mar RAT  
 Kensington Cliffs 2 22 & 31-Mar MSS/HST  
 Kensington Cliffs 3 26-Mar VT  
 Kensington Cliffs 1 preening on ledge 27-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria  
 Troodos 1 soaring over the hillside SE of village, missing 2 primary feathers in right wing 31-Mar JN

**BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαιτός - Περτικοσιάχινο

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 immature 20-Mar SC

Amargeti – Xeors Potamos valley 2 ads high over Nata 16-Mar CR

Anarita Park 1 13, 23 & 26-Mar

JS/HST/CR/BirdLife Austria

Anarita Park 2 ads 28 & 31-Mar HST/CR

Agios Sozomenos 2 adult with juvenile, had brief aerial fight with Long-legged Buzzard 18-Mar FGe

Ezousas Valley, Episkopi 1 ad. 16-Mar CR

Kouklia, Paphos 1 28-Mar CDL

Mandria 1 very high 10-Mar CR

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 25-Mar DGR

Oroklini Marsh 1 1cy 9-Mar KH

Phinikas 2 24 & 30-Mar DJW

Rizokarpasos 2 10-Mar CC/MC

Zakaki Marsh 1 2-Mar TRe

**BOOTED EAGLE** *Hieraaetus pennata*

Γερακαετός

Theletra 1 dark phase 23-Mar MP

**PALLID HARRIER** *Circus macrourus*

Ασπροσιάχινο



*Pallid Harrier, Anarita Park, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Earliest reports and largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 14-Mar ABW

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 22 & 25-Mar

MSS/TF

Cape Greco 3 a male, a female and another ring-tail gaining height 14:50 27-

Mar JS

Kiti to Petounta Road 5 four males along coast heading E close together and one

female shortly afterwards 19-Mar CR/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 14-Mar

KH

Zakaki Marsh 1 male 8, 13 & 15-Mar KH

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*

Καμποσιάχινο

Cape Greco 1 2 cy male 23-Mar JS

*Ring-tailed Harrier:* Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19-Mar CR

Bishop's Pool 1 21-Mar ABW

Cape Greco 1 16-Mar KH

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 30-Mar ABW

**NORTHERN GOSHAWK** *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο

Anarita Park 1 23-Mar VT

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυτογεράκα

Asprokremmos Dam 1 19-Mar RoB

Mandria 1 21-Mar TRe



**LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD** *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 3 incl a pair doing an

aerial display 22-Mar MC

Anarita Park 3 23-Mar VT

Kamares (Tala) 3 18-Mar DJW

**COMMON HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*

Πουπουΐσιος



*Common Hoopoe, Paphos Headland, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

166 reports of this species received for March. Largest counts:

Anarita Mast 13 31-Mar LAC

Evretou Dam 7 27-Mar HSt

Neo Horio – Androlikou 9 23-Mar HSt

Souni 7 15-Mar JN

**BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER** *Merops*

*persicus* Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος



*Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Paphos Headland, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Mar HE/CI

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 29-Mar VT

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 in reeds 27-Mar

CR/BirdLife Austria

Bayside Kiosk Junction, north of Paphos 1  
25-Mar DGr

Lady's Mile 6 pm 28-Mar PVH

Mandria 7 passing slowly east 26-Mar

CR/BirdLife Austria/KH

Oroklini Marsh 2 24, 25 & 26-Mar

LAC/JS/JN/MH/HE/PTo

Oroklini Marsh 1 30 & 31-Mar

MSS/SCar/VT

Paphos Headland 1 20, 21, 23 & 27-Mar

RoD/JoD/IKB/VT/AWh/JWa/AS/OB

Paphos Sewage Works 1 25-Mar

AWh/MP

**EUROPEAN ROLLER** *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα

Coral Bay, Paphos 1 on wire north of

Coral Bay 21-Mar JoD Very early report

for this species – confirmation required.

**COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη

Bishop's Pool 1 30-Mar CDL

Glyki Nero Beach, Agia Napa 1 4-Mar JS

Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 25-Mar

FGe

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 29-Mar CDL

Ormideia Fishing Shelter 1 27-Mar JS

Paphos Headland 1 7-Mar JS

Pedeiaos river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1 5-

Mar FGe

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 8-Mar KH

Timi Beach 1 22-Mar IKB

Zakaki Marsh 1 2, 7, 24, 27, 30 & 31-Mar

TRe/JN/JS/CR/BirdLife Austria/CDL

**PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος

Akhna Dam 1 31-Mar MSS

**EURASIAN WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι



*Eurasian Wryneck, Paphos Headland, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Agios Minas (Neo Horio) 2 25-Mar UKRG

Agios Minas (Neo Horio) 1 28-Mar UKRG

Akrotiri 1 11-Mar KH

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 18-Mar JE

Anarita Park 1 20, 24, 25, 29 & 31-Mar

JS/VT/PFo/CR/CDL

Androlikou 1 25-Mar IKB  
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 19-Mar DBr  
 Baths of Aphrodite 3 29-Mar AS/OB  
 Cape Greco 1 27-Mar JS  
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 Near Koca Reis  
 Hotel 31-Mar JS/BC field trip  
 Lady's Mile 1 7, 23 & 26-Mar KH/TRe  
 Mandria 1 in bare fig tree, then seen in  
 flight 23-Mar JN  
 Marathounta 1 13-Mar CR  
 Paphos Headland 1 23, 25, 26, 29 & 30-  
 Mar AWh/IKB/MP/DJW/KH/CDL  
 Timi Beach 1 26-Mar KH  
 Zakaki Run-off 1 23-Mar FM

**LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni*  
 Κιρκινιέζι



*Lesser Kestrel, Anarita Park, 31<sup>st</sup> March.*  
*Photograph by John East.*

Earliest reports and max count per location:  
 Anarita Park 2 m,f 17 & 19-Mar CR/MSS  
 Anarita Park 17 on power lines 26-Mar  
 CR/BirdLife Austria  
 Asprokremmos Dam 4 23-Mar VT  
 Cape Greco 2 Males 23-Mar JS  
 Karpasia Peninsula c17 groups of 4 and 6  
 and seven falcons gaining height prob this  
 species. Road from Koca Reis hotel to  
 Cape Andreas 31-Mar JS  
 Kivisili 13 30-Mar VT  
 Mandria 3 edge of village 23-Mar JoD  
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 23-Mar MP

**MERLIN** *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20-Mar IKB  
 Lady's Mile 1 male 20-Mar TRe  
 Larnaca salt lake 1 female 25-Mar FGe  
 Mandria 1 6, 7 & 22-Mar TRe/CR/MSS  
 Petounta Point 1 plateau area, feeding on  
 small passerine 5-Mar SC  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 female 24-Mar KH

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*  
 Ζάνογς  
 Agioi Trimithias Fields 1 immature 11-Mar  
 SC with F Georgiades  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 26-Mar HE/CI  
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 7, 13 & 20-Mar  
 CR/MP/JS  
 Cape Drepanum 1 7-Mar JS  
 Cape Greco 1 22-Mar KH  
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 24 & 30-Mar  
 DJW/HSt  
 Episkopi, Paphos 2 pair 28-Mar HSt  
 Geroskipou 1 26-Mar KH  
 Kensington Cliffs 2 pr 27-Mar CR/BirdLife  
 Austria  
 Lady's Mile 1 9-Mar TRe  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Juv calidis 14 &  
 17-Mar KH/JS  
 Mandria 1 3, 5, 22, 26 & 28-Mar  
 CR/MSS/HSt/IKB  
 Mandria 2 prob pair 22-Mar PFO  
 Oroklini Marsh 1 1 cy 9-Mar KH  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 31-Mar JE  
 Paralimni Lake 1 23 & 24-Mar JS/AKe  
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 in fast stoop over  
 field to N of the water meadow 10-Mar JN

**RED-TAILED (TURKESTAN) SHRIKE**

*Lanius phoenicurioides* Κεφαλάς του  
 Τουρκεστάν



*Red-tailed Shrike, Kiti, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph*  
*by Jane Stylianou.*

Kiti to Petounta Road 1 19-Mar JS

**GREAT GREY SHRIKE\*** *Lanius excubitor*  
 Διπλοκεφαλάς  
 Agios Theodoros area 1 1-Mar SC

**WOODCHAT SHRIKE** *Lanius senator*  
 Κοκκινοκεφαλάς  
 Earliest reports and largest counts;  
 Akrotiri 1 16-Mar ABW  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 23, 26 & 29-Mar  
 JE/TRe  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19-Mar CR  
 Asprokremmos Dam 2 23-Mar VT

Lady's Mile 2 23-Mar TR  
Paphos Headland 2 25, 29 & 30-Mar  
JoD/TF/CDL/CR/Birdlife Austria/DJW

**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus*  
Δακκανούρα



*Masked Shrike, Troodos, 26<sup>th</sup> March.*  
*Photograph by Jan Walker.*

Earliest reports and largest counts:  
Almirolivado 3 2m and 1f 22-Mar JS  
Androlikou 2 25-Mar IKB  
Cape Greco 1 5-Mar StM  
Karpasia Peninsula 2 Road from Koca  
Reis hotel to Cape Andreas 31-Mar JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 pair 28-Mar  
CR/BirdLife Austria  
Milomeri Waterfalls, Pano Platres 3 1 male  
seen, then in song on wire, joined by  
female and 1 other male in flight up the  
track 31-Mar JN  
Potamia 2 25-Mar FGe  
Prastio Kellakiou 1 Male - on breeding  
territory 11-Mar JS  
Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 1 10-Mar  
CC/MC

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Livadi tou Pashia 2 22-Mar TR  
Livadi tou Pashia 1 31-Mar JN  
Milomeri Waterfalls, Pano Platres 2 31-  
Mar JN  
Platania 1 22-Mar JS  
Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 3  
4-Mar KH  
Troodos Forest 3 2-Mar IKB  
Troodos 2 26-Mar DJW  
Troodos Village 1 28-Mar CR/BirdLife  
Austria  
Troodos 10 31-Mar JN

**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater cypriotes*

Πέμπτετος

Largest counts:

Livadi tou Pashia 25 at least with 5  
singing, 6 feeding and rest in flight or heard  
calling 31-Mar JN  
Milomeri Waterfalls, Pano Platres 22 7  
heard singing and at least 15 heard calling  
31-Mar JN  
Troodos Forest 34 31-Mar JN

**EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz*

*pendulinus* Υφάντρα

Phasouri Reed-beds 1+ heard only 6 & 8-  
Mar KH

Zakaki Marsh 2 2 & 10-Mar TR

**BIMACULATED LARK** *Melanocorypha*

*bimaculata* Στεπτοπόρσιηλος



*Bimaculated Lark, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*March. Photograph by John East.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19  
& 20-Mar  
JS/KH/TR/SC/CM/AWh/FGe/TR/RC/JE  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 21, 22 & 27-Mar  
JE/MSS/CR/BirdLife Austria  
Cape Greco 2 One in newly harvested  
field with two there on my return in  
afternoon 27-Mar JS

**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha*

*calandra* Μαυροπόρσιηλος

Lefkonika fields 3 10-Mar CC/MC

Peristerona, Nicosia 3 singing, display 21-  
Mar CR

Pervolia fields 3 5 & 29-Mar JS/SC/KH

Pervolia fields 4 Display flight and song  
17-Mar JS

Pervolia fields 2 19-Mar JS

Pervolia fields 6 22-Mar AWh

Prastio – Kouklia, Famagusta 4 singing,  
display 21-Mar CR

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

*Calandrella brachydactyla* Τρασιηλούδα



*Greater Short-toed Lark, Cape Andreas, 31<sup>st</sup> March. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 50+14 two flocks 21-Mar JE

Cape Andreas 86 3 groups 20-Mar CR

Cape Greco c80 Two flocks on c60 and c20 27-Mar JS

Mandria 32 12-Mar CR

Paralimni Lake c30 17-Mar FGe

### **WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 12-Mar ABW

Armou Hills 7 4-Mar CR

Germasogeia Dam 2 5-Mar KH

Paphos Headland 4 2-Mar KH/CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 3 7-Mar CR

Souni 1 8-Mar JN

Timi Beach 5 3-Mar CR

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

Τρασιήλα

Largest counts and latest reports:

Mandria 23 3-Mar CR

Mandria 4 12-Mar CR

Paphos Lighthouse 13 2-Mar CR

Timi Beach 11 3-Mar CR

Timi Beach 3 15-Mar CR

### **(EASTERN) OLIVACEOUS WARBLER**

*Iduna pallida* Τρυβητούρα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Singing 27-Mar JS

Alaminos 1 31-Mar FGe

Kouklia, Paphos 1 28-Mar CDL

Milomeri Waterfalls, Pano Platres 2 31-Mar JN

### **ICTERINE WARBLER** *Hippolais icterina*

Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα

Paphos Headland 2 31-Mar

DC/DOH/MCa (Very early record for this species. Confirmation needed)

### **MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus*

*melanopogon* Μουστακομουγιανούδι

Goudhi, Paphos 1 Heard in the reed on the river 9-Mar RAT

### **SEDGE WARBLER** *Acrocephalus*

*schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιανούδι

Agia Varvara 1 Seen 20-Mar JS

Agios Minas (Neo Horio) 1 25 & 28-Mar UKRG

Akhna 1 in song 23-Mar AKE

Bishop's Pool 1 19-Mar KH

Kouklia, Paphos 1 28-Mar CDL

Oroklini Marsh 3 24-Mar JN/MH

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 21-Mar JN

Polis 1 27-Mar UKRG

Polis 2 30-Mar UKRG

Zakaki Marsh 3 26-Mar VT

### **EURASIAN REED WARBLER**

*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Καλαμομουγιανούδι

Largest counts:

Larnaca Salt Lake 5 Heard singing 15-Mar JS

Paralimni Lake c10 Singing 27-Mar JS

Phasouri Reed-beds 6 heard 21-Mar JN

Zakaki Marsh 10 heard, several seen 19-Mar CR

### **GREAT REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus*

*arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι

Agia Varvara 1 singing 31-Mar CR

Kouklia, Paphos 2 31-Mar CDL

### **SAVI'S WARBLER** *Locustella luscinioides*

Καλαμοτριλιστής

Agios Minas (Neo Horio) 1 25-Mar UKRG

Agios Minas (Neo Horio) 2 28-Mar UKRG

Akhna Dam 1 seen and heard 14-Mar KH

Cape Greco 1 flew into window at Env Centre. Caught and then flew away 22-Mar NP

Polis 1 30-Mar UKRG

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

*daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Agios Therissos 10 on wires 19-Mar CR

Bishop's Pool 15 19-Mar KH  
Mandria 10 25-Mar CR  
Potamos tou Limnati reservoir 12+ 11-Mar  
BR

**(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN** *Riparia riparia* Οχθοχελίδοιο  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 12-Mar KH  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run-off 24-Mar  
JS  
Baths of Aphrodite 1 29-Mar CR/BirdLife  
Austria  
Larnaca Sewage Works 20+ 9-Mar KH  
Oroklini Marsh, Larnaca 1 at least in flight  
low over N pool 24-Mar MH/JN  
Paphos Headland 1 24-Mar TF  
Phasouri Reed-beds c40 24-Mar AWh  
Zakaki Marsh 1 13-Mar KH  
Zakaki Marsh 3 24-Mar KH

**EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER**  
*Phylloscopus orientalis* Βουνογιαννούδι  
Earliest records and max count per  
location:  
Agia Napa Sewage Works 4+ 27-Mar JS  
Agios Minas (Neo Horio) 1 28-Mar UKRG  
Anarita Park 1 22-Mar IKB  
Androlikou 5+ 29-Mar HE  
Armou Hills 1 11 & 23-Mar CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 26-Mar DGr  
Avakas Gorge 1 maybe two 8-Mar BR  
Baths of Aphrodite 5+ 27-Mar HE  
Kiti Dam 2 30-Mar VT/AS/OB  
Lady's Mile 1 26-Mar VT  
Smygies 1 calling 29-Mar CR/BirdLife  
Austria  
Souni 1 seen feeding 15-Mar JN

**WOOD WARBLER** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*  
Δασογιαννούδι  
Baths of Aphrodite 2 28-Mar HE  
Baths of Aphrodite 1 29-Mar CR/BirdLife  
Austria/AS/OB  
Kiti Dam 1 30-Mar AS/OB  
Pittokopos 1 29-Mar HE

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι  
Baths of Aphrodite 1 25 & 29-Mar  
DGr/CR/BirdLife Austria/HE  
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Road from Koca  
Reis hotel to Cape Andreas 31-Mar JS  
Mandria 1 brown legs, no tail dipping 25-  
Mar CR  
Paphos Lighthouse 2 22-Mar VT  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 28-Mar IKB

Paralimni Lake 1 briefly singing 27-Mar  
JS  
Polis 1 26-Mar UKRG  
Souni 1 heard then seen feeding 23-Mar  
JN  
Souni 2 feeding together 27-Mar JN

**GARDEN WARBLER** *Sylvia borin*  
Κηπουσκαλλίδι  
Souni 1 heard then seen feeding in golden  
oak bush 26-Mar JN

**EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER** *Sylvia crassirostris* Θαμνογιαλλούρα  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 30-Mar CDL  
Anarita Park 1 26-Mar DGr  
Cape Greco 1 17 & 23-Mar SC/LAC  
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Female. Road from  
Koca Reis hotel to Cape Andreas 31-Mar  
JS

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*  
Συκαλλίδι  
Earliest reports and largest counts:  
Agios Minas (Neo Horio) 6 28-Mar UKRG  
Avgorou 1 2-Mar KeR  
Cape Greco 2 9-Mar KH  
Cape Greco 10 29-Mar TF  
Karpasia Peninsula 4+ Near Koca Reis  
Hotel 31-Mar JS  
Marathounta 1 6-Mar CR  
Paphos Headland 4 25-Mar TF  
Paphos Headland 3 8-Mar IKB

**SUBALPINE WARBLER** *Sylvia cantillans*  
Γκριζοφτέρι



*Subalpine Warbler, Cape Greco, 14<sup>th</sup> March.*  
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Earliest reports and largest counts:  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 18-Mar DBR  
Cape Greco 5 males 16-Mar KH  
Lady's Mile 2 9-Mar TRE  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 Male  
singing 17-Mar JS

Larnaca Desalination plant 2 10-Mar BR  
Mandria 1 9-Mar IKB  
Paphos coast 2 11-Mar BR  
Paphos Headland 1 male 2-Mar KH  
Paphos Headland 2 9 & 11-Mar IKB/ABW

**RÜPPELL'S WARBLER** *Sylvia rueppelli*  
Ελφοβάτης



*Ruppell's Warbler, female, Akrotiri, 17<sup>th</sup> March.*  
Photograph by Raija Howard.

**Largest counts:**

Cape Greco 22+ m and 2f 9-Mar KH  
Lady's Mile 9 m and 2f 11-Mar KH  
Paphos Headland 4 17-Mar CR/JN  
Timi Beach 4+ near pergola 10-Mar AWh

**GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT**

*Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλιῶδι  
Earliest reports and largest counts:

Anarita Park 3 31-Mar CDL  
Cape Andreas 3 20-Mar CR  
Cape Greco 3 16-Mar KH  
Lady's Mile 1 11-Mar KH  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 6 29-Mar CDL  
Timi Beach 1 15-Mar CR

**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia  
brachydactyla* Δενδροβοβάτης



*Short-toed Treecreeper, Troodos, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.*  
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Almirolivado 1 1-Mar JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 1 22 & 31-Mar JS/JN  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 28-Mar CR/BirdLife  
Austria

Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 1  
heard calling 31-Mar JN  
Troodos Forest 2 2, 26 & 31-Mar  
IKB/DJW/JN

**NORTHERN WREN** *Troglodytes*

*troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο  
Kamarea (Tala) 1 heard 18 & 25-Mar  
DJW

Livadi tou Pashia 5 All singing 1-Mar JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 3 4 & 28-Mar  
KH/BC/BirdLife Austria  
Livadi tou Pashia 1+ Singing 22 & 31-Mar  
JS/JN

Milomeri Waterfalls, Pano Platres 1 heard  
31-Mar JN

Platania 1 Singing 22-Mar JS  
Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 3  
4-Mar KH

Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail), Platres 1  
heard singing 31-Mar JN  
Saramas Valley 1 25-Mar IKB

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι  
Akhna 4 6-Mar AKe  
Avgorou 2 9-Mar AKe  
Frenaros 20 1-Mar AKe  
Frenaros 50 2 & 3-Mar AKe  
Nicosia, Engomi c6 1-Mar SC  
Paphos Headland 2 11-Mar ABW  
Phasouri 1 17-Mar KH  
Sotira 10 1-Mar AKe

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα  
Livadi tou Pashia 3 4-Mar KH  
Mandria 1 15-Mar LAC  
Troodos Forest 1 2-Mar IKB

**BLUETHROAT** *Cyanecula svecica*

Γαλαζοαίμας



*Bluethroat, Mandria, 11<sup>th</sup> March.* Photograph  
by Ian Bloomer.

Anthoupolis Sewage Works area 1 white-spotted male 4-Mar SC  
 Cape Greco 1 Male. Red-spotted 23-Mar JS  
 Jumbo Canal, Leivadia 1 25-Mar FGE  
 Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-Mar JS  
 Mandria 1 10, 11, 13 & 14-Mar KH/IKB/LAC/JS/JN/VT  
 Paphos Headland 1 20-Mar AgL  
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 feeding then in flight 21-Mar JN  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 red-spotted male 13-Mar KH

**THRUSH NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia luscinia*  
 Τζικλαηδόνι  
 Paphos Headland 2 one sound recorded 31-Mar DC/DOH/MCa

**COMMON NIGHTINGALE** *Luscinia megarhynchos* Αηδόνι  
 Earliest reports and largest counts:  
 Baths of Aphrodite 2 29-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria  
 Cape Greco 2 16 & 29-Mar KH/JS/TF  
 Kato Platres 3 at least heard singing 31-Mar JN  
 Kouklia 5 31-Mar CDL  
 Kourio archaeological site 1 20-Mar RC  
 Moniatis 2 heard singing 31-Mar JN  
 Paphos Headland 1 in flight 19-Mar JoD  
 Paphos Lighthouse 4 25 & 30-Mar DJW

**SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula semitorquata* Δρουμομυιοχάφτης  
 Baths of Aphrodite 1 male 29-Mar HE/AS/OB

**EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομυιοχάφτης  
 Sea Caves, Paphos 1 28-Mar JN

**COLLARED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula albicollis* Κρικομυιοχάφτης  
 Baths of Aphrodite 5 29-Mar AS/OB  
 Cape Greco 2 29-Mar TF  
 Kivisili 1 30-Mar VT

**COMMON REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Κοτσινονούρης  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 10 & 26-Mar JN/TR  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 m,f 27-Mar CR/BirdLife Austria  
 Baths of Aphrodite 1 25-Mar DGR

Cape Greco 2 Males 27-Mar JS  
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 Male. Near Koca Reis Hotel 31-Mar JS  
 Paphos Headland 25-Mar TF  
 Souni 1 probable samamisticus with pale wing visible in flight and a warmer brown plumage than a Black Redstart's mousy colour 9-Mar JN

**EHRENBERG'S REDSTART** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisticus* Ασιατικός Κοτσινονούρης



*Ehrenberg's Redstart, Lady's Mile 18<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by John East.*

Cape Greco 1 male 22-Mar KH  
 Lady's Mile 1m 18-Mar JE  
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 male 17-Mar JN

**RUFIOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH**  
*Monticola saxatilis* Πετροκότσυφος



*Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Paphos Headland, 29<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Androlikou 2 27-Mar HE  
 Cape Greco 4 29-Mar TF  
 Paphos Headland 1 29-Mar CDL/AWh/AS/OB/JS/IKB

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*  
 Γαλαζκότσυφος  
 Agia Napa - Cape Greco - Protaras walk 1 3-Mar KeR  
 Amathus Hill 1 male 5-Mar KH

Anarita Park 1 12, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22, 23 & 26-Mar  
 IKB/CR/JN/LAC/MSS/VT/CR/BirdLife  
 Austria  
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 26 & 30-Mar  
 DGr/LAC  
 Cape Andreas 1 m 20-Mar CR  
 Cape Greco 1 4, 9, 17, 20, 23 & 26-Mar  
 JS/KH/JS/FGe/SC/PTo  
 Cape Greco 2 males 16-Mar KH  
 Karpasia Peninsula 2 Road from Koca  
 Reis hotel to Cape Andreas 31-Mar JS  
 Paphos Headland 2 1m and 1f 2, 11 &  
 13-Mar KH/ABW/JS  
 Paphos Headland 1 f 7-Mar CR  
 Pyla and Oroklini 1 5-Mar KeR

**WHINCHAT** *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι

Earliest reports and largest counts:  
 Agios Phylonas 1 10-Mar CC/MC  
 Cape Andreas 1 10-Mar CC/MC  
 Cape Greco 2 29-Mar TF  
 Paphos Lighthouse 2 26-Mar CR/BirdLife  
 Austria  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 2 28-Mar IKB  
 Rizokarpaso to Cape Andreas 2 10-Mar  
 CC/MC

**(NORTHERN) CASPIAN STONECHAT\***

*Saxicola torquatus hemprichii* Καστική  
 Παπαθκιά



*Northern Caspian Stonechat, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Andy Waller.*

Akrotiri gravel pits 1 1st yr male. 19-Mar  
 ABW Rare Bird Report received  
 Paphos Headland 1 19, 21, 22 & 23-Mar  
 AgL/JoD/MP/CR/VT/DGr/AWh Rare Bird  
 Report required

**EASTERN (SIBERIAN) STONECHAT\***

*Saxicola torquatus maurus* Σιβηρική  
 Παπαθκιά

Mandria 1 1 & 3-Mar TRe/CR Rare bird  
 report required

**NORTHERN WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe*

*oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα  
 165 records received for this species this  
 month. Earliest records and largest counts:  
 Agia Napa - Cape Greco - Protaras walk 1  
 3-Mar KeR  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 possible female  
 perched in distance 3-Mar JN  
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 37 26-Mar JE  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3-Mar JN  
 Amathus Hill 2 males 7-Mar KH  
 Cape Greco c25 together in a recently  
 harvested field 26-Mar PTO  
 Lady's Mile 1 7-Mar JN  
 Lady's Mile c55 large fall of wheatears  
 23-Mar TRe  
 Larnaca Desalination fields 1 4-Mar KeR  
 Mandria 20+ 13-Mar MP  
 Paralimni Lake 20 24-Mar AKe  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 m 7-Mar CR  
 Timi Beach 2 m 7-Mar CR  
 Zakaki Run-off 50+ large fall of wheatears  
 23-Mar FM

**ISABELLINE WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe*

*isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα



*Isabelline Wheatear, Lady's Mile, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Photograph by John East.*

136 records received for this species for  
 March. Largest counts:  
 Cape Greco 10 23-Mar JS  
 Lady's Mile c15 large fall of wheatears  
 23-Mar TRe  
 Mandria 10 12 & 14-Mar CR  
 Paphos Headland c10 19 & 23-Mar JoD  
 Zakaki Run-off 10 large fall of wheatears  
 23-Mar FM



**DESERT WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe deserti*

Ερημοσκαλιπούρτα



*Desert Wheatear, Timi Beach, 20th March.  
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 20 & 26-Mar  
RC/LAC  
Anarita Park 1 27-Mar TF  
Cape Drepanum 1 female 21 & 22-Mar  
JWa  
Cape Greco 1 17 & 23-Mar FB per  
MSS/JS  
Lady's Mile 3+ 2 or 3 males and 1 female  
23-Mar TRe  
Mandria 1 Male 7-Mar JS  
Mandria 1 female 24 & 25-Mar  
JWa/PFo/AWh  
Paphos Beach 1 fem. Also on 23rd March  
21-Mar JoD  
Paphos Headland 1 female 26-Mar KH  
Timi Beach 2 1m and 1f 20 & 23-Mar  
JoD/VT  
Timi Beach 1 21, 22, 23, 25 & 26-Mar  
LAC/JWa/JS/TRe/AWh/IKB/VT/CR/RoD/KH  
Zakaki Marsh 1 female 24-Mar KH

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

Earliest records and largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Female 11-Mar JS  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 19-Mar IKB  
Anarita Park 4 26 & 31-Mar IKB/CR  
Cape Greco 5 three dark throated males  
and two light throated females 27-Mar JS  
Lady's Mile c7 large fall of wheatears 23-  
Mar TRe  
Paphos Lighthouse 1 8-Mar IKB  
Paralimni Lake 3 2 dark throated and one  
pale throated males 27-Mar JS  
Theletra 4 23-Mar MP  
Zakaki Run-off 4 23-Mar FM

**CYPRUS WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe cypriaca*

Σκαλιπούρτα

Earliest reports and largest counts:

Akoursos 7 24-Mar IKB  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 6-Mar KH  
Cape Greco 11 22-Mar KH  
Karpasia Peninsula 10+ Road from Koca  
Reis hotel to Cape Andreas 31-Mar JS  
Lady's Mile 1 9-Mar TRe  
Lady's Mile 3 10-Mar JS  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 9 27-Mar DJW  
Souni 8 22 & 29-Mar JN  
Timi Beach 1 9-Mar IKB

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

Βουνοσκαλιπούρτα

Agia Varvara 1 m 3-Mar CR  
Agios Sozomenos 1 Female 2-Mar JS  
Anarita Park 1 m 9, 13 & 17-Mar CR/JN  
Anarita Park 2 1m and 1f 11-Mar AWh  
Baths of Aphrodite 1 male. Photographed  
27-Mar HE  
Marathounta 1 f 13-Mar CR

**TREE PIPIT** *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Agia Varvara 1 15-Mar AWh  
Agios Phylonas 2 10-Mar CC/MC  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 14-Mar TRe  
Anarita Park 1 heard and seen 20-Mar  
JS  
Anarita Park 2 23-Mar VT  
Karpasia Peninsula 3 Road from Koca  
Reis hotel to Cape Andreas 31-Mar JS  
Larnaca salt lake 1 25-Mar FGe  
Paphos Headland 1 11 & 17-Mar MH/JN  
Polis 2 26-Mar UKRG  
Polis 1 27-Mar UKRG  
Souni 1 23-Mar JN

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

Κοτσινογαλούδι



*Red-throated Pipit, Paphos Headland, 20<sup>th</sup>  
March. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Largest counts:

Anarita Mast 16 30-Mar LAC  
Paphos Headland c50 8-Mar BR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 30 7-Mar CR

**WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta***

Νερογαλούδι  
 Anarita Mast 1 30-Mar LAC  
 Evretou Dam 1 11-Mar RAT  
 Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 2  
 15-Mar JS  
 Lady's Mile 1 23-Mar JE  
 Larnaca Salt Lake 2 15-Mar JS  
 Paphos Headland 1 29-Mar CDL  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 7-Mar CR  
 Paralimni Lake 3 27-Mar JS  
 Zakaki Marsh c10 13-Mar KH

**RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi***

Διπλογαλούδι  
 Paphos Beach 1 First winter/spring. Also  
 23rd March 19-Mar JoD

**BLYTH'S PIPIT\* *Anthus godlewskii***

Γαλούδι της Μογγολίας  
 Mandria 1 first seen this date but not ID'd.  
 Also seen by this observer on 15<sup>th</sup> 13-Mar  
 TRe  
 Mandria 1 27-Mar AS/OB (ID'd species)  
 Mandria 1 Flew over and landed 50m  
 away; slightly smaller than Richard's with  
 streaked upper breast, with peachy-toned  
 underbelly; called 'chp' 28-Mar CR/BirdLife  
 Austria  
 (Possible 3<sup>rd</sup> Cyprus record)

**TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris***

Ωχρογαλούδι



*Tawny Pipit, Mandria, 10<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.*

Earliest reports and largest counts:

Anarita Park 22 31-Mar CDL  
 Avakas coast 1 7-Mar JS  
 Cape Greco 6 Incl 5 together 27-Mar JS  
 Lady's Mile 2 7-Mar KH  
 Mandria 3 7-Mar CR  
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25 29-Mar CDL  
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 6-Mar IKB

**WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla***

*flava* Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης  
 Earliest reports and largest counts:  
 Cape Greco 1 9-Mar KH  
 Inia-Lara rd c1000 24-Mar IKB  
 Mandria 10 9-Mar BR  
 Mandria c500 swarming around lark  
 corner 24-Mar AWh  
 Paphos Headland 500+ 24-Mar TF  
 Paphos Sewage Plant c1000 conservative  
 estimate 25-Mar AWh  
 Paralimni Lake 4 11-Mar AKe  
 Zakaki Marsh 8 11-Mar KH

***Blue-headed Wagtail* *Motacilla flava flava***

*Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης*  
 Cape Andreas 5 20-Mar CR  
 Mandria 7 14-Mar CR  
 Mandria 3 15-Mar LAC  
 Paphos Lighthouse 25 25-Mar  
 CR/BirdLife Austria  
 Paphos Lighthouse 100 in large 400+ flock  
 of Yellow Wagtails 26-Mar CR/BirdLife  
 Austria  
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 30-Mar CR/BirdLife  
 Austria  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 2 13-Mar CR

***Grey-headed Wagtail* *Motacilla flava***

*thunbergi* *Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης*  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 27-Mar CR/BirdLife  
 Austria  
 Cape Andreas 1 20-Mar CR  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 17-Mar JS  
 Mandria 1 16 & 24-Mar LAC/DGr  
 Mandria 2 18-Mar MP  
 Mandria 5 23-Mar CR  
 Paphos Headland 1 22-Mar DGr  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 8-Mar TRe

***Sykes's Wagtail* *Motacilla flava beema***

*Στεποζευκαλάτης*  
 Mandria 1 m 14-Mar CR

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



*Black-headed Wagtail, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Earliest reports and largest counts;  
Mandria 22 7-Mar CR  
Mandria c50+ 14, 15, 16 & 25-Mar  
LAC/CR  
Paphos Lighthouse 300 in large 400+ flock  
of Yellow Wagtails 26-Mar CR/BirdLife  
Austria  
Paphos Sewage Plant 8 7-Mar CR

*dombrowski intergrade* Akrotiri Salt Lake 1  
11-Mar KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 photographed  
18-Mar AWh  
Mandria 2 9-Mar BR  
Mandria 5 at least 10-Mar CR

*superciliaris intergrade* Mandria 3 14-Mar  
CR  
Mandria 4 15-Mar LAC  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 17-Mar LAC  
Zakaki Marsh 1 13-Mar KH

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης  
Agia Varvara, Paphos 1 At village water  
reservoir 20-Mar JS  
Germasogeia Dam 1 5-Mar KH  
Mandria 1 1-Mar TRe  
Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail) 1 4 & 31-  
Mar KH  
Souni 1 15-Mar JN

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla citreola*  
Κίτροζευκαλάτης



*Citrine Wagtail, Zakaki Marsh, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Photograph by Raija Howard.*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 male 19-Mar CR  
Paphos Headland 1 fem 1st spring on  
wire fence 25-Mar JoD  
Paralimni Lake 1 Male 27-Mar JS  
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 29-Mar VT  
Zakaki Marsh 1 female 21, 24 & 26-Mar  
KH/VT

*'Eastern' White Wagtail* *Motacilla alba*  
*ocularis*

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 ID'd as *ocularis*  
race and confirmed by Per Alstrom 28, 29,  
30 & 31-Mar JM/AS/OB/VT/JE/JS/JN/CDL  
First record for Cyprus and Europe

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*  
Χειμωνόστινος



*Brambling, Livadi tou Pashia, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Livadi tou Pashia 3 Females 1-Mar JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 2 22-Mar TRe/JS  
Livadi tou Passia 1 m 28-Mar CR/BirdLife  
Austria  
Millomeris Waterfalls, Pano Platres 1  
female seen feeding with Chaffinches and  
as it flew up its white rump was very  
obvious 31-Mar JN

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes*.  
*coccothraustes* Τζιειραλόσπινος



*Hawfinch, Mandria, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Max count per location:

Livadi tou Pashia c4 22 & 31-Mar JS/JN

Mandria 3 8 & 16-Mar TRe

Platania c4 22-Mar JS

Troodos 2 2 & 4-Mar IKB/KH

**TRUMPETER FINCH\*** *Bucanetes*  
*githagineus* Ερημόσπινος

Cape Greco 1 29-Mar JDo per FB

**RED CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*  
Σταυρομούπτης

Almirolivado 3 22-Mar JS

Livadi tou Pashia 1 Heard overflying 1-  
Mar JS

Livadi tou Pashia 2 4, 28 & 31-Mar

KH/CR/BirdLife Austria/JN

Troodos Forest 1 1 & 26-Mar JS/DJW

Troodos 2 1 heard calling and 1 heard  
singing 31-Mar JN

**EURASIAN SISKIN** *Spinus spinus*

Θκιολαρούδι

Livadi tou Pashia c20 Some feeding on  
pine cones and others coming to drink 1-  
Mar JS

Livadi tou Pashia c50 4-Mar KH

Livadi tou Pashia 10+ 22-Mar JS

Livadi tou Pashia 75 at least 5 flocks,  
flying over trees and landing in pines 28-  
Mar CR/BirdLife Austria

Paphos Lighthouse 1 m 2-Mar CR

Platania c20 22-Mar JS

Troodos Env Centre area 100+ 4-Mar KH

Troodos c10 26-Mar DJW

**ORTOLAN BUNTING** *Emberiza hortulana*  
Τσακροπιτίλλα

Anarita Mast 1 30-Mar LAC

Cape Andreas 1 perched 20-Mar CR

Mandria 1 28-Mar IKB

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



*Cretzschmar's Bunting, Anarita Park, 6<sup>th</sup> March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Earliest reports and largest counts:

Amathus Hills 1 5-Mar KH

Anarita Park 7 22-Mar MSS

Anarita Park 2 6-Mar IKB

Cape Greco 5 16-Mar KH

Lady's Mile 1 5-Mar TRe

Paphos Lighthouse 2 6-Mar IKB

Souni 3 5-Mar JN

Souni 8 26-Mar JN

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*  
Καλαμοπιτίλλα

Akrotiri Fish Farm 1 male in flight and

feeding in clump of reeds 10-Mar JN

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Heard 15-Mar JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 9-Mar  
CC/MC

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DGr Derek Gruar  
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## **MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT**

**March 2018**

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*The BirdLife Cyprus waterbirds monitoring programme has been running since 2005 and covers around 70 wetlands and other waterbird sites around the island. All sites are covered at least every January (mid-winter count) and every May (breeding season count), while the more important sites are also covered in March, September and November. Key Important Bird Area (IBA) wetlands such as the island's two salt lakes, which attract large numbers of birds, are covered on a monthly basis. The monitoring programme is based on the voluntary work of a team of dedicated and experienced recorders and preliminary results are presented in the Monthly Checklist.*

For March, 9 recorders covered 25 wetlands (including two coastal sites) across the island where 4408 birds, of 57 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 1232 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Slender-billed Gull with 661 individuals followed by the Northern Shoveler with just over 500 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Larnaka Salt Lake with 1270 individuals as well as the site with the highest species abundance with 18 recorded species. Akrotiri Salt Lake was second in recorded individuals with 974. Oroklini Lake was second in recorded species with 15.

Two sites Evretou Dam and Galatia Lake had just one recorded individual.

## Site coverage for the March 2018 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Paphos Lighthouse	Ian & Kate Bloomer	24/03/2018	coastal
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou	26/03/2018	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou	26/03/2018	
Akrotiri Salt lake	Christina Ieronymidou	26/03/2018	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou	26/03/2018	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou	26/03/2018	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou	26/03/2018	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15/03/2018	40%
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15/03/2018	Full
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	24/03/2018	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	Filippos Georgiades	17/03/2018	coastal
Paralimni Lake	Filippos Georgiades	17/03/2018	
<i>Mia Milia Sewage Works</i>	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
<i>Ayios Loukas Lake South</i>	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
<i>Ayios Loukas Lake North</i>	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
<i>Klapsides South</i>	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
<i>Klapsides North</i>	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
Evretou Dam	Ian & Kate Bloomer	24/03/2018	
Athalassa Dam	Martin Hellicar	24/03/2018	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	Stavros Christodoulides	14/03/2018	
<i>Galatia Lake</i>	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
Karaolos Pond	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Ian & Kate Bloomer	24/03/2018	
Ovgoros Dam	Melis & Chris Charalambides	09/03/2018	
Kannaviou Dam	Ian & Kate Bloomer	24/03/2018	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2018	Little Grebe	Great Crested Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Cormorant	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Squacco Heron	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Purple Heron	Greater Flamingo	Common Shelduck
Paphos Lighthouse													
Akrotiri Marsh							1						
Akrotiri Meras													
Akrotiri Salt lake												764	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile								1		4			
Bishop's Pool	5		1										
Zakaki Pond							6						
Larnaka Salt Lake								1				295	12
Larnaka Sewage Works	21		13										
Oroklini Marsh	8						234	6				12	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast				1				1					
Paralimni Lake													
Mia Milia Sewage Works													
Ayios Loukas Lake South							10	2					
Ayios Loukas Lake North	18	1		11				2		24		74	
Klapsides South													
Klapsides North												1	14
Evretou Dam													
Athalassa Dam	2			3	3	22		2	2	5	1		
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	3												
Galatia Lake													
Karaolos Pond	12						2					86	
Mavrokolymbos Dam				1									
Ovgoros Dam	13												
Kannaviou Dam				3						1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>26</b>



WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2018	Wigeon	Teal	Mallard	Garganey	Shoveler	Pochard	Red-crested Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	Marsh Harrier	Hen Harrier	Moorhen	Coot	Crane
Paphos Lighthouse													
Akrotiri Marsh			2	3								6	
Akrotiri Meras													
Akrotiri Salt lake			2										
Akrotiri Lady's Mile									1				
Bishop's Pool		8	2					5	1			16	
Zakaki Pond											6		
Larnaka Salt Lake											9		
Larnaka Sewage Works	2	44	31		247	3						49	
Oroklini Marsh		12	17		60		1	7			2	50	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast													
Paralimni Lake			1					2	1		9	35	
Mia Milia Sewage Works		30	50		70							80	
Ayios Loukas Lake South											2	10	
Ayios Loukas Lake North		20	20		70			2	2				
Klapsides South		6	2										
Klapsides North													
Evretou Dam											1		
Athalassa Dam		1	1					1			2	10	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam			2					1			1		15
Galatia Lake										1			
Karaolos Pond	4	25	30		60							25	
Mavrokolymbos Dam													
Ovgoros Dam		5	2		5			4				10	
Kannaviou Dam													
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>15</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2018	Black-winged Stilt	Stone-curlew	Cream-coloured Coursier	Spur-winged Lapwing	Kentish Plover	Little Ringed Plover	Ringed Plover	Caspian Plover	Little Stint	Dunlin	Ruff	Snipe	Black-tailed Godwit
Paphos Lighthouse										1			
Akrotiri Marsh													
Akrotiri Meras			1		1								
Akrotiri Salt lake					99	22		1	27	7	20		
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	1				12								
Bishop's Pool													
Zakaki Pond													
Larnaka Salt Lake		2		9	23	1	28		56	16	145	6	
Larnaka Sewage Works				6									
Oroklini Marsh	32			9							10		
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast													
Paralimni Lake				12	26							2	
Mia Milia Sewage Works	1			46									
Ayios Loukas Lake South				2									
Ayios Loukas Lake North													
Klapsides South													
Klapsides North	12												
Evretou Dam													
Athalassa Dam													
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam													1
Galatia Lake													
Karaolos Pond	12			15									
Mavrokolymbos Dam													
Ovgoros Dam													
Kannaviou Dam													
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2018	Redshank	Greenshank	Marsh Sandpiper	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Ruddy Turnstone	Gull spp.	Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Great Black-headed Gull	Baltic Gull	Heuglin's Gull
Paphos Lighthouse						3	2						
Akrotiri Marsh													
Akrotiri Meras													
Akrotiri Salt lake		10									2	1	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile				1				6	2				1
Bishop's Pool													
Zakaki Pond													
Larnaka Salt Lake	1				1					657			
Larnaka Sewage Works				1									
Oroklini Marsh			2										
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	1												
Paralimni Lake				2									
Mia Milia Sewage Works													
Ayios Loukas Lake South													
Ayios Loukas Lake North									40	2			
Klapsides South		1											
Klapsides North	1												
Evretou Dam													
Athalassa Dam													
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam													
Galatia Lake													
Karaolos Pond									55	2			
Mavrokolymbos Dam													
Ovgoros Dam													
Kannaviou Dam													
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2018	Yellow-legged Gull	Gull-billed Tern	Yellow Wagtail	Reed Warbler	Reed Bunting	TOTAL	Species Count
Paphos Lighthouse	2					8	4
Akrotiri Marsh				2		14	5
Akrotiri Meras						2	2
Akrotiri Salt lake		4	15			974	13
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	2					31	10
Bishop's Pool						38	7
Zakaki Pond				5		17	3
Larnaka Salt Lake			1	7		1270	18
Larnaka Sewage Works						417	10
Oroklini Marsh						462	15
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	1					4	4
Paralimni Lake						90	9
Mia Milia Sewage Works					2	279	7
Ayios Loukas Lake South						26	5
Ayios Loukas Lake North						286	13
Klapsides South						9	3
Klapsides North						28	4
Evretou Dam						1	1
Athalassa Dam						55	13
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam						23	6
Galatia Lake						1	1
Karaolos Pond						328	12
Mavrokolymbos Dam	1					2	2
Ovgoros Dam						39	6
Kannaviou Dam						4	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4408</b>	<b>57</b>



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