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Cover photo: *One of the more well known winter visitors to the island, the Greater Flamingo Phoenicopterus ruber are seen on Larnaca and Akrotiri Salt Lakes as well as Oroklini and Paralimni Lakes when the water levels are suitable. These four adult birds were observed interacting on Lady's Mile in December and photographed by Andy Waller.*

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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 SIGHTINGS RECORDS FOR 2018

Have you been out bird watching in Cyprus during 2018? Then please don't forget to send all your 2018 sightings in to the Recorder if you haven't already done so. They can be sent either via the Global portal of the BTO BirdTrack database <http://app.bto.org/birdtrack2/main/data-home.jsp> or on the excel form which you can either download from the BirdLife Cyprus website or the Recorder can send to you. Email lists are acceptable if you are not comfortable with either of those two methods. Users of the eBird recording scheme can download their sightings into an excel file and forward them in that format if they want.

So that the 2018 database can be completed, it would be appreciated if they are received by February 10th 2019. If you are unable to meet that deadline but still have 2018 records to submit please let the Recorder know.

Make your birdwatching count and ensure that your sightings are included in the 2018 country database. Please note that the only way for your records to be included in the database is to ensure that the Recorder receives them. Unfortunately, she is unable to include those only noted on various social media sites, 'round-robin' emails, "BirdLine" etc.

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

### **The Winter/Spring schedule 2019**

*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.*

**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.

### **February 2019**

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050  
Late winter visitors, early spring migrants and waterbirds.  
Meet 09.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall.  
Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/cYJi754DpHR2>

#### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Paphos Foothills**

Leader: Ian and Kate Bloomer. Mobile: 99265661  
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 2019**

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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/nY2GENJHjfx>

#### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Paphos Lighthouse**

Leader: Ian and Kate Bloomer. Mobile: 99265661  
Early Spring migrants.  
Meet 8.30 am (please note the earlier start time), Entrance of Archaeological area by the Paphos Harbour Car Park. Google Maps Link <https://goo.gl/maps/K7eKYqWh7LD2>

**Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> March: 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 5<sup>th</sup> April - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Karpasia Peninsula**

Spring migrants and rare residents.

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

Meet 11.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall.

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

**Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides.**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria**

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310

Spring migrants.

Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/F23CnS5iZA42>

**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/zPRPnzJoxB2>

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Cypriot Easter)**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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/emfrqyYToan>

**May 2019**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:loriaph@gmail.com)

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**BIRD PHOTO QUIZ**  
*Stavros Christodoulides*

PHOTO # 68



Last Month's Quiz answer

Mostly white plumage, greyish upperparts and medium length legs and bill suggest our mystery bird is a species of gull. Having just had a good wash in a pool, it is throwing off water by ruffling its feathers and vigorously shaking its head. Tony's photograph has captured its head at an awkward angle, making identification somewhat tricky, but nevertheless enough of the bird can be seen to safely identify it.

Dark tail band and brownish coverts suggest that this is a young bird. Young gulls can be tough to identify, especially some of the larger "white-headed gull" species, but fortunately our bird is more straightforward. Despite the unusual angle of the head and the difficulty of appreciating our mystery bird's structure, the overall compact shape and proportions (long legs, relatively large tail etc) suggest that we are dealing with one of the smaller species of gull. In the field this should be evident but lone photographed birds like this one can be challenging. Key to identifying it is the colour and shape of the bare parts. The bill appears dark with an orange base (even at this difficult angle it appears to be getting darker towards the tip) while the legs are dark reddish-brown and appear very long. These two characteristics are unique to one species, 1<sup>st</sup> winter **Mediterranean Gull**, a rather scarce but regular winter visitor which is somewhat commoner in spring. The dark mask and broken white spectacles can just about be made out, confirming our mystery bird's identity.

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## A-Z of Cyprus Birdwatching

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 or use Control and click on your mouse to follow the link.**

### Altitudinal Migration

This is not migration in the usual sense. It is a short-distance animal or avifauna migration from lower altitudes to higher altitudes and back, or the movement of highland birds down to lower levels and back. It is commonly thought to happen in response to climate and changes in food availability, as well as increasingly due to anthropogenic influence (effect of man on the environment). The latter includes human activities such as deforestation, desertification and urbanization resulting in landscape changes that may affect food or water supplies.

An example of altitudinal migration relates to the Cyprus Jay, Κίτσα, *Garrulus glandarius glazneri* in 2013. Reports came in from 16-Oct 2013 of 'Nine feeding in a lightly wooded valley of Aleppo Oaks *Quercus infectoria* at Tsada (Paphos). This location is an estimated 20km from Paphos Forest. Up to five remained in the Tsada area until 30-Dec. Below is a photograph of one of the Jays in a tree courtesy of Matt Smith. Matt also reported a group later in the year in pine trees on the Minthis Nature Trail which runs into Kallepia valley.



Also away from usual locations were seven Anogyra 25-Oct and one Souni (Limassol) 29-Oct with four there 6-Dec. These birds probably returned back to the strongholds of Paphos Forest and the Troodos mountains respectively. The possible reasons for the altitudinal migration being either an increase in numbers in Paphos Forest and Troodos, reducing the available food supplies and there being a good crop of Golden Oak *Quercus alnifolia* acorns in the foothills, attracting the birds from the higher altitudes to the lower hillsides. Or, alternatively a reduced food supply in the

stronghold areas which encouraged some of the birds to find food supplies away from their usual localities.

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Smith, M. January 2019

#### **Altricial nestlings**

Such nestlings are hatched and are very dependent, usually being blind and naked, so that they need extensive parental care, eg herons, raptors, gulls, passerines and species with unpredictable food supplies. Passerines in particular and some other species whose life begins in highly developed nest situations, in holes in trees or underground, are altricial.

No evidence of egg clicking has been found in such species and the hatching out of the eggs is spread over a period of time - this is referred to as asynchronous hatching. The final egg of these altricial clutches may be smaller than the others. As the chick's hatching weight correlates to the weight of the egg the smaller final egg produces a smaller and weaker nestling that hatches later. If the food available is inadequate such chicks die quite quickly. If food is plentiful the chick from the last egg survives.

Parents feed their young for a number of weeks. During the first few days of life such nestlings cannot regulate their body temperature and one or both parents have to spend time brooding them. They grow rapidly to a peak weight, often putting on fat at this stage. Fast growth and a short nestling period benefit species that are exposed to high mortality, mainly from predation. Rapid growth increases the amount of energy needed by a nestling and rapidly growing broods may need to be smaller than slow growing broods.

As the chicks grow they need more food and feeding frequency increases with more food items brought to the nest to feed the nestlings, usually by both parents. Feeding rates are high in the morning as the chicks are hungry after the night and they need to stock up with food again towards evening.

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## SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR DECEMBER 2018

Jane Stylianou

2609 bird records received

139 species and forms recorded December 2018, compared to 140 in December 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 December 2018: Chukar, Black Francolin, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Common Teal, Little Grebe, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron, European Shag, Great Cormorant, Black-headed Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Kingfisher, Common Kestrel, Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Eurasian Skylark, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Common Chiffchaff, Cetti's Warbler, Eurasian Blackcap, Sardinian Warbler, Spectacled Warbler, Song Thrush, European Robin, Black Redstart, European Stonechat (114 records), House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Meadow Pipit, White Wagtail, Common Chaffinch (99 records), European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin.

### GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

*Anser albifrons* Αρκόσινη

Asprokremmos Dam 1 2, 8, 12, 21, 22 & 30-Dec CR/WAS/RH

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 5-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 8, 12 & 23-Dec JN/JS/FGe

Meneou Pool 1 12-Dec JS

Spiros Pool 2 feeding 8-Dec JN

### COMMON POCHARD *Aythya farina*

Κουντούρα

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 12-Dec JS

### RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus*

*serrator* Θαλασσοπρίστις

Famagusta Bay nr Palm Beach hotel 3 16-Dec BofC FB per MSS

### FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιόπαπια

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 22-Dec JN

Athalassa Dam 3 13-Dec JS

Bishop's Pool 8 6-Dec CDL

Bishop's Pool 2 16-Dec CR/WAS

Larnaca Sewage Works 32 5-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 8-Dec JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 12-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 23-Dec FGe

### COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος



Common Shelduck, Lady's Mile, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 16-Dec CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 28-Dec CR/WAS

Lady's Mile 1 7, 12 & 28-Dec

ABW/TRe/CR/WAS

Larnaca Airport Pools North 8 12-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 5-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 8-Dec JN

### TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια

Athalassa Dam 3 31-Dec VV

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 12-Dec JS

### GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 1 male and 3 females 8-Dec JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 12-Dec JS

Zakaki Marsh 4 2m and 2f 4-Dec JS

Zakaki Marsh 6 6-Dec CDL

Zakaki Marsh 1 m 16 & 27-Dec

CR/WAS/RH

Zakaki Marsh 1 male, 1 female 23-Dec RH

**EURASIAN WIGEON** *Mareca penelope*

Αρμαπάσσης

Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 16-Dec CR

Asprokremmos Dam 3 2 drakes 8 & 22-Dec CR/WAS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2+ 5-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 male 8-Dec JN

Oroklini Marsh 1 male 8-Dec JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 m 16-Dec CR/WAS

**NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 m 28-Dec CR/WAS

Asprokremmos Dam 1 m 2 & 6-Dec CR

Asprokremmos Dam 5 1 drake 8-Dec CR

Asprokremmos Dam 4 1m 12-Dec

CR/WAS

Bishop's Pool 1 f 16-Dec CR/WAS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4+ 5-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 8 & 12-Dec

JN/JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 female feeding 8-Dec

JN

Oroklini Marsh 10 15-Dec MH

Zakaki Marsh 1 Female 4-Dec JS

**GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps*

*cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιης



*Great Crested Grebe, Lady's Mile, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Tony Reeves,*

Akhna Dam 1 11-Dec JS

Asprokremmos Dam 1 1, 2 & 12-Dec

DJW/JN/CR/WAS

Asprokremmos Dam 2 8, 28 & 30-Dec

CR/JN/WAS

Asprokremmos Dam 3 22-Dec CR/WAS

Lady's Mile 1 12, 22, 28 & 31-Dec

TRe/SC/LS/CR/WAS/ABW

Paphos Harbour 1 19-Dec WAS

**BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps*

*nigricollis* Μαυροβούτιης



*Black-necked Grebe, Larnaca Sewage Works, 26<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.*

Bishop's Pool 1 6-Dec CDL

Larnaca Sewage Works 14+ 5-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 26+ 8-Dec JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 15 12-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 23 23-Dec FGE

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus*

*roseus* Φλαμίνγκο



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

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3500 16-Dec CR

Lady's Mile 220 mostly juvs 16-Dec CR/WAS

Larnaca Airport Pools North 261 12-Dec JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 72 8-Dec JN

Larnaca Salt Lake 1151 12-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 297 12-Dec JS

Meneou Pool 349 feeding 8-Dec JN

Oroklini Marsh 78 15-Dec MH

Paralimni Lake 100+ 26-Dec PBR

Spiros Pool 3 12-Dec JS

Zakaki Marsh 2 flew over 31-Dec TR

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο  
Kensington Cliffs 2 15-Dec JN  
Lara c30 10-Dec DJW  
Tunnel Beach Cliff (Episkopi) 5 29-Dec  
JN

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Spilopelia senegalensis*  
Φοινικοτρύγωνα  
Chlorakas 2 26-Dec RH  
Frenaros 1 11-Dec JS  
Geri 2 16-Dec FGe  
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 7 11-Dec  
JS  
Mandria 1 4-Dec CR  
Mandria 2 11 & 14-Dec TRe/CR/WAS  
Pervolia 8 23-Dec FGe

**WESTERN WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*  
Μαυροπουλάδα  
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1  
heard 6 & 20-Dec CDL/RH  
Oroklini Marsh 1 heard 8-Dec JN  
Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 27 & 28-Dec  
CDL/RH/CR/WAS

**COMMON CRANE** *Grus grus* Γερανός  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 flew and landed near  
reeds on Zakaki Marsh channel 28-Dec  
CR/WAS

**BLACK STORK** *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος  
Πελαργός  
Kouklia (Paphos) 1 flying over 7-Dec  
CDL

**WHITE STORK** *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός  
Πελαργός  
Famagusta c4 24-Dec AnG per BC FB  
group

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**  
*Nycticorax nycticorax* Νυχτοκόρακας  
Athalassa Dam 5 13-Dec JS

**GREAT WHITE EGRET** *Ardea alba*  
Χανούμισσα  
Athalassa Dam 1 13-Dec JS

**EURASIAN THICK-KNEE** *Burhinus*  
*oediconemus* Τρουλλουριά  
Geroskipou min. 75 19-Dec RH  
Geroskipou Beach 62 22-Dec CR/WAS  
Geroskipou Beach 67 in field 30-Dec  
CR/WAS  
Mandria 1 12-Dec CR/WAS

**PIED AVOCET** *Recurvirostra avosetta*  
Αβοκέτα  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 3 5-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 12 & 23-Dec  
JS/FGe

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus*  
*himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς  
Oroklini Marsh 4 5-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 5 8, 11 & 15-Dec  
JN/JS/MH

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*  
Στακτοπλουμιδι  
Agia Trias 4 11-Dec JS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 16 & 28-Dec CR/WAS  
Paphos Headland 1 23-Dec WAS

**EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis*  
*apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμιδι  
Max count per location:  
Mandria 15 in flight, distant 14-Dec  
CR/WAS  
Paphos Headland 50+ 2 & 16-Dec  
ChS/RH  
Spiros Pool 219 at least on N side of pool,  
many bathing 8-Dec JN

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius*  
*hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμιδι  
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 12-Dec JS

**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius*  
*alexandrinus* Ναυτοπλουμιδι  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 28-Dec CR/WAS  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 6 12-Dec JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 6 12-Dec JS

**GREATER SANDPLOVER** *Charadrius*  
*leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμιδι



*Greater Sandplover, Paphos Headland, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 30-Dec AS  
Paphos Headland 3 3-Dec RAT

Paphos Headland 4 7 & 15-Dec CR  
Paphos Headland 2 16 & 19-Dec WAS

**NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40 far north side, against scrub 28-Dec CR/WAS

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 8-Dec JN

Oroklini Marsh 24 15-Dec MH

Paphos Sewage Plant 14 30-Dec CR/WAS

Spiros Pool 4 on N side of pool 8-Dec JN

**SPUR-WINGED LAPWING** *Vanellus*

*spinosus* Πελλοκατερίνα

Largest counts:

Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 5  
5-Dec JS

Larnaca Airport Pools North 3 12-Dec JS

Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 6 11-Dec JS

Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaioметоcho 18  
22-Dec FGe

Oroklini Marsh 34 5-Dec JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 38 5-Dec CR

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

Φαιομπεκάτσα



*Whimbrel, Paphos Headland, December.  
Photograph by Andy Waller.*

Paphos Headland 1 2, 7, 9, 19, 23 & 31-  
Dec ChS/CR/ABW/RH/WAS

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

Χαλίκονεραλλίδι



*Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland,  
December. Photograph by Andy Waller*  
Paphos Headland 2 7 & 19-Dec CR/WAS  
Paphos Headland 1 9, 15 & 20-Dec  
ABW/CR/WAS

**RUFF** *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 12-Dec JS

Spiros Pool 2 feeding 8-Dec JN

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 16-Dec CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 28-Dec CR/WAS

Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 2  
11-Dec JS

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι



*Dunlin, Paphos Headland, 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by Andy Waller*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 28-Dec CR/WAS

Larnaca Salt Lake 42 12-Dec JS

Mandria 1 2-Dec CDL

Paphos Headland 1 3, 8, 15 & 19-Dec  
RA/ABW/CR/WAS

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Salt Lake 34 12-Dec JS

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικατσόνι



*Common Snipe, Larnaca Salt Lake, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Agia Varvara 4 2-Dec CR  
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1  
flew in to water to left of hide on water  
meadow 15-Dec JN  
Goudi 1 1-Dec CDL  
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 2  
5-Dec JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2+ 12-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 11-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 1 15-Dec MH  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 3 & 12-Dec  
CDL/CR/WAS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 3 9-Dec CR

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακρίτης

Agia Trias 1 11-Dec JS  
Chlorakas 1 19-Dec RH  
Ormeideia Fishing Shelter 1 11-Dec JS  
Paphos Headland 2 7-Dec CR  
Paphos Headland 1 15, 19 & 20-Dec  
CR/RH/WAS

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Goudi 1 1-Dec CDL  
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 5  
& 12-Dec JS  
Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaiometochi 1  
22-Dec FGe  
Oroklini Marsh 1 15-Dec MH

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa*

*nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 12-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 23-Dec FGe

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι



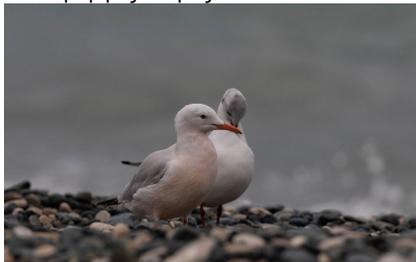
*Common Redshank, Oroklini Marsh, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Largest counts:

Larnaca Airport Pools North 6 12-Dec JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 43 12-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 4 11-Dec JS

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

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



*Slender-billed Gull, Lady's Mile, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Lady's Mile 5 4 & 16-Dec JS/CR/WAS  
Lady's Mile 4 7-Dec TRe  
Lady's Mile 6 12-Dec TRe  
Lady's Mile 1 20 & 22-Dec RH/SC/LS  
Lady's Mile 27 28-Dec CR/WAS  
Lady's Mile 2 31-Dec TRe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Imm 5-Dec JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Imm 12-Dec JS

**PALLAS'S GULL** *Larus ichthyaetus*

Αετόγλαρος



*Pallas's Gull, Lady's Mile, 4<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Lady's Mile 1 4-Dec TRe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 First winter -  
probably same as seen day before Oroklini  
Marsh 12-Dec JS  
Oroklini Marsh 1 Imm flew in briefly then  
flew W (Possibly same as seen next day at  
LSW) 11-Dec JS

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



*Mediterranean Gull, Lady's Mile, 7<sup>th</sup>  
December. Photograph by Tony Reeves*

Lady's Mile 1 6, 7 & 28-Dec CDL/TRe  
Lady's Mile 2 1 ad and 1 1st winter 12-  
Dec TRe  
Oroklini Marsh 1 15-Dec MH

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

Νησόγλαρος



*Audouin's Gull, Lady's Mile, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.  
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Agia Trias 1 11-Dec JS  
Kermia Beach 2 11-Dec JS  
Lady's Mile 1 1st winter 3-Dec TRe

*Heuglin's Gull* *Larus fuscus heuglini*  
*Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας*  
Mandria 1 ad 12-Dec CR/WAS

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus*

Γλάρος Αρμενίας

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 28-Dec CR/WAS  
Asprokremmos Dam 20 est 6-Dec CR  
Lady's Mile 30+ 4-Dec JS  
Larnaca Airport Pools South c12 12-Dec  
JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works c15 23-Dec FGe  
Meneou Pool 1 in flight 8-Dec JN  
Oroklini Marsh 6 15-Dec MH

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

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 45 16-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 200 est 6-Dec CR  
Lady's Mile 10 16-Dec CR/WAS  
Larnaca Airport Pools South c40 12-Dec  
JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake c45 12-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works c210 Including  
one probable Steppe Gull, *Larus*  
(*cachinnans*) *barabensis*, 3CY 23-Dec  
FGe  
Mandria 20 est 12-Dec CR/WAS  
Meneou Pool 2 8-Dec JN  
Oroklini Marsh 2 11-Dec JS

**SANDWICH TERN** *Thalasseus sandvicensis* Χειμωνογλάρονο



*Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, 12<sup>th</sup> December.*  
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location:

Lady's Mile 5 12-Dec TR

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 probably this species flying high over E pool heading E 8-Dec JN

Mandria 1 on buoy 14-Dec CR/WAS

Paphos Headland 2 prob this species 31-Dec WAS

Spiros Beach 2 On offshore buoys 5-Dec JS

**COMMON BARN OWL** *Tyto alba*

Αθρωποπούλλι

Agia Varvara 1 flew over car on motorway, 4.30am 17-Dec CR

Stroumbi 1 7-Dec MSS

**GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας

Diarizos Valley, Extreme View Café 10 1-Dec DJW

Kensington Cliffs 3 20-Dec RH

Kensington Cliffs 5 3 on nesting/roosting ledge together and 2 together on lower ledge to N of other 22-Dec JN

Kensington Cliffs 10 sitting on ledges, then flew out to circle around 26-Dec CR/WAS

Kidasi 2 24-Dec CR/WAS

Tunnel Beach 1 26 & 29-Dec CR/WAS/JN

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

Σπιτζαιτός - Περτικοσιάχινο

Anarita Park 1 24-Dec RoB

Armou Hills 1 subad 23-Dec CR

Arodes 2 adult pair 13-Dec DJW

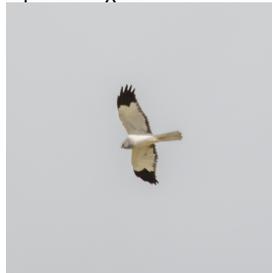
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 2 1 juv, 1 ad 1-Dec CR

Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 1 subad 30-Dec CR/WAS

Secret Valley Golf Course Course (Ha Potami) 1 juv 8-Dec CR

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο



*Hen Harrier, Evretou Dam, 5<sup>th</sup> December.*  
Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Agios Sozomenos 1 took a pigeon 12-Dec MK/GKo

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 16 & 28-Dec CR/WAS

Asprokremmos Dam 1 1-Dec DJW

Evretou Dam 1 adult male 5-Dec RAT

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Ring-tail 12-Dec JS

Mandria 1 12 & 28-Dec CR/WAS/JN

Panagia Stazousa Present 3-Dec MH

Trimithousa (Nr Evretou) 1 ringtail 5-Dec RAT

Zakaki Marsh 1 juv 16-Dec CR/WAS

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Acheleia 1 30-Nov CDL

Asprokremmos Dam 1 30-Dec CR/WAS

Diarizos Valley, Xtreme View 1 24-Dec CR/WAS

Secret Valley GC 1 m 28-Dec CR/WAS

**NORTHERN GOSHAWK** *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινο

Kritou Tera 1 1-Dec LSa

Stroumbi 1 7-Dec MSS

**EURASIAN BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 6, 18 & 22-Dec CDL/ABW/JN

Bishop's Pool 1 16-Dec CR/WAS

Lady's Mile 1 7-Dec TR

Marathounta, motorway 1 6-Dec CR

Phasouri 1 mobbed by 1 of 6 Hooded Crows as it flew over the road from S to NE 15-Dec JN

Phasouri Bee-hives 1 22-Dec SC with L Sergides

Pissouri East Cliff 1 26-Dec CR/WAS

Souni 1 hunting along the top of W ridge, heading S from N 27-Dec JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Dec TRre

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



Long-legged Buzzard, Evretou Dam, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Singles reported throughout the month from usual locations. Reports of 2+ below:

Avakas Coast 2 10-Dec DJW

Kritou Tera 3 1-Dec LSA

Peristerona, Paphos 2 including one very pale juvenile 5-Dec RAT

Pissouri East Cliff 2 hovering together over cliffs 26-Dec CR/WAS

Stroumbi 3 7-Dec MSS

Tunnel Beach Cliff (Episkopi) 2 29-Dec JN

**COMMON HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*  
Πουπουξίος



Common Hoopoe, Lakatameia, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Asprokremmos Dam 1 credible report from a visiting birder 12-Dec per JN

Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 1 on hillside 500m south of Finikas 30-Dec CR/WAS

Lakatameia 1 at Municipal swimming pool 14-Dec AgL

Sinta 1 15-Dec FB (BoC)

**PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος  
Athalassa Dam 1 10 & 12-Dec  
MK/CCZ/LSa

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*  
Ζάνος

Agios Sozomenos 2 12-Dec MK/GKo

Agios Sozomenos 1 16-Dec FGe

Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 1 1 & 4-Dec CR

Kensington Cliffs 2 22 & 26-Dec

JN/CR/WAS

Kidasi 1 24-Dec CR/WAS

Mandria 1 28-Dec JN

Oroklini Marsh 1 5-Dec JS

Pegeia, Sea Caves 1 chasing pigeons 26-Dec RoB

Pissouri East Cliff 1 juv, northern race 26-Dec CR/WAS

Tunnel Beach Cliff (Episkopi) 1 hunting near cliffs, flying E to W 29-Dec JN

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

Kouklia Desalination Plant (Paphos) 1

male 2-Dec CDL

Polis Reed-beds 1 male 7-Dec MSS

**Steppe Grey Shrike\*** *Lanius excubitor pallidirostris* Διπλοκεφαλάς του Νότου



Steppe Grey Shrike, Lara, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Lara 1 first reported as Lesser Grey Shrike 9 & 10-Dec RoB/CR/DJW/MSS (Rare Bird Report required for this probable 18<sup>th</sup> Cyprus record).

**COMMON RAVEN** *Corvus corax*  
Κλόκκαρος  
Agios Sozomenos 5 11 & 12-Dec  
LSaMK/GKo  
Agios Sozomenos 2 16 & 25-Dec FGe

**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater cypriotes*  
Πέμπτεσος  
Almyrolivado 5 7-Dec JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 5+ 7-Dec JS

**EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz  
pendulinus* Υφάντρα  
Max count per location:  
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2  
22-Dec JN  
Kameres Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1  
Heard 5-Dec JS  
Kouklia Desalination Plant (Paphos) 1 2-  
Dec CDL  
Zakaki Marsh 2 28-Dec CR/WAS

**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha  
calandra* Μαυροπράσιηλος  
Pervolia fields 2 In flight 5-Dec JS

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*  
Πευκοτρασιήλα  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 12  
flew up from water meadow 22-Dec JN  
Anarita Park 16 22-Dec CR/WAS  
Armou Hills 41 4 groups 23-Dec CR  
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 14 1-Dec CR  
Kouklia (Paphos) 13 2-Dec CDL  
Souni 16 3 & 20-Dec JN

**MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus  
melanopogon* Μουστακομουγιανούδι  
Polis Reed-beds 1 calling 7-Dec MSS  
Zakaki Marsh 3 6-Dec CDL  
Zakaki Marsh 1 22 & 28-Dec SC/CR/WAS  
Zakaki Marsh 2 27-Dec RH

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι  
Kensington Cliffs 1 in flight from E to W  
along cliff top 22-Dec JN

**EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne  
rupestris* Βραχοχελιδόνο  
Skoulli 2 7-Dec MSS

**(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN** *Riparia  
riparia* Οχθοχελιδόνο  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 single bird flying  
over fields 9-Dec CR

**WILLOW WARBLER** *Phylloscopus  
trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι  
Acheleia 1 3-Dec CDL

**MOUNTAIN CHIFFCHAFF\*** *Phylloscopus  
sindianus* Βουνομουγιαννούδι  
Bishop's Pool 1 possible only 5-Dec  
ABW (4<sup>th</sup> possible Cyprus record)

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*  
Συκαλλίδι  
Appolon Hylates Sanctuary 1 feeding on  
edge of bushes 15-Dec JN  
Kannaviou Dam 1 9-Dec SMM  
Souni 1 male feeding in a n olive tree on W  
ridge 7 & 31-Dec JN

**CYPRUS WARBLER** *Sylvia melanothorax*  
Τρυπομάζης  
Amathus Archaeological Site 1 4-Dec JS  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 30-Dec CR/WAS  
Cape Greco 1 Male Seen 11-Dec JS  
Panagia Stazousa Present 3-Dec MH  
Souni 6 3-Dec JN  
Souni 1 7 & 13-Dec JN  
Souni 2 18 & 31-Dec JN  
Souni 5 20-Dec JN

**WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria*  
Τοιχοδρόμος  
Avagas Gorge 1 28-Dec SC  
Tunnel Beach, Episkopi 1 distant, west  
cliff 26-Dec CR/WAS

**NORTHERN WREN** *Troglodytes  
troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο  
Avagas Gorge 1 heard only 28-Dec SC  
Livadi tou Pashia 2+ 7-Dec JS

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*  
Λαζούρι  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 113  
6-Dec CDL  
Kato Paphos 200+ going to roost every  
evening 12-Dec WAS  
Sotira, Famagusta c80 11-Dec JS

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*  
Τριζάρα  
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 4+ 7-Dec JS

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂  
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)  
Largest counts:

Armou Hills 5 m,f 23-Dec CR  
Kritou Tera 6 1-Dec LSa  
Marathounta 4 31-Dec CR  
Souni 4 3 in flight including a  
female/juvenile, other heard calling 31-Dec  
JN

Tunnel Beach Cliff 4 heard calling  
repeatedly in different areas of the golf  
course where dense bushes surrounded  
the greens 29-Dec JN

### **BLUETHROAT** *Cyanecula svecica*

Γαλαζολαίμη

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 6 &  
15-Dec CDL/JN

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1 male with  
white spot seen singing several times on  
fence to E and N of hide plus 1 red spot  
bird seen once 8-Dec JN

Mandria 1 in alfalfa 14-Dec CR/WAS

Zakaki Marsh 2 4-Dec JS

Zakaki Marsh 3 6-Dec CDL

Zakaki Marsh 1 male, white cap 28-Dec  
CR/WAS

### **BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσυφος



*Blue Rock Thrush, female, Cape Greco, 30<sup>th</sup>  
December. Photograph by Agamemnon  
Loutsios.*

Agios Sozomenos 1 Male 7, 16 & 24-Dec  
JS/FGe

Cape Greco 1 Female 30-Dec AgL

Finikas, Asprokremmos Dam 1 f 30-Dec  
CR/WAS

Kamares (Tala) 1 male 26-Dec DJW

Paphos, Mouttallos cliffs 1 female 22-Dec  
RH

Tunnel Beach Cliff (Episkopi) 1 male 29-  
Dec JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Dec TRe

### **EASTERN (SIBERIAN) STONECHAT\***

*Saxicola torquatus maurus* Σιβηρική  
Παπαθκια

Lady's Mile 1 28-Dec TRe Rare Bird  
Report requested

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

Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 m 2-Dec CR

Agios Sozomenos 2 7 & 13-Dec JS

Anarita Park 1 m 22 & 24-Dec  
CR/WAS/RoB

Arodes 1 male 13-Dec DJW

Phinikas 2 m 30-Dec CR/WAS

Kidasi 4 males in own territories, all seen  
at same time 1-Dec JN/DJW

Marathounta Hills 1 m 25-Dec CR

Pissouri East Cliff 1 1stW male 26-Dec  
CR/WAS

### **ROCK SPARROW\*** *Petronia petronia*

Πετρόστρουθος

Syngrasis 5 22-Dec via BoC FB group

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

Κοτσινογαλούδι

Max count per location:

Acheleia 2 3-Dec CDL

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 3  
at least feeding in field opposite the olive  
grove and 1 in flight 15-Dec JN

Paphos Headland 3 19-Dec WAS

Paphos Sewage Plant 7 9-Dec CR

### **WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Max count per location:

Acheleia 1 6-Dec CDL

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 6-  
Dec CDL

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 est 16-Dec CR

Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 3  
5-Dec JS

Mandria 1 2 & 14-Dec CDL/CR/WAS

Oroklini Marsh 2 11-Dec JS

Paphos Sewage Plant 6 9-Dec CR

Zakaki Marsh 1 6-Dec CDL

### **GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Max counts per location:

Almyrolivado 1 7-Dec JS

Archangelos, Nicosia 1 Heard overflying  
9-Dec JS

Diarizos Valley, Extreme View Café 1 1-Dec DJW  
Goudi 3 1-Dec CDL  
Kannaviou Dam 1 13-Dec DJW  
Kato Paphos, Capital Coast Hotel 1 seen daily by the pools 16 - 29-Dec RH  
Mandria 1 11-Dec TRe  
Paphos Sewage Plant 3 9-Dec CR  
Polis 1 1-Dec CDL  
Rocks, Diarizos Valley 1 1-Dec DJW  
Secret Valley GC 1 12-Dec CR/WAS  
Souni 1 9, 23, 24, 26, 28 & 30-Dec JN

**BRAMBLING** *Fringilla montifringilla*  
Χειμωνόσπινος  
Marathounta 1 prob 1stW, or fem 31-Dec CR

**HAWFINCH** *Coccothraustes*.  
*coccothraustes* Τζιεφαλόσπινος  
Pera Orinis, Nicosia 3 9-Dec MH

**RED CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*  
Σταυρομούπτης  
Almyrolivado 3+ Three seen, others heard 6-Nov JS  
Almyrolivado 2 2 heard calling then one seen in flight 17-Nov JN  
Livadi tou Pashia 1+ Heard 6-Nov JS  
Livadi tou Pashia 2+ two seen and others heard 13-Nov JS  
Livadi tou Pashia c6 17-Nov SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group  
Livadi tou Pashia 11 incl 2 juvs bathing at well 20-Nov CR  
Psilo Dendro 1 in flight from pool area 17-Nov JN  
Troodos Meteorological Station 2 + 17-Nov SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group  
Troodos 2 17-Nov DJW/JN

**RED-FRONTED SERIN\*** *Serinus pusillus*  
Μαυροκανάρινο  
Anthoupolis, Nicosia 1 close to buffer zone opposite Pascal school 9-Dec VV (Rare Bird Report requested)

**CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*  
Τσακρόστρουθος



*Corn Bunting, Mandria, 11<sup>th</sup> December.*  
*Photograph by Tony Reeves*

Largest counts:  
Anarita Park 35 22-Dec CR/WAS  
Armou Hills 210 13-Dec CR  
Mandria 30 4-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 135 25-Dec CR

**REED BUNTING** *Emberiza schoeniclus*  
Καλαμοπιπίλλα  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 28-Dec CR/WAS  
Kouklia (Paphos) 1 2-Dec CDL  
Kouklia Desalination Plant (Paphos) 2 2-Dec CDL  
Zakaki Marsh 2 4-Dec JS  
Zakaki Marsh 1 6 & 28-Dec CDL/CR/WAS

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## **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 December, 7 recorders covered 16 wetlands (including one coastal site) across the island where 13968 birds, of 54 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Black-Headed Gull with 6382 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Greater Flamingo with 4408 individuals followed by the Eurasian Teal with 934 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was Akrotiri Lady's Mile with 6275 followed by Akrotiri Salt Lake with 2373 individuals. The most species abundant site was Larnaka Salt Lake with 26 different species being recorded there followed by Larnaka Sewage works with 21 species.

Akrotiri Marsh had only 1 recorded individual.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Water level</b>
<b>Paphos Lighthouse</b>	Colin Richardson	15-12-18	coastal
<b>Akrotiri Marsh</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	21-12-18	
<b>Akrotiri Meras</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	21-12-18	
<b>Akrotiri Salt lake</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	21-12-18	
<b>Akrotiri Lady's Mile</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	21-12-18	
<b>Bishop's Pool</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	21-12-18	
<b>Zakaki Pond</b>	Christina Ieronymidou	21-12-18	
<b>Larnaka Salt Lake</b>	Jane Stylianou	12-12-18	
<b>Larnaka Sewage Works</b>	Jane Stylianou	12-12-18	
<b>Oroklini Marsh</b>	Martin Hellicar	15-12-18	
<b>Evretou Dam</b>	Dave & Jan Walker	13-12-18	26%
<b>Asprokremnos Dam &amp; pools</b>	Colin Richardson	22-12-18	18%
<b>Mavrokolymbos Dam</b>	Dave & Jan Walker	13-12-18	43%
<b>Kannaviou Dam</b>	Dave & Jan Walker	13-12-18	9%
<b>Manglis Dam</b>	Jane Stylianou	3-12-18	
<b>Strakka Pools</b>	Markos Charalambides	4-12-18	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 2018	Little Grebe	Great Crested Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Cormorant	Shag	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Greater Flamingo
Paphos Lighthouse					1						
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake											2316
Akrotiri Lady's Mile		1		3						45	220
Bishop's Pool	10										
Zakaki Pond	1						1	12		3	
Larnaka Salt Lake				2				1		1	1497
Larnaka Sewage Works	22		15	13							297
Oroklini Marsh	6						9			1	78
Evretou Dam											
Asprokremnos Dam & pools		3		34						2	
Mavrokolymbos Dam	2			1						1	
Kannaviou Dam				1							
Manglis Dam											
Strakka Pools	8			40		2			1	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4408</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 2018	White-fronted Goose	Common Shelduck	Wigeon	Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Pintail	Shoveler	Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	Tufted Duck
Paphos Lighthouse											
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake		18			14			5			
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool				391	4			29		4	
Zakaki Pond				2				2			
Larnaka Salt Lake		9			1						
Larnaka Sewage Works	8			453	66	2	2	608	1	3	4
Oroklini Marsh				66	32		10	168			
Evretou Dam					22						
Asprokremnos Dam & pools	1		3	15	22		4				
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Kannaviou Dam											
Manglis Dam											
Strakka Pools				7	18						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 2018	Marsh Harrier	Hen Harrier	Moorhen	Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Pied Avocet	Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Golden Plover	Grey Plover	Kentish Plover
Paphos Lighthouse									29		
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Meras	1										
Akrotiri Salt lake		2								2	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool	1			3							
Zakaki Pond				1							
Larnaka Salt Lake	1		2	1				4		154	12
Larnaka Sewage Works		1		136		1					
Oroklini Marsh			4	110	5		24	27			
Evretou Dam				26							
Asprokremnos Dam & pools				38							
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Kannaviou Dam											
Manglis Dam			6	11							
Strakka Pools			1	9							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>12</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 2018	Greater Sand Plover	Ringed Plover	Little Stint	Dunlin	Ruff	Snipe	Whimbrel	Redshank	Greenshank	Green Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper
Paphos Lighthouse	4			1			1				1
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake											
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool											
Zakaki Pond											
Larnaka Salt Lake		3	34	42	1	2		50	1	1	
Larnaka Sewage Works											
Oroklini Marsh						1				1	
Evretou Dam											
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Kannaviou Dam											
Manglis Dam											
Strakka Pools											
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

WETLAND BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 2018	Ruddy Turnstone	Mediterranean Gull	Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Great Black-headed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Caspian Gull	Armenian Gull	Kingfisher	Grey Wagtail	TOTAL	Species Count
Paphos Lighthouse	1					12			1		51	9
Akrotiri Marsh									1		1	1
Akrotiri Meras						3					4	2
Akrotiri Salt lake						16					2373	7
Akrotiri Lady's Mile			6000	2		2	1	1			6275	9
Bishop's Pool											442	7
Zakaki Pond									1		23	8
Larnaka Salt Lake			345	2		6	85	24	1		2282	26
Larnaka Sewage Works			5		1	3	7	6			1654	21
Oroklini Marsh		1	32					6			581	18
Evretou Dam											48	2
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											122	9
Mavrokolymbos Dam											4	3
Kannaviou Dam									1	1	3	3
Manglis Dam											17	2
Strakka Pools											88	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6382</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13968</b>	<b>54</b>



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