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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

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 ianestycy@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 <u>BirdLife Cyprus Google</u> group to exchange and receive emails updating local and visiting birders about recent sightings https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/birdlifecyprusbirds

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

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

If you would like to join please click here.

Email: BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com

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

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

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

Jane Stylianou

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

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

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

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

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

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2020 BirdLife Cyprus Wall Calendar

For 2020, we have chosen to highlight birds from the wetlands of Cyprus.

Wetlands are of great ecological and economic value and are protected by International Conventions, European Directives and national laws. Although most of the wetlands in Cyprus are seasonal, be they natural or artificial, they are areas of great significance to birds. Every autumn and spring, they serve as stopover sites for thousands of migratory birds and they provide a wintering shelter for many wetland birds that arrive from further north to winter on our island. Some wetland sites also host key breeding birds, such as Spur-winged Lapwings.



2020

Πουλιά των Υγροτόπων της Κύπρου Wetland Birds

Size: 22 x 30 cm

Price: €7 for members or €10 for non-members (plus postage).

For orders, please visit www.birdlifecyprus.org/calendar2020

SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Winter/Spring 2019/2020 Schedule

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.

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November 2019

Saturday 30th November: Kidasi

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker, Mobile: 99915907 Griffon Vultures and winter visitors. Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

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

December 2019

Saturday 7th December: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893 Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am. Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/TZ1v4RHqSxQ2

January 2020

Saturday 18th January: Larnaca Sewage Works

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

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

Saturday 25th January: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: Christina Ieronymidou. Mobile: 99348369

Waterbirds and other winter visitors.

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

February 2020

Saturday 8th 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 22nd Feburary: Paphos Foothills

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker. Mobile: 99915907

Winter thrushes and finches.

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

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

March 2020

Saturday 14th March: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: Christina leronymidou. Mobile: 99348369
Late winter visitors, water birds and spring migrants.

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

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

Saturday 21st 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

Friday 27th March - Sunday 29th March: Karpasia Peninsula

Spring migrants and rare residents.

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

Meet11.00 am Oroklini Marsh Hide Car Park

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/dbEcEMEgFsEHPKa7A

Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides.

April 2020

Saturday 4th April: Larnaca Sewage Works & Oroklini Marsh

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

Saturday 11th April: Cape Greko PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides: Mobile: 99425050 Spring Migrants, Meet 8.00 am, Cape Greko Environmental Centre Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/zPRPnzJoxtB2

Friday 17th April - Monday 20th April (Cypriot Easter)

Saturday 18th 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

May 2020

Saturday 2nd May: 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

Saturday 9th May: Akrotiri Peninsula.

Leader: Christina Ieronymidou. Mobile: 99348369

Late spring migrants and water birds.

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

Saturday 16rd 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: Loria Phylakti, Tel: Mobile: 99413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

Mandria (Paphos Plain) Eurobirdwatch Day 6th October 2019

By Alan Crane

A total of 15 people attended this EuroBirdwatch Day event at Mandria Beach (called Paphos Plain for EuroBirdwatch) and were "treated" to the poorest number of birds I believe I have ever recorded for EuroBirdwatch at this site. We only logged 132 birds encompassing just 20 species. The commonest species seen were Hooded Crow (41 birds), Jackdaw (16 birds) and House Sparrow (12 birds).

What were the best birds seen during the stipulated 3 hour period? A superb Black Kite must come under this description. For a different reason, a Ringed Plover was also a good sighting. Waders are not too common at Mandria and Ringed Plovers even less so. Most of the group saw it fly past, close in front of us but not everyone was convinced about the identification. I felt certain that the wader had put down on the stoney beach a few hundred metres away. I left the group and rushed along the beachside track and indeed was able to locate the bird. This enabled me to confirm the ID as Ringed Plover.

Other interesting birds included 2 White Wagtails. Interesting because for some of the viewing group these were the first White Wagtails they had seen returning to Cyprus for this winter. Similarly, 6 Red Throated Pipits. Sadly the latter were only seen by a few people and not the whole group.

Having highlighted at the beginning of this report the low number of birds observed, I subsequently looked back at my EuroBirdwatch records for the previous three years. Remember, my log for this year was 132 birds of 20 different species. In 2016, my numbers were 824 and 27! But this is where the memory can play tricks, because in 2017 the numbers were only 206 and 22. In 2018 they were 201 and 20. So in one way my recollection was correct, the number of birds seen this year was my lowest total. However it could be argued - certainly in terms of the number of species seen - that this year was not much different to the last two years. In reality, the recent three years 2017/2018/2019 have all been poor. This at least fits with the story I have been telling other birdwatchers for some time, that bird numbers have been poor around Mandria for the past several years.

Even so, I still prefer birdwatching at Mandria compared to standing in the wind and rain wearing a wax jacket, boots and thick gloves whilst "freezing to death" trying to watch birds on the coast in England! Plus, in 2020 we will be back to 824 birds seen, won't we?



Larnaca & Oroklini Marsh Field Meeting Report 19th October 2019

By Stavros Christodoulides

At 9am, on a fine, sunny morning, members and friends gathered at the Larnaca Sewage Works Hide for our mid-Oct field trip to Larnaca and Oroklini Marsh. It was a great turnout, with 17 participants, and despite the strangely quiet autumn so far, Larnaca and Oroklini always have the potential for the unexpected.

Scoping the two pools it was evident that bird numbers were a little lower than usual. Despite this, there was a good selection of waterbirds, including some rather uncommon for the time of year species. We saw, three species of **Grebe**; **Little**, **Black-necked** and **Great Crested**, **Grey Heron**, **Marsh Harrier**, **Coot**, **Northern Lapwing**, **Spur-winged Lapwing**, **Ruff**, **Black-headed Gull**, **Armenian Gull** and **Yellow-legged Gull**. Duck numbers were disappointing with less than 100 **Mallard**, some **Teal** and just a single female **Shelduck** and **Pintail**. Two adult moulting **White-winged Terns** appeared briefly giving us great looks as the twice flew in front of us, very close to the Hide.

After an hour and a half or so we decided that it was time to move on. We headed to an area of alfalfa fields inland of Kiti Lighthouse where it can be good for migrants as well as winter visitors. Our target here was Red-throated Pipit and other Pipits, as this is usually a very good place for them. Arriving at the fields we parked our cars at the side of the road, got out and started walking along an area of short grass adjacent to the fields. Immediately we heard and saw small groups of Red-throated Pipits flushing from the nearby taller grass giving their distinctive high pitched "zieet" call. A Marsh Harrier flew over causing considerable alarm and tens of pipits took to the air, one gave the tell-tale "see-see'see" call of a Meadow Pipit. Pipits can be hard to identify, especially when they are hiding in tall grass, only giving fleeting or flight views but their call is often very distinctive or even unique. We still wanted to see a Red-throated Pipit on the ground and luckily for us a juvenile obliged, perching on the ground close to us giving prolonged views. We noted the heavy underside streaking, whiter belly (compared to Meadow Pipit) and two distinctive white tram lines on its back.

Our next and final stop was Oroklini Marsh, a 20 minute drive away. We parked beside the Main Hide and climbed inside. We had to share the hide with a number of visitors, but unlike the one Larnaca, this hide is large enough to accommodate birders and interested tourists alike. We set up our scopes and started scanning the pool. The water level was surprisingly high and there were good numbers of ducks and other waterbirds. Amongst other species we saw Little Grebe, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Greater Flamingo, Spoonbill, Mallard, Pintail, Teal, Shoveler, Common Pochard, Black-winged Stilt, Common Redshank, Water Rail and Moorhen. A couple of Common Kingfishers buzzed the hide while another perched obligingly on the nearby reedbeds. In the surrounding vegetation we had Cetti's and Willow Warblers as well as the usual Spanish Sparrow, House Sparrow and Great Tit.

At around 1230pm it was time to end the trip and we said our goodbyes on what was another enjoyable and very well attended Larnaca and Oroklini trip. Thanks to everyone for participating and I am looking forward to seeing you again next time!

Paphos Headland and Lighthouse Field Meeting 26th October 2019

By Kate Bloomer

Despite the previous few days of unsettled weather, the morning of the field trip dawned bright and calm when fifteen of us met at the CTO cafe car park on the headland.

As we started our walk along the headland we saw only **Hooded Crow** and **Common Kestrel** but soon saw **Crested Larks** and numerous **Goldfinch**, flying around in small flocks.

The **Whimbrel**, a bird that over-wintered at this location for many years, was then sighted on the rocks, close to the edge of the sea, but it seemed our interest in it caused it to fly a short distance west where it settled again, close to a foraging **Common Sandpiper** on the shoreline.

As we continued our walk there were numerous Crested Lark feeding beside the path and a male **Sardinian Warbler** was seen, calling from the top of a small bush. Numerous **Stonechats**, which arrived to overwinter a few weeks ago were seen flitting from stalk to stalk, making their distinctive call

A couple of late migrating **Northern Wheatear** were observed on the rocks below, presumably feeding up before the next step of their journey south. **Chiffchaff** and **Willow Warbler** were then seen feeding on the low bushes as four **Yellow-legged Gulls** flew overhead and a **Zitting Cisticola** flew by, calling as it went.

The next target birds were the three over-wintering **Greater Sand Plover** which tend to frequent the quieter point of the headland, but before we got there we saw the three flying past us, disturbed by a walker on the point. As we turned to walk back along the headland, a late **Whinchat** was seen on the rocks below, like the wheatears, probably contemplating the next leg of its journey south. Further along, three **White Wagtail** were seen below and immediately behind them on the rocks, a **Common Kingfisher**, always a joy to see. Feeding in the short grass on the slope down to the sea were three Red-throated Pipits which were then joined by a small flock of nine **Linnet**, the males looking wonderful in the morning sun.

Back in the car park we took the opportunity to take refreshments before our short car ride to the harbour, for the second part of the trip.

Once inside the Paphos Archaeological site, we took our normal route down the avenue of trees in front of the ruins of the Frankish Fort and overhead, a pair of Common Kestrel were circling and calling and on the adjacent bushes many Stonechat were flitting and calling as were many **Great Tits**, feeding high in the trees. A **European Robin** was heard in nearby bushes as many White Wagtail fed on the ground and we were delighted to briefly see a male **Common Redstart**, also on migration south. Further round the fort we saw many Chiffchaffs feeding high in the trees, accompanied by both male and female **Blackcap** as again Stonechat seemed to be on nearly every bush. Next seen was a juvenile **Red-backed Shrike**, perched high on a tall bush, making frequent forays down for insects, much to the delight of some of the group. As we watched the shrike another Common Redstart darted across our field of view to disappear deep in a bush. Many roosting **Wood Pigeon** were visible in the tall trees nearby.

House Sparrows were busily darting around as were a small number of **Spanish Sparrow**, Great Tit and our third Common Redstart was seen. More White Wagtail fed on the ground as we walked around the Odeon area as two noisy **Magpie** squawked overhead. As we continued towards the sea many more Stonechat, Crested Lark and House Sparrow were seen and amazingly two more Common Redstart, together with a further two juvenile Red-backed Shrikes.

As we concluded our walk towards the far south-western corner of the site, two more Northern Wheatear were seen around the excavations and as we made our way to the exit, a male Whinchat was seen feeding on the ground in the company of two further Northern Wheatear.

At the end of the walk it seemed that the participants had enjoyed the meeting and certainly, from our "recce" the day before, saw rather more species than we expected, a total of 26. As we were all rather warm at this point, it was unanimously agreed to retire to a nearby sea front bar, in the shade of a large tree, to take refreshments!

Akrotiri Peninsula Field Meeting Report 6th November 2019

By Victor Tjernberg

We all met up at Akrotiri Marsh by the hide, all in all 13 people participated on this sunny day's field trip. Almost immediately a **Marsh Harrier** swept in over the reeds looking for some breakfast. Down by the hide we were greeted not so much by birds but by a big cattle who was very interested in what we were doing there. A few **Coot** were messing around in the water outside the hide and we could enjoy the song from a couple of **Cetti's Warblers** from the reed. Along the path between the hide and the parking **Meadow Pipits** said hello with their characteristic "ist-ist-ist" and a cracking male **Stonechat** was sunbathing on a piece of straw, swaying from side to side in the moderate wind.

We left the hide and continued west towards the sea. Along the road a beautiful **Woodlark** flew up and perched on the roof of a shed next to the road, showing nicely for a moment. We then parked our cars at the Old Rabbits Farm and walked the road down toward the Gravel Pits a few hundred meters. Here we had very good observations of several Marsh Harriers that came really close to us. A male **Blackcap** created a lovely backdrop with his song, enhancing the feeling of spring in the air. Some **Kestrels** came and went in their search for a snack and a few **Zitting Cisticolas** and **Sardinian Warblers** took turn in chatting away behind us as well.

We then continued towards Bishop's Pool with a short stop by the Environmental Center for a look out over the Salt Lake. A few **Greater Flamingos** could be seen in the distance and the greenest of **Greenfinch** males sang from the top of his lungs from a treetop next to us. When turning in on the road up towards Bishop's Pool numerus **Song Thrushes** took off from the bushes next to the road. In the water we saw some **Ferruginous Ducks**, **Teal**, **Little Grebe** together with one **Shoveler** and one **Garganey**. After a cup of coffee we took a walk around the east part of the lake and a few **Robins** together with several Song Thrushes created a beautiful symphony to listen to. A few more Cetti's Warblers taunted us with their song but we did never manage to see one out in the open. But all of a sudden a little brown warbler came out from the reeds and after a few seconds it also started to sing a familiar tone, a **Reed Warbler!** Not a common bird in January in Cyprus so this was an interesting sighting!

After a tip-off we got word about two juvenile **White Pelicans** that were sitting on a field behind the Environmental Centre so we packed out cars and left for a chance of seeing these big birds up close. We were not disappointed. The two birds were sitting next to each other on a plowed field really close to the road so everyone (together with several non-birders) got a good look at them. At this point we were all a bit tired and we decided to call it the day. Together we managed to see 42 species this day.



BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 77



October's mystery bird is a thin-billed passerine with medium-long legs and tail, dark olive brown upperparts and paler, dark-spotted and streaked underparts. The overall shape/jizz and colouration are characteristic of one family of birds, the Pipits, a family which often provide a challenge to even the most experienced birders.

10 species have been recorded on the Island. Four species are common winter visitors or passage migrants while the other six are either rare or irregular visitors or vagrants. Four species; Richard's, Blyth's, Long-billed and Tawny Pipits are large, buff-coloured, show less contrast between underparts and upperparts and have fewer/fainter streaking. These four species can be excluded.

Of the six, one, Water Pipit has greyer plumage and dark legs while our mystery bird shows bright orange legs. Buff-bellied Pipit also shows darker (reddish-brown) legs, darker upperparts and a pale lore and can be ruled out. Adult Red-throated Pipits have a red or reddish throat but younger birds can be similar to our mystery bird. However, their lore is pale and the legs pinkish while the upperparts (not showing well in our photo) have two characteristic white "tram" lines. Olive-backed Pipit has a bold supercilium, buff-coloured in front of the eye and a plainer back. We are left with two similar, often confusing species. Tree Pipit is a common spring and autumn passage migrant while Meadow Pipit a very common winter visitor. Both species can be seen in October. Behaviour and habitat is often a good pointer but they can occur in each other's preferred habitat and can exhibit unusual behavior. The best way of identifying them is their call but when seen well they also show consistent plumage differences. Tree Pipit shows a thicker, stronger bill, pinkish legs, bolder supercilium while flank streaks are characteristically thinner than those on its breast. Our mystery bird shows orange legs, bold flank streaking and a short, rather indistinct supercilium, making it a **Meadow Pipit**.

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR OCTOBER 2019

Jane Stylianou

4224 bird records received

200 species and forms recorded October 2019, compared to 210 in October 2018.

[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 October 2019: Chukar, Black Francolin, Mallard, Little Grebe, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Great Cormorant, European Shag, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Common Kingfisher, Common Kestrel (124 reports), Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Barn Swallow, Cetti's Warbler, Eurasian Blackcap, Sardinian Warbler, Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, White Wagtail, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

COMMON QUAIL Coturnix coturnix Ορτύκι Mandria 2 flushed from fodder field 30-Oct CR

COMMON SHELDUCK Tadorna tadorna Αλάουρτος

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 13 & 16-Oct IKB/CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15, 19, 20 & 27-Oct JS/LAC

COMMON POCHARD Aythya farina

Κουντούρα

Bishop's Pool 1 male 21-Oct FM Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 14 16-Oct CR Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2m and 1f 15 & 17-Oct JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 7 16-Oct CR

Oroklini Marsh 1 f 19 & 20-Oct SC/LAC/BC field trip/MH Oroklini Marsh 2 25-Oct JS

FERRUGINOUS DUCK Aythya nyroca

Βαλτόπαπια

Bishop's Pool 1 6, 15 & 21-Oct VT/AG/CR/FM

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 13 16-Oct CR

Oroklini Marsh 1 14, 21 & 25-Oct IKB/LAC/JS

Oroklini Marsh 2 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20-Oct CR/LAC/MH

GARGANEY Spatula querquedula Μασουρατζιής

Agia Varvara 1 fem/eclipse 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 & 30-Oct CR/DJW/IKB
Akhna Dam 1 16-Oct CR
Akrotiri Marsh Present 1-Oct PSm
Bishops Pool 3+ 3-Oct PSm
Oroklini Marsh 1 16-Oct CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 16 eclipse plum 5-Oct CR

Zygi to Larnaca coast 2 11-Oct AG

NORTHERN SHOVELER Spatula clypeata Σαξάνα



Northern Shoveler, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 15th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta c200 14-Oct IKB

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant c620 16-Oct CR

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα Oroklini Marsh 2 17-Oct LAC

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope* Αουαπάσσιης

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 in flight 16-Oct TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run-off 16 & 22-Oct TRe/FM

NORTHERN PINTAIL Anas acuta Σουβλονούρα



Northern Pintail, Akrotiri Marsh, 16th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 3 fem/eclipse 24-Oct CR Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 in flight 16-Oct TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 Zakaki run-off 9-Oct AG

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 15 & 20-Oct JS Oroklini Marsh 7 25-Oct JS Syngrasi Dam 8 16-Oct CR

COMMON TEAL Anas crecca Σαρσέλλι Largest counts:

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 130 16-Oct CR

Syngrasi Dam 110 16-Oct CR

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούττης

Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 2 4, 14 & 28-Oct JS/IKB/DJW

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 3 16-Oct CR Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 18 & 21-Oct I AC

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 18, 19 & 20-Oct JS/SC/BC field trip

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* Μαυροβούττης



Black-necked Grebe, Kouklia Dam, 28th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Kouklia Dam 2 21-Oct LAC Kouklia Dam 1 28-Oct DJW Larnaca Sewage Works 2 17-Oct AG Larnaca Sewage Works 1 near breeding plumage 19-Oct SC/BC field trip/LAC

GREATER FLAMINGO Phoenicopterus roseus Φλαμίνγκο



Greater Flamingo, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 16th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c4000 5-Oct SC with L Sergides
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta, c350, 16-Oct

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta c350 16-Oct CR

Oroklini Marsh c225 18-Oct JWa

ROCK DOVE Columba livia Αρκοπέζουνο Avakas Gorge c30 9-Oct DJW Bishop's Pool 12 pure types 9-Oct CR Kensington Cliffs 6 5-Oct PSm

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE Streptopelia turtur Tpuyóvi

Karpasia Peninsula 4 Road to Cape Andreas tip 5-Oct JS Mandria 1 7-Oct CR Paphos Harbour 1 9-Oct AG

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 1-Oct LAC

LAUGHING DOVE Spilopelia senegalensis Φοινικοτρύγονο



Laughing Dove, Mandria, 14th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 5 27-Oct FGe

Mandria 10+ 14-Oct AG/LAC Oroklini Marsh 5 14-Oct JE

ALPINE SWIFT Tachymarptis melba Ασπροπετροχελίδονο

Nicosia, Engomi 7 15-Oct SC Nicosia, Engomi c20 18-Oct SC

PALLID SWIFT Apus pallidus

Στακτοπετροχελίδονο

Zakaki Marsh container park fields 1 2-Oct CR

Zakaki Marsh container park fields 4 9-Oct CR

COMMON SWIFT Apus apus

Πετροχελίδονο

Phassouri 1 5-Oct JE

COMMON CUCKOO Cuculus canorus

Κούκος

Mandria Beach 1 Seen perched in tree 15-Oct LAC

WESTERN WATER RAIL Rallus aquaticus Μαυροπουλάδα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 heard only 5-Oct SC

with L Sergides

Kamares Larnaca Salt Lake 2 heard only 27-Oct. FGe.

Phasouri Reed-beds 2 2, 15 & 19-Oct CR/JS

SPOTTED CRAKE Porzana porzana

Στικτοπουλάδα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 2-

Oct LAC

Akhna Dam 1 16-Oct JS

COMMON CRANE Grus grus Γερανός



Common Crane, Kouklia Dam, 13th October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Agia Varvara 53 flying high east 11-Oct CR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 14-Oct TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run-off 9-Oct TRe/LAC

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Circling over area 12:00 11-Oct JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run-off 15-Oct AG

Akrotiri Salt Lake c400 Left around 10:00 25-Oct CI/NK

Cape Greco 28 Flying E low along coast. Seen from Sea Caves 25-Oct JS

Dekeleia 100+ Heading W late afternoon 23-Oct STi

Dromolaxia 1 Flying W 7:00am 16-Oct JS

Engomi, Nicosia 300+ Heading S 17:35 23-Oct MC

Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 1 4-Oct JS

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 15 13-Oct IKB Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 13 15-Oct IKB

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 19 16 & 18-Oct CR/LAC

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 31 21-Oct LAC Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 28-Oct DJW Larnaca Salt Lake area c400 Assumed stayed overnight and part of the c1000 seen next day. This flock was seen looking for somewhere to land late afternoon 23-

Larnaca Salt Lake area 1000+ Assumed stayed overnight in area and left around 10:00am 24-Oct NK/GFS

Oct NK/GFS

Latchi Harbour 1 in off late in day 7-Oct AG

Meneou Pool c650 Feeding in fields behind pool. Started to leave in small groups from 10:15 am heading towards Cape Kiti and out to sea. All had left by 10:30 am. 25-Oct JS Oroklini Marsh 2 14-Oct IKB Pervolia 100+ heading low over seen 10km offshore from Pervolia. Seen from boat during by catch project 11-Oct AG RAF Akrotiri c400 24-Oct ABW RAF Akrotiri c75 25-Oct ABW

SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER Calonectris diomedea Πελαγόμυχος

Cape Kormakitis 64 with Nick Pegler 17-Oct CR

Cape Pomos 20 Seen from 17:30 to sunset 16-Oct JWa

Church Bay, Orga 20 flying west 18-Oct CR

Offshore Akamas coast 25 8-Oct AG Offshore Paphos coast 5 9-Oct AG Polis Chrysochou Bay 9 7-Oct AG Zygi to Larnaca coast 2 11-Oct AG

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan* Μύχος της Μεσογείου Cape Kormakitis 3 with Nick Pegler 17-Oct CR

Church Bay, Orga 1 east 18-Oct CR

BLACK STORK *Ciconia nigra* Μαύρος Πελαργός

Achna Dam 1 25-Oct NK/GFS
Phasouri Bee-hives 1 Seen circling and
gaining height towards Akrotiri Salt Lake 11Oct JS/LAC

WHITE STORK Ciconia ciconia Λευκός Πελαργός



White Stork, Akrotiri Marsh, 11th October. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Agios Theodoros 2 Flying along coast towards Larnaca 26-Oct EM

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 11-Oct ABW

Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 rising over run off for about an hour in morning then three seen later around 16:00 8-Oct VT

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Seen high over run-off area 11-Oct JS

Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 1 4, 13 & 28-Oct JS/IKB/DJW

Limassol 1 flew low over motorway towards Akrotiri 13-Oct ADT Mandria Beach 1 13-Oct LAC

Phasouri Bee-hives 3 In distance gaining height in area of main Salt Lake. 13:45 - 16:30 8-Oct JS

Phasouri Bee-hives 2 Raptor count 10-Oct ADT/JE

EURASIAN SPOONBILL Platalea

leucorodia Κουταλάς



Eurasian Spoonbill, Kouklia Dam, 13th October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 Zakaki run-off 3 & 4-Oct TRe

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 31 4 groups 16-Oct CR

Larnaca Salt Lake 10 10-Oct JS Oroklini Marsh 2 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21-Oct JS/IKB/CR/LAC/JWa/SC/BC field trip/MH

GLOSSY IBIS Plegadis falcinellus

Χαλκόκοτα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 2, 6, 8, 9, 10 & 14-Oct LAC/VT/ABW/LAC Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 11-Oct LAC

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 30 & 31-Oct TRe/JS/APL

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run-off 4-Oct TRe

Akrotiri Shipwreck Coast 1 flying over 5-Oct SC with L Sergides Phasouri Bee-hives 8 4-Oct LAC

EURASIAN BITTERN Botaurus stellaris Βουρωδιός



Eurasian Bittern, Kouklia Dam, 13th October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Agia Varvara 1 flushed from reeds near ford 24-Oct CR
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 13-Oct IKB
Limassol to Zygi coast 2 migrating over sea. Seen from boat 10-Oct AG

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron juv, Kouklia Dam. 15th October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Asprokremmos Dam 1 27-Oct AFo Bishop's Pool 3 subads 15-Oct CR Fresh Water Lake 1 Juv 4-Oct JS Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 15-Oct IKB Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 9 28-Oct DJW Latchi Harbour 1 in off late in day 7-Oct AG

Oroklini Marsh 1 imm in flight at dusk 18-Oct JWa Potamia Riverbed 2 5-Oct FGe

Pyla 11 14-Oct IKB Zakaki Marsh 1 23-Oct FM Zygi Harbour 1 Heard early am 11-Oct AG

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides* Βορτακοφάς Akhna Dam 1 16-Oct CR

Fresh Water Lake 3 One juv 4-Oct JS

PURPLE HERON Ardea purpurea

Πορφυροψαροφάς Achna Dam 1 juv 12-Oct FGe Bishop's Pool 2 1stW 9-Oct CR Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 14 & 28-Oct IKB/DJW

Lady's Mile 1 6-Oct VT
Latchi Harbour 2 in off late in day 7-Oct
AG

Paphos Harbour 1 9-Oct AG

GREAT WHITE EGRET Ardea alba

Χανούμισσα



Great White Egret, Kouklia Dam, 13th October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Agios Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 4 4-Oct JS Akrotiri Marsh 5 24-Oct ABW

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 16 16-Oct CR Lady's Mile 10 6-Oct VT/EBW

GREAT WHITE PELICAN Pelecanus

onocrotalus Ροδοπελεκάνος Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 13, 14, 15, 16 & 18-Oct IKB/CR/LAC Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 21 & 28-Oct LAC/DJW

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE Burhinus

oedicnemus Τρουλλουρία
Mandria 12 3-Oct LAC
Mandria 7 4 & 27-Oct LAC
Mandria 2 5, 13 & 22-Oct LAC/AG
Mandria 3 6, 7 & 12-Oct LAC
Mandria 1 10-Oct LAC
Mandria 4 11-Oct CR
Mandria 8 23-Oct LAC

Zygi Harbour 1 Heard early am 11-Oct AG

PIED AVOCET Recurvirostra avosetta Αβοκέτα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 15-Oct AG Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 28-Oct DJW

BLACK-WINGED STILT Himantopus

himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 19 6-Oct VT
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 6 13-Oct IKB
Oroklini Marsh 6 20-Oct MH
Syngrasi Dam 6 16-Oct CR

GREY PLOVER Pluvialis squatarola





Grey Plover, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, Oct 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Max count per location:

Agia Trias 1 16-Oct JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 9 With Red Knot. May have been 11 but very mobile 19-Oct JS Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 North side 8 & 15-Oct VT/AG

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 14 & 15-Oct IKB

Paphos Headland 1 8-Oct AG

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER Pluvialis apricaria Χρυσοπλουμίδι Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 flew over towards Akrotiri Gravel Pits 15-Oct CR

Mandria 2 on shore 16:40 15-Oct JWa

COMMON RINGED PLOVER Charadrius

hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40 17:15 - 18:00. Came to bathe in pool near reeds at run off 11-Oct JS

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta c50 14-Oct IKB Lady's Mile 12 11-Oct JS

Latchi Harbour 1 heard 13-Nov AG Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 4 25-Oct JS Mandria Beach 1 6-Oct LAC

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER Charadrius

dubius Λιμνοπλουμίδι Achna Dam 8 12-Oct FGe Jumbo Canal Livadia 2 12-Oct FGe Jumbo Canal Livadia 4 19-Oct LAC Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 11 13 & 21-Oct IKB/LAC

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 8 14-Oct IKB Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 4 15-Oct IKB Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 18-Oct LAC Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 16-Oct CR

GREATER SANDPLOVER Charadrius leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμίδι



Greater Sandplover, Paphos Headland, 11th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Agia Trias, Famagusta 1 16 & 25-Oct JS Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 4 16-Oct JS

Paphos Headland 3 11, 17, 26 & 27-Oct DJW/IKB/LAC/AFo

NORTHERN LAPWING Vanellus vanellus

Γιαννής



Northern Lapwing, Kouklia Dam, 13th October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 14-Oct JE Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 9 31-Oct FM Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 13 16-Oct CR Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19-Oct SC/BC field trip/LAC Mandria Beach 18 28-Oct LAC Syngrasi Dam 1 16-Oct CR

WHIMBREL Numenius phaeopus Φαιομπεκάτσα Latchi Harbour 1 heard 7-Oct AG Paphos Headland 1 2, 11, 15, 17, 26 & 27-Oct PSm/DJW/LAC/IKB/AFo/CR

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata* Νερομπεκάτσα Spiros Beach 2 Flying W along coast 18-Oct JS

BAR-TAILED GODWIT Limosa lapponica Θαλασσολιμόζα



Bar-tailed Godwit, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 23rd October. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 10, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 23-Oct JE/TRe/JS/FM

RUDDY TURNSTONE Arenaria interpres Χαλικονεραλλίδι

Paphos Lighthouse 2 1 ad, 11st w 27-Oct CR

RED KNOT Calidris canutus Κοκκινονεραλλίδι



Red Knot, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 19th October. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 19-Oct JS/JE Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 North side 15-Oct VT/AG/CR

RUFF Calidris pugnax Μαχητής Largest counts: Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 15-Oct AG Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 8 4-Oct JS Larnaca Sewage Works 7 10-Oct JS

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER Calidris falcinellus Pαβδονεραλλίδι Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 1 10-Oct AnG

CURLEW SANDPIPER Calidris ferruginea Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 North side 8-Oct VT Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 north side 15-Oct VT/AG

Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 1 4-Oct JS Lady's Mile 2 23-Oct FM

TEMMINCK'S STINT Calidris temminckii Σταχτονεραλλίδι



Temminck's Stint, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 3rd October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 2, 3, 9 & 15-Oct TRe/AG

Lady's Mile 2 3, 9 & 14-Oct PSm/CR/LAC Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 6+ 19 & 25-Oct LAC/JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Oct CR

SANDERLING Calidris alba

Λευκονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run-off 4, 8, 11 & 14-Oct TRe/JS/LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 9 & 15-Oct
TRe/VT/AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 16-Oct
FM

Lady's Mile 1 1-Oct VT Lady's Mile 2 23-Oct FM

DUNLIN Calidris alpina Λασπονεραλλίδι Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 57 North side 15-Oct AG/VT

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 3 21-Oct LAC Lady's Mile 40+ 28-Oct JS

LITTLE STINT Calidris minuta

Νανονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40+ 17:15 - 18:00 Came to bathe in pool near reeds at run off 11-Oct JS

Lady's Mile 20+ 11-Oct JS

COMMON SNIPE Gallinago gallinago

Πικατσόνι



Common Snipe, Agia Varvara, 21st October. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 9 28-Oct CR Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 8 29-Oct TRe

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta c20 13-Oct IKB Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 18 16-Oct CR

GREEN SANDPIPER Tringa ochropus Δασονεραλλίδι



Green Sandpiper, Agia Varvara, 21st October. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara, Paphos 6 27-Oct IKB Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 4 25-Oct JS

SPOTTED REDSHANK Tringa erythropus Μαυρονεραλλίδι



Spotted Redshank, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 11th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12 together in mixed flock with Greenshanks 5-Oct SC with L Sergides

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 18 10 & 11-Oct JE/JS/TRe

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 14 With the 7 greenshank, an impressive sight 2-Oct LAC

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 16 4-Oct LAC

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 flew towards Salt Lake early am 15-Oct .IWa

Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 15-Oct CR Oroklini Marsh 1 18 & 19-Oct LAC Oroklini Marsh 4 20-Oct LAC Oroklini Marsh 2 21-Oct LAC

COMMON GREENSHANK Tringa

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι Akhna Dam 4 16-Oct JS

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 13 together in mixed flock with Spotted Redshanks 5-Oct SC with L Sergides

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 11-Oct JS Akrotiri Marsh 15+ 1-Oct PSm

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 7 2-Oct LAC

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 9-Oct LAC

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 9 14-Oct LAC

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 6 flew towards Salt Lake early am 15-Oct JWa

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 15-Oct CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 North side 15-Oct VT/AG

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 16-Oct FM

Oroklini Marsh 1+ Together with Spotted Redshanks, 13 birds in total 18-Oct LAC

COMMON REDSHANK Tringa totanus

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 flew towards Salt Lake early am 15-Oct JWa

Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 Northern edge 8-Oct JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-Oct JS Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Heard 15-Oct

Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 1 19 & 25-Oct LAC/JS

Oroklini Marsh 8 20-Oct MH

WOOD SANDPIPER Tringa glareola

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Achna Dam 2 12-Oct FGe

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 29-Oct TRe

Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 4 4-Oct JS Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 5 16-Oct CR

Oroklini Marsh c12 20-Oct MH

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis* Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Oct CR

Oroklini Marsh 1 10-Oct JS

LITTLE GULL Hydrocoloeus minutus Νανόγλαρος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv, flew in and roosted adjacent to Slender-bills 15-Oct CR

SLENDER-BILLED GULL Larus genei

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος Akrotiri Salt Lake 410 2-Oct CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 230 est 9-Oct CR Akrotiri Salt Lake 200 est 15-Oct CR

Lady's Mile 5 25-Oct JE

Polis Chrysochou Bay 19 west 5-Oct CR Zvoi to Larnaca coast 2 11-Oct AG

BLACK-HEADED GULL Larus ridibundus Χωραφόγλαρος

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c50 15-Oct CR Lady's Mile 50+ 28-Oct JS Latchi Harbour 80+ late in day 7-Oct AG Polis Chrysochou Bay 60+ 7-Oct AG

MEDITERRANEAN GULL Larus melanocephalus Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος Lady's Mile 1 24-Oct TRe Spiros Beach 1 15-Oct JS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii* Νησόγλαρος Karpasia Peninsula 2 5-Oct JS

Baltic Gull Larus fuscus fuscus Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής Latchi Harbour 3 late in day 7-Oct AG Offshore Akamas coast 1 8-Oct AG Polis Chrysochou Bay 11 7-Oct AG

ARMENIAN GULL Larus armenicus

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 14-Oct LAC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6+ 15-Oct AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 22-Oct
FM

Lady's Mile 2 24-Oct TRe Larnaca Sewage Works 2 10, 18 & 19-Oct JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 3rd cy 19-Oct SC/BC field trip/LAC Limassol Harbour 4 10-Oct AG Oroklini Marsh 2 25-Oct JS

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος Κασπίας Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 3rd year type 5-Oct CR

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN

Gelochelidon nilotica Γελογλάρονο Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 4 & 15-Oct TRe/AG Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8 & 11-Oct VT/JS Akrotiri Salt Lake 13 9-Oct CR

WHISKERED TERN Chlidonias hybrid Λιμνογλάρονο



Whiskered Tern, Kouklia Dam, 28th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:
Achna Dam 1 12 & 16-Oct FGe/JS/CR
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 25-Oct JE/TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake c30 Zakaki run-off 15-Oct TRe
Asprokremmos Dam 2 27-Oct AFo
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 6 28-Oct DJW

WHITE-WINGED TERN Chlidonias leucopterus Αργυρογλάρονο Max count per location:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 1 adult moulting, 2 juvenile 5-Oct SC with L Sergides Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 28-Oct DJW Larnaca Sewage Works 2 near breeding plumage 19-Oct SC/BC field trip/LAC

ARCTIC SKUA Stercorarius parasiticus Γερακοληστόγλαρος Cape Pomos 2 Pale phase ad types heading W together 17:56 16-Oct JWa

COMMON BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι Kalavasos 1 23-Sep HM

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL Otus scops Θουπί Kamares (Tala) 1 Calling 1, 6, 7, 16, 19 & 20-Oct DJW

OSPREY Pandion haliaetus Ψαραετός



Osprey, Kouklia Dam, 13th October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Achna Dam 1 12-Oct FGe
Akamas offshore 1 juv 8-Oct AG
Kouklia Dam 2 13 & 18-Oct IKB/LAC
Kouklia Dam 1 15 & 16-Oct IKB/CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew over
heading W 20-Oct JS
Phasouri Bee-hives 1 10-Oct ADT

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD Pernis apivorus Μελισσοσιάχινο



European Honey Buzzard, Phasouri, 2nd October. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Environmental Centre 32 2-Oct LAC

Akrotiri peninsula 29 Raptor count 4-Oct ADT

Phasouri Bee-hives 31 2-Oct LAC

SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE Circaetus gallicus Φιδαετός

Akrotiri 1 seen offshore circling over tip and heading S high over boat 9-Oct AG Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 prob this species 13-Oct RoB Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 west side, by Pluto masts, coming from nearby roost? 9-Oct CR Bishop's Pool 1 Low over pool and continued S 3-Oct VT

Phasouri Bee-hives 2 Three seen but one probably same as one seen earlier. 13:45 - 16:30 8-Oct JS/VT

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας Agios Ioannis 7 appeared 9:30 and rose up together 27-Oct CR Kelokedara 10 north of village soaring over road and landing on roadside cliffs 19-Oct RoB

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE Clanga

pomarina Κραυγαετός

Akrotiri Salt Lake pluto masts 1 dark juv, over trees 14:20h, then dropped out of sight 2-Oct CR

BONELLI'S EAGLE Aquila fasciatus



Bonelli's Eagle, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 22nd October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akoursos 2 27-Oct IKB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 22-Oct TRe
Anarita Park 2 14-Oct AG
Armou Hills 2 ads 29-Oct CR
Asprokremmos Dam 2 adult pair 6-Oct
DJW

Kamares (Tala) 1 10-Oct DJW Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 juv 16-Oct CR

Marathounta 1 subad. 20 & 23-Oct CR Secret Valley Golf Course 2 11-Oct RAt Xtreme View Café, Diarizos Valley 2 over valley to north, pair ads 18-Oct CR

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER Circus aeruginosus Βαλτοσιάχινο



Western Marsh Harrier, Kouklia Dam, 13th October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

102 reports received for this species for Oct. Largest counts:
Akrotiri peninsula 17 4-Oct ADT
Phasouri Bee-hives 50 11-Oct LAC

HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus Ορνιθοσιάχινο



Hen Harrier, Kouklia Dam, 18th October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Kouklia Dam 1 13, 14 & 18-Oct IKB/LAC Potamia 1 fem/juv 12-Oct FGe

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus* Καμποσιάχινο Mandria Beach 1 13-Oct LAC Phasouri Bee-hives 1 9 & 13-Oct LAC/JE

LEVANT SPARROWHAWK* *Accipiter brevipes* Σαΐνι Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv. North side 15-Oct AG/VT Rare bird report required

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK Accipiter nisus Ξεφτέρι



Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Phasouri, 5th October. Photograph by John East.

Max count per location: Agia Varvara 1 11 & 19-Oct RAt/IKB Akrotiri peninsula 3 Raptor count 4-Oct ADT Anarita Mast 1 27-Oct IKB Argaka Dam 1 Or possibly Goshawk. High up and hard to tell 10-Oct RAt Armou Hills 1 10-Oct CR Avakas Gorge 1 9-Oct DJW Bishop's Pool 1 7 & 21-Oct ABW/FM Karpasia Peninsula 1 Agios Phylonas -Afrendika 6-Oct JS Kidasi 1 18-Oct CR Marathounta Hills 1 31-Oct CR Paphos Sewage Plant 1 21-Oct CR Phasouri Bee-hives 5 16-Oct FM Secret Valley Golf Course 1 11-Oct RAt Troodos 1 16-Oct JE

NORTHERN GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis Διπλοσιάχινο Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 16-Oct TRe Evretou Dam 2 circling with two LLBuzrads and then one chased a woodpigeon 13-Oct JWa

BLACK KITE Milvus migrans Γυπογεράκα



Black Kite, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 22nd October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Agia Varvara 1 30-Oct DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2 & 22-Oct CR/TRe
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
13-Oct RoB

Akrotiri peninsula 1 Raptor count 1-Oct ADT

Akrotiri peninsula 4 Raptor count 4-Oct ADT

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 2-Oct CR Bishop's Pool 3 at roost early am 21-Oct VT

Bishop's Pool 1 Juvenile 31-Oct JS/APL Mandria Beach 1 6-Oct LAC/DJW Marathounta 1 over Konia direction 13-Oct CR

Phasouri Bee-hives 4 4-Oct LAC
Phasouri Bee-hives 7 9-Oct LAC
Phasouri Bee-hives 1 16 & 19-Oct FM/JS

Steppe Buzzard Buteo buteo vulpinus Στεπογερακίνα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 22-Oct TRe Akrotiri Salt Lake pluto masts 1 2-Oct CR Phasouri Bee-hives 1 2-Oct LAC

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD Buteo rufinus Διπλογέρακο

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 2 28-Oct MH
Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 2 10Oct FGe/SC
Evretou Dam 2 13-Oct JWa/RAt
Goudhi 3 11-Oct RAt

Marathounta 2 ads 29-Oct CR Panagia Stazousa 2 10-Oct JS Phasouri Bee-hives 3 11-Oct LAC

COMMON HOOPOE Upupa epops



Common Hoopoe, Asprokremmos Dam,6th October. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Achna Dam 2 12-Oct FGe Armou Hills 1 20-Oct IKB Asprokremmos Dam 2 6-Oct DJW Evretou Dam 1 13-Oct RAt Kouklia Dam 1 14-Oct IKB Mandria 2 7-Oct CR

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER Merops apiaster Μελισσοφάγος

Largest counts and two latest reports: Akrotiri Environmental Centre 50+ 2-Oct LAC

Akrotiri Salt Lake c30 8-Oct VT Phasouri Bee-hives 46+ 13:45 - 16:30 8-Oct JS

Phasouri Bee-hives 3 16-Oct FM RAF Akrotiri 1 31-Oct ABW

EUROPEAN ROLLER Coracias garrulus Κράγκα

Karpasia Peninsula 4 Road to Cape Andreas tip 5-Oct JS

EURASIAN WRYNECK Jynx torquilla Θερκοπούλλι

Asprokremmos Dam 1 11-Oct CR Livera Spring 1 18-Oct CR

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni* Κιρκινέζι

Anarita Park 2 2-Oct PSm Paphos Headland 1 2-Oct PSm Phasouri Bee-hives 1 8 & 10-Oct JS/JE Phasouri Bee-hives 2 9-Oct LAC

RED-FOOTED FALCON Falco vespertinus Μαυροφάλκονο



Red-footed Falcon, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 9th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri 40+ seen offshore circling over tip and heading S high over boat 9-Oct AG Bishop's Pool 40+ Roosting at dawn 11-Oct VT Phasouri Bee-hives 45 11-Oct LAC

Phasouri Bee-hives 45 11-Oct LAC Phasouri plantations c100 11-Oct NK/GFS

ELEONORA'S FALCON Falco eleonorae Μαυρομμάτης



Eleonora's Falcon, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 3rd October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 11 14-Oct LAC Kensington Cliffs 15 5 & 9-Oct PSm/CR

MERLIN Falco columbarius Νανοφάλκονο Armou Hills 1 smaller than adjacent Kestrels, flying fast and low 13-Oct CR Paramali 1 8-Oct VT

EURASIAN HOBBY Falco subbuteo

Δεντροφάλκονο Largest counts: Kamares (Tala) 5 2 & 4-Oct DJW Phasouri Bee-hives 8 Raptor count 10-Oct ADT

PEREGRINE FALCON Falco peregrinus Ζάνος

Agios Ioannis 2 pair 27-Oct CR Akrotiri 1 seen offshore circling over tip and heading S high over boat 9-Oct AG Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Oct SC with L Seroides

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Northern edge 8-Oct JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 16-Oct FM

Agios Sozomenos 1 26-Oct FGe Bishop's Pool 1 Juvenile 31-Oct JS/APL Church Bay, Orga 1 off sea 17-Oct CR Kidasi 2 18-Oct CR

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 pair flushed from tree 16-Oct CR Mandria 1 7-Oct CR Offshore Akamas coast 1 8-Oct AG

RED-BACKED SHRIKE Lanius collurio Κεφαλάς



Red-backed Shrike, Androlikou, 12th October. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Achna Dam 2 one female and one late hatched juvenile 12-Oct FGe
Anarita Park 1 1stW 11-Oct CR
Armou Hills 1 juv 4-Oct CR
Karpasia Peninsula 2 Juvs. Road to Cape
Andreas tip 5-Oct JS
Karpasia Peninsula 1 juv. Around Koca
Reis hotel 6-Oct JS
Lady's Mile 1 Juv 11-Oct JS
Mandria 1 2-Oct PSm
Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 1 19-Oct
FGe

Paphos Headland 1 juvenile 29-Oct LAC Paphos Sewage Plant 1 19-Oct IKB

MASKED SHRIKE Lanius nubicus Δακκαννούρα



Masked Shrike juv, Paphos Sewage Plant, 19th October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 5 three adults and two juveniles 7-Sep FGe
Armou Hills 4 ads,juvs 1 & 4-Sep CR
Karpasia 10 5-Sep NCP

EURASIAN JAY Garrulus glandarius Κίσσα



Eurasian Jay, October 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Max count per location:
Almyrolivado 2 21-Oct JS
Botanical gardens Troodos 3 3-Oct PSm
Livadi tou Pashia 5 8-Oct JS
Mandra tou Kampiou East 1 5-Oct FGe
Panagia Picnic Site 4 6-Oct ABW
Platania 1 18 & 21-Oct CR/JS
Upper Ezousas Gorge 4 26-Oct ABW

COMMON RAVEN Corvus corax Κλόκκαρος Church Bay, Orga 2 over 17-Oct CR Church Bay, Orga 2 pair, on hills behind 18-Oct CR Rizokarpasos 3 5-Oct MC

COAL TIT *Periparus ater Cypriotes* Πέμπετσος



Coal Tit, October 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Max count per location:
Almyrolivado picnic area, Giant Junipers
20 18-Oct CR
Artemis Trail 19 31-Oct AFo
Livadi tou Pashia 16 31-Oct DJW
Lythrodontas dam 12 5-Oct FGe
Mandra tou Kampiou East 11 5-Oct FGe
Panagia Picnic Site 10 13-Oct ABW
Platania 4+ 29-Oct JS

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT Remiz pendulinus Υφάντρα Zakaki Marsh 1 Heard 31-Oct JS/APL

CALANDRA LARK Melanocorypha calandra Μαυροτράσιηλος Kouklia Dam 1 14-Oct IKB

LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK Alaudala rufescens Ερημοτρασιηλούδα



Lesser Short-toed Lark, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 23rd October. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 maybe two 23-Oct SS/TRe/JS/ABW
Mandria 1 Also presumed same individual on 31/10 29-Oct DHP

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK

Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασιηλούδα Mandria c15 2-Oct IKB Mandria 1 10, 13 & 28-Oct LAC/AG/DHP Pervolia fields 8 In flight and calling 28-Oct JS

WOODLARK Lullula arborea

Πευκοτρασιήλα Anarita Park 5 27-Oct IKB Kouklia Dam 1 14-Oct IKB Marathounta Hills 4 31-Oct CR

EURASIAN SKYLARK Alauda arvensis

Τρασιήλα Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 over 15-Oct CR Mandria 2 14-Oct AG Mandria 14 27-Oct LAC Mandria 20+ 28-Oct LAC Mandria 26 30-Oct CR Paphos Sewage Plant 1 24-Oct CR Paphos Headland 1 27-Oct AFo Spiros Pool 2 18-Oct JS Spiros Fields 1 19-Oct SC with BC field trip

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιανούδι Agia Varvara 1 in reeds 22-Oct CR

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus Καλαμομουγιανούδι Akrotiri Marsh 1 1-Oct PSm Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 11-Oct TRe Bishop's Pool 1 15-Oct AG/VT Mandria 1 tchk call, seen 30-Oct CR Potamia Riverbed 2 5-Oct FGe

NORTHERN HOUSE MARTIN Delichon urbicum Ασπροχελίδονο Akrotiri Salt Lake pluto masts 5 2-Oct CR Mandria c40 2-Oct IKB

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW Cecropis daurica Μιλτοχελίδονο



Red-rumped Swallow, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 2nd October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts and last reports:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 15Oct TRe
Larnaca Salt Lake c20 10-Oct JS
Mandria 1 14-Oct AG
Phasouri Bee-hives 21 4-Oct LAC
Zakaki Marsh container park fields 20 2Oct CR

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN Ptyonoprogne rupestris Βραχοχελίδονο Amiantos Asbestos Mine 2 5-Sep ME Giant Juniper 6 5-Sep ME Troodos Village 3 5-Sep ME

(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN Riparia riparia Οχθοχελίδονο Largest counts and last reports: Akrotiri Salt Lake pluto masts 10 2-Oct CR Phasouri Bee-hives 3 11-Oct JS Zakaki Marsh container park fields 10 9-Oct CR

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογιαννούδι



Wood Warbler, Troodos, 18th October. Photograph by John East.

Almyrolivado picnic area, Giant Junipers 1 18-Oct CR Troodos 1 3, 8, 16 & 18-Oct JE WILLOW WARBLER Phylloscopus trochilus Θαμνογιαννούδι Largest counts: Agia Varvara 11 28-Oct CR Armou Hills 9 10-Oct CR Bishop's Pool 7 4-Oct ABW

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF Phylloscopus collybita Μουγιαννούδι Largest counts: Agia Varvara 12 30-Oct DJW Armou Hills 11 29-Oct CR Mandria 34 30-Oct CR

LESSER WHITETHROAT Sylvia curruca Συκαλλίδι

Paphos Sewage Plant 12 24-Oct CR

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 18-Oct TRe Armou Hills 1 4-Oct CR Armou Hills 3 13-Oct CR Armou Hills 2 14-Oct CR Bishop's Pool 1 15-Oct CR Cape Greco 1 18-Oct JWa Karpasia Peninsula 3 Near Koca Reis hotel 5-Oct JS Karpasia Peninsula 1 Road to Cape Andreas tip 5-Oct JS Karpasia Peninsula 2 Around Koca Reis hotel 6-Oct JS Mandria Beach 1 28-Oct LAC Marathounta Hills 1 31-Oct CR Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 9 & 25-Oct DJW Paphos Headland 3 25-Oct IKB

CYPRUS WARBLER Sylvia melanothorax Τρυπομάζης

Agios Ioannis 1 fem type 27-Oct CR
Armou Hills 1 juv/fem 4-Oct CR
Asprokremmos Dam 1 male 21-Oct CR
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Around Koca Reis
hotel 6-Oct JS
Kensington Cliffs 1 5-Oct PSm
Livera – Orga 3 17-Oct CR
Lythrodontas dam 1 5-Oct FGe
Mandra tou Kampiou East 1 5-Oct FGe
Marathounta Hills 1 fem type 8-Oct CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 female 9 & 25-Oct
DJW

Panagia Stazousa 3 10-Oct JS

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT

Sylvia communis Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15-Oct JS Paphos Headland 1 29-Oct LAC SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER Certhia

brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης

Short-toed Treecreeper, Troodos, 8th October. Photograph by John East.

Almyrolivado picnic area, Giant Junipers 2 18-Oct CR Artemis Trail 3 31-Oct AFo Livadi tou Pashia 1 8-Oct JS Livadi tou Pashia 2 31-Oct DJW Pano Platres 3 3-Oct PSm Platania Forest Stn 1 h 18-Oct CR

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο



Northern Wren, Troodos, 3rd October. Photograph by John East.

Almyrolivado picnic area, Giant Junipers 1 heard 18-Oct CR
Artemis Trail 1 31-Oct AFo
Livadi tou Pashia 2 8, 21 & 29-Oct JS
Livadi tou Pashia 3 31-Oct DJW
Panagia Picnic Site 1 6-Oct ABW
Platania Forest Stn 1 singing 18-Oct CR
Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail) 2 31-Oct
DJW

COMMON STARLING Sturnus vulgaris Λαζούρι

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 30-Oct TRe

Paphos Sewage Plant 9 26-Oct LAC Paphos Sewage Plant 12 29-Oct LAC

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus* Τριζάρα Artemis Trail 3 31-Oct AFo

SONG THRUSH Turdus philomelos Τζίηκλα Mandria (Platres) c10 31-Oct DJW Mandria Beach 1 28-Oct LAC Paphos Lighthouse 1 25-Oct IKB

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD Turdus merula ♂ Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα) Almyrolivado 1 18 & 21-Oct CR/JS Artemis Trail 1 31-Oct AFo Livadi tou Pashia 1 8 & 29-Oct JS Livadi tou Pashia 2 21-Oct JS Livadi tou Pashia 3 31-Oct DJW Platania Forest Stn 2 18-Oct CR Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail) 1 31-Oct DJW Troodos 1 8-Oct JE

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Muscicapa

striata Μουγιοφάς Argaka Dam 1 10-Oct RAt Armou Hills 1 1-Oct CR Asprokremmos Dam 1 2-Oct PSm Asprokremmos Dam 2 3 & 6-Oct LAC/DJW Asprokremmos Dam 3 7-Oct LAC Agia Napa football grounds 2 4-Oct PSm Baths of Aphrodite 1 4-Oct DJW Cape Greco 1 4-Oct PSm Goudi 1 8-Oct RAt Mandria Beach 1 6.7 & 10-Oct LAC Paphos Sewage Plant 1 6-Oct SM Smygies 5 4-Oct DJW Stavrovouni Monastery 1 1-Oct PSm Tamassos Dam 1 5-Oct FGe

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula* Κοτσινολαίμης



European Robin, October 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

First reports and largest counts:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 16-Oct JS
Cape Greco 1 flew near boat during by
catch survey 13-Oct AG
Kannaviou Dam c20 26-Oct ABW
Marathounta 10 23-Oct CR
Mavrokolymbos 11 25-Oct DJW
Panagia Picnic Site 10 27-Oct ABW
Troodos 1 11-Oct JE
Upper Ezousas Gorge c20 26-Oct ABW

BLUETHROAT Cyanecula svecica Γαλαζολαίμης



Bluethroat, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 14th October Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Achna Dam 1 12, 16 & 20-Oct FGe/JS/LAC Agia Varvara 1 male, white-spotted 22-Agios Georgios, Pegeia 1 28-Oct AFo Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 male 14-Oct JWa Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run-off 4, 10 & 11-Oct TRe Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run-off 9 & 14-Oct TRe Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run-off 15-Oct AG Bishop's Pool 1 15-Oct AG/VT Evretou Dam 1 6-Oct RAt Evretou Dam 2 13-Oct RAt Mandria 8 at least 2 red-spotted males, 3 fems, all seen, none calling 30-Oct CR Mandria 1 31-Oct LAC Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Oct JS/API

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER* Ficedula parva Κοκκινομουγιοχάφτης

Secret Valley Golf Club 2 One male/female pair on the 7th tee area, at close range and enjoying an energetic feeding session 21-Oct PBr (Rare Bird Report required) **BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros* Καρβουνίαρης

Agios Georgios, Pegeia 3 28-Oct AFo Asprokremmos Dam 1 30-Oct AFo Kamares (Tala) 1 female 30-Oct DJW Mandria Beach 1 31-Oct LAC Panagia tou Sinti 2 fems 27-Oct CR Paphos Headland 1 22, 25 & 29-Oct IKB/LAC

Phasouri Bee-hives 2 25-Oct FM Souskiou 1 male 31-Oct DJW

COMMON REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης



Common Redstart, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 25th October. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Mavrokolymbos, Paphos 3 25-Oct DJW Paphos Headland 5 26-Oct IKB Phasouri Bee-hives 3 25-Oct FM

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* Γαλαζοκότσυφος

Agios Sozomenos 1 22 & 26-Oct JS/FGe Cape Greco 1 16, 18 & 25-Oct JS/JWa Church Bay, Orga 1 male 18-Oct CR Karpasia Peninsula 1 Agios Philonas – Afendrika 6-Oct JS

Paphos Headland 1 29-Oct LAC Stavrovouni Monastery 2+ 1-Oct PSm

WHINCHAT Saxicola rubetra Βοσκαρούδι Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 10 2-Oct CR Anthoupolis Sewage Works c10 10-Oct SC with F Georgiades Mandria Beach 17+ 13-Oct LAC

EUROPEAN STONECHAT Saxicola torquatus Παπαθκιά



European Stonechat, Asprokremmos Dam, 6th October. Photograph by Jan Walker.

131 reports received for this speices in October. Largest counts:
Agios Sozomenos 40+ 22-Oct JS Kotchatis, Nicosia 67 26-Oct FGe Potamia c30 12-Oct FGe

Eastern (Siberian) Stonechat* Saxicola torquatus maurus Σιβηρική Παπαθκιά Larnaca Sewage Works 1 female 19-Oct SC/BC field trip (Rare Bird Report required) Timi Beach 1 28-Oct LAC (Rare Bird Report required)

NORTHERN WHEATEAR Oenanthe oenanthe Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα Largest counts and interesting report: Akrotiri Gravel Pits 7 7-Oct JE Armou Hills 7 13-Oct CR Mandria 15+ undercount 13-Oct AG Paphos Headland 8 26-Oct LAC Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 Two tried to land on boat. 12 nautical miles offshore, bycatch project 7-Oct AG

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR Oenanthe isabellina Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα
Anthoupolis Sewage Works 1 10-Oct SC with F Georgiades
Karpasia Peninsula 2 Road to Cape
Andreas tip 5-Oct JS
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Around Koca Reis hotel 6-Oct JS
Mandria 1+ 13-Oct AG

DESERT WHEATEAR *Oenanthe deserti* Ερημοσκαλιφούρτα Larnaca Desalination Plant fields 1 First winter 17-Oct JS

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe hispanica* Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα Lady's Mile 2 after bad storm 24-Oct TRe Paphos Headland 1 26-Oct LAC

CYPRUS WHEATEAR Oenanthe cypriaca Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Paphos, 22nd October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Karpasia Peninsula 10+ Road to Cape Andreas tip 5-Oct JS Kotchatis 4 26-Oct FGe Mavrokolymbos 4 25-Oct DJW Panagia Stazousa 8 10-Oct JS

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii* Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα



Finsch's Wheatear, Anarita Park, 16th October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agios Sozomenos 2 Male 22-Oct JS Agios Sozomenos 1 Male 26-Oct JS/FGe Anarita Park 1 male 16, 17, 20, 21 & 22-Oct DJW/AG/JWa/CR Anarita Park 2 31-Oct IKB Arodes 1 24-Oct IKB Kidasi 1 male 31-Oct DJW

TREE PIPIT Anthus trivialis Δενδρογαλούδι Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 9-Oct CR Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 1 10-Oct FGe/SC Armou Hills 2 4-Oct CR Bishop's Pool 1 15-Oct AG/VT Mandria 1 7-Oct CR

RED-THROATED PIPIT Anthus cervinus Κοτσινογαλούδι



Red-throated Pipit, Akrotiri Marsh, 31st October. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Kouklia Dam 120 feeding in bare grass at edge 16-Oct CR
Mandria 48 30-Oct CR
Neofytou Bros pig farm, Palaiometocho c80 19-Oct FGe
Paphos Sewage Plant 40 est 20-Oct CR
Pervolia fields c30 17 & 19-Oct JS/SC/BC fieldtrip
Potamia c35 5-Oct FGe

MEADOW PIPIT Anthus pratensis Λιβαδογαλούδι Largest counts: Mandria Beach 12+ 31-Oct LAC Pervolia fields c40 25-Oct JS

WATER PIPIT Anthus spinoletta Νερογαλούδι



Water Pipit, Agia Varvara, 31st October. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

First reports and largest counts: Agia Varvara 9 28-Oct CR Kouklia Dam 1 18-Oct LAC Mandria 10 at least, flying out of field 30-Oct CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 at least 20-Oct CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 14 24-Oct CR Pervolia fields c20 28-Oct JS

TAWNY PIPIT Anthus campestris Ωχροναλούδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 2-Oct CR Lady's Mile 1 6 & 31-Oct VT/FM Mandria 1 3, 4, 7, 17, 28 & 30-Oct LAC/CR/AG

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 29-Oct LAC

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla

flava Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης Largest counts and interesting observation: Mandria 250 est. 3-Oct CR Paphos Sewage Plant 31 24-Oct CR Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 20 nautical miles offshore, by catch project 7-Oct AG Potamia c55 5-Oct FGe

Blue-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava flava Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης Agia Varvara 3 6-Oct CR Mandria 2 juv flava 11-Oct CR

Grey-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava thunbergi Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης Mandria Beach 1 10-Oct LAC

GREY WAGTAIL Motacilla cinerea Σταχτοζευκαλάτης



Grey Wagtail, Agia Varvara, 21st October. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 16-Oct JS
Agia Varvara 2 22-Oct CR
Avakas Gorge 1 9-Oct DJW
Bishop's Pool 2+ 31-Oct JS/APL
Evretou Dam 1 6-Oct RAt
Goudi 1 11-Oct RAt

Kamares (Tala) 1 16-Oct DJW
Latchi Harbour 1 on beach 7-Oct AG
Mavrokolymbos 1 25-Oct DJW
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 16-Oct CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 20 & 21-Oct CR
Platania Troodos 2 22-Oct JE
Psilo Dendro (Trout Farm trail) 1 31-Oct
DJW
Tala 1 14-Oct DJW

CITRINE WAGTAIL Motacilla citreola Κιτροζευκαλάτης

Zygi Harbour 1 10-Oct AG



Citrine Wagtail, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 10th October. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run-off 9-Oct TRe Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1f and 1 juv. Zakaki run-off 10-Oct TRe Mandria 1 13 & 16-Oct AG Paphos Headland 1 8-Oct AG

HAWFINCH Coccothraustes.
coccothraustes Τζιεφαλόσπινος
Bishop's Pool 2 21-Oct VT
Platania Forest Stn 5 at least, over spring
18-Oct CR
Platania 10+ May well have been more.

Flying entrance to nursery with other finches 21-Oct JS
Platania Troodos 1 22-Oct JE

RED CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra

Σταυρομούττης Almyrolivado 1 in flight 18-Oct CR Livadi tou Pashia 1+ Heard flying over area 21-Oct JS Troodos 1 31-Oct AFo

EURASIAN SISKIN *Spinus spinus* Θκιολαρούδι Almyrolivado 3 at least 18-Oct CR Platania 2+ May well have been more. Flying around area of entrance to nursery with other finches 21-Oct JS Rd To Fontana Amoroza, Neo Chorio 1 29-Oct AFo

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

October 2019 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 October, 10 recorders covered 12 wetlands (including one coastal site) across the island where 6506 birds, of 43 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 4808 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Black Headed Gull with 390 individuals followed by the Common Crane with 373 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was Akrotiri Salt Lake with 5196 individuals followed by Oroklini Marsh with 356 individuals. The most species abundant site was Oroklini Marsh with 22 different species being recorded there followed by Akrotiri Salt Lake with 15 species.

Akrotiri Meras had only 2 individual present.

Site coverage for the October 2019 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Paphos Lighthouse	lan and Kate Bloomer	17-10-19	
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou & Nikos Kassinis	25-10-19	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou & Nikos Kassinis	25-10-19	
Akrotiri Salt lake	Christina Ieronymidou & Nikos Kassinis	25-10-19	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina leronymidou & Nikos Kassinis	25-10-19	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou & Nikos Kassinis	25-10-19	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou & Nikos Kassinis	25-10-19	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15-10-19	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15-10-19	
Oroklini Marsh	oklini Marsh Martin Hellicar		
Asprokremnos Dam & pools	Dave & Jan Walker		87%
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	15-10-19	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2019	Little Grebe	Cormorant	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Spoonbill	Greater Flamingo	Common Shelduck	Теа	Mallard
Paphos Lighthouse											
Akrotiri Marsh			4	2	4						
Akrotiri Meras											2
Akrotiri Salt lake				3	4			4535			36
Akrotiri Lady's Mile				1		18					
Bishop's Pool										54	6
Zakaki Pond				1	1	50					
Larnaka Salt Lake				2				123			
Larnaka Sewage Works	3	7				3			1	51	122
Oroklini Marsh	36		4	1		1	2	150		12	70
Asprokremnos Dam & pools	1	4		1		2					
Strakka Pools	15					2				4	
TOTAL	55	11	8	11	9	76	2	4808	1	121	236

WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2019	Pintail	Shoveler	Pochard	Ferruginous Duck	Marsh Harrier	Eleonora's Falcon	Water Rail	Moorhen	Coot	Common Crane	Black-winged Stilt
Paphos Lighthouse											
Akrotiri Marsh					1						
Akrotiri Meras					4						
Akrotiri Salt lake	7				2	4				373	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool	1	3			1	2		1	2		
Zakaki Pond							1	5			
Larnaka Salt Lake							1	14			
Larnaka Sewage Works	2	4	3		1				5		
Oroklini Marsh	2	9	1	2			1	12	10		6
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Strakka Pools								9	1		
TOTAL	12	16	4	2	9	6	3	41	18	373	6

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WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2019	Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Grey Plover	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Ringed Plover	Little Stint	Dunlin	Ruff	Snipe	Whimbrel
Paphos Lighthouse					3						1
Akrotiri Marsh	1	1									
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake	17		2				2	2	2		
Akrotiri Lady's Mile				36		1	49	31			
Bishop's Pool											
Zakaki Pond											
Larnaka Salt Lake		5		42			1			4	
Larnaka Sewage Works		6									
Oroklini Marsh		6							3	6	
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Strakka Pools											
TOTAL	18	18	2	78	3	1	52	33	5	10	1

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WETLAND BIRD COUNT OCTOBER 2019	Redshank	Green Sandpiper	Wood Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Black-headed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Whiskered Tern	Kingfisher	White Wagtail	Unidentified Species	TOTAL	Species Count
Paphos Lighthouse				1		1		2	1		9	6
Akrotiri Marsh							2				15	7
Akrotiri Meras											6	2
Akrotiri Salt lake					180					27	5196	15
Akrotiri Lady's Mile					210					3	349	8
Bishop's Pool											70	8
Zakaki Pond											58	5
Larnaka Salt Lake	1	1									194	10
Larnaka Sewage Works	1					3					212	14
Oroklini Marsh	8		12			3		2			356	22
Asprokremnos Dam			14									
& pools											8	4
Strakka Pools								2			33	6
TOTAL	10	1	12	1	390	4	2	6	1	30	6506	43



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