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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 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

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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CYPRUS BIRD SIGHTINGS RECORDS FOR 2019

Have you been out bird watching in Cyprus during 2019? Then please don't forget to send all your 2019 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 2019 database can be completed, it would be appreciated if they are received by February 10th 2020. If you are unable to meet that deadline but still have 2019 records to submit please let the Recorder know.

Make your birdwatching count and ensure that your sightings are included in the 2019 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, "BirdLine" etc.

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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 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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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 February: Paphos Foothills

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker. Mobile: 99915907

Winter thrushes and finches.

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

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

March 2020**Saturday 14th March: Akrotiri Peninsula**

Leader: Christina Ieronymidou. 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/nY2GENJHjfx>

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

Meet 11.00 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/zPRPnzJxtB2>

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, Asprokremmos 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 16th 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

Akrotiri Peninsula Field Meeting Report 6th November 2019

By Victor Tjernberg

For those you that read last months report by Victor it was actually the report from 26th January 2019 as he sent me the wrong one! How many spotted the mistake I wonder.

A sunny autumn morning with for the season relatively high temperatures and not too much of a wind set the scene for this last of the year field trip around Akrotiri peninsula. The area had during the previous days produced some nice birds and sightings so the expectations were high among the 15 participants. We all met up at the Zakaki Hide, an area of the closest reeds around the hide had been cut down quite recently which helped increase the chances of seeing some birds feeding in the waters edge. Earlier in the morning a Little Crake had been spotted just next to the hide feeding, unfortunately for us the bird decided not to take a second breakfast today. Birds that did offer us some nice views was as suspected some **Marsh Harriers** hunting back and forth over the reeds, a **Great Egret** was seen flying from the sea and in over the Salt Lake. And more or less constantly a **Penduline Tit** teased us with its call from the deep reeds but was never to be seen. Two **Water Rails** screamed and several **Robins** smacked loudly from the reeds as well, playing their respective part in the reedbed symphony. A single **Water Pipit** quickly passed over our head and just as we left the area to go down to Lady's Mile a **Glossy Ibis** slowly descended into the hidden pool within the reeds.

At Lady's Mile we could observe some 250 **Black-headed Gulls** resting and feeding in one of the pools. After some fine combing of the big flock we managed to separate two first winter **Mediterranean Gulls** as well, a very welcomed sight and nice to be able to compare the two species at this close distant as well. A few flocks of waders was also present, around 55 **Dunlin**, 35 **Little Stints** and one very lonely **Kentish Plover** amongst them.

From here we continued to Bishop's Pool in hope of some wildfowl. We were greeted by plenty of **Little Grebes** feeding in the pool but surprisingly not the usual high number of ducks as we expected. A few **Shovelers**, **Moorhens** and **Coots** but nothing more exciting than that. That is until I teased Jan Walker for not having found any interesting birds yet and she immediately had me retract that statement by finding a perched **Black Kite** in a tree on the other side of the pool and just a few minutes later another one! So now we were spoiled by having two very nice Black Kites to study up close, both of them later gave us very nice flying views as well. So I got what I deserved I guess for making that comment to Jan...

After spending some more time walking around the area seeing some **Chiffchaffs** and one **Grey Wagtail** we set off to Akrotiri Marsh and the low hide there. Here we could see both **Spur-winged Lapwing** and **Northern Lapwing** which is always nice! We also got a bit of revenge on the quick observation of a Water Pipit earlier at Zakaki by now having three feeding on the ground very close to us which made for some good studies of the birds darker greyish color and their dark legs. Again a Penduline tit taunted us with its sad call 'tsiiü' from deep in the reeds without showing. But two feeding **Snipe** very close to the path made up for that.

The wind had now picked up a bit and as we made our way down to the tower hide there was very hard to see anything moving around in the reeds. A **Sparrow Hawk** swept by close to the tower and offered a pretty nice finish to a lovely day out birding with a lovely group of both experienced and more novice birders.

Thank you all for attending!

Victor

Troodos Field Meeting Report 16th November 2019

By Stavros Christodoulides

At 9am, on a rather cold and unsettled morning, a group of some 20 members and friends met at the Troodos Environmental Centre for our annual Troodos Field trip. The conditions though uncomfortable, were good for “cold weather species” and mountain residents. With that in mind we were hopeful of success in finding many of our target species, the Troodos specialty birds as well as winter thrushes, finches and buntings.

We started off with a short walk around the Environmental Centre and quickly added **Coal Tit** to the **House Sparrows** that were seen in the car park. Our main target here was **Crossbill**, a species often hard to find in the summer months, much easier to locate in winter. A few calling birds flew overhead but we had to wait a few minutes until two males perched nicely on the top of some distant pines. With the help of Jan's scope, we got some great views, noting that these particular birds were very red, quite unlike the orangey colour of Crossbills we usually see here. A distant high pitched “zee zee zee” sounded suspiciously like a Goldcrest but unfortunately it stopped calling and locating it proved impossible. Happy with our start we moved onto our next stop, the weather station by Troodos Square.

This is probably the best spot for winter buntings, namely Yellowhammer and Pine Bunting. Both species, especially Pine Bunting, are rare and a pretty long shot, but this is the area worth looking for them. We parked at the parking area and scanned the side of the mountain. It was very quite but for some more Crossbill flying over. After a few minutes of patient waiting, a couple of **Short-toed Treecreeper** called and briefly came into sight. Then, suddenly, a flock of 5 or 6 birds flew into a pine tree with one briefly showing its head and breast. After some initial confusion we recognized it as a Bunting sp and managed to get some distant record shots before they took off. We walked up and down the general area and managed to relocate the flock a couple of times and got more record shots. After some deliberation we decided that most (if not all) of the birds photographed showed mixed characteristics of Yellowhammer and Pine Bunting, two closely related species, which suggested that this may have been a hybrid flock. A subsequent study of the photographs confirmed this, an interesting if slightly unsatisfying sighting especially for those group participants who had never seen a Pine Bunting! Other birds seen here included lots of Crossbill, **Chaffinches**, Coal and **Great Tit**, a couple more Short-toed Treecreeper and the ubiquitous House Sparrows, while a flock of 5 **Brambling**, briefly joined the Buntings on a bare tree.

We moved on to Livadi tou Pashia Picnic Site where after a short break we walked along the meadow. It was getting warmer and bird activity was dying down but we did manage to add **Jay**, **Robin**, **Wren** and **Blackbird** to our list.

Our final stop, which is often also the most productive, was Platania Picnic Site. Although rather dry, this area of local and exotic trees, has in recent years consistently come up with good birds and is probably the most reliable spot for uncommon winter finches. A walk around the area revealed impressive numbers of Chaffinches, some **Greenfinch** and **Goldfinch**, good numbers of **Siskin** and some **Hawfinch**. Short-toed Treecreepers performed well and Coal Tits were very common. Other birds here included, Wren, Blackbird, Robin and House Sparrow.

On that note we ended our field trip. Once again it had been a very successful trip with good views of the Troodos specialty birds and a number of uncommon and hard to find species.

Ayios Sozomenos & Athalassa Field Trip Report 23rd November 2019

By Martin Hellicar

A heron family 'special' at Athalassa followed a Little Owl 'special' at the abandoned village, with Finsch's Wheatear, Blue Rock Thrush and Long-legged Buzzard thrown in, while the total species count reached 33.

Around 30 people turned up for this one on a sunny morning, including many 'first-timers', which was great to see. After a bit of a slow start at Ay. Sozomenos, things took an upturn as the first of three **Little Owls** posed obligingly on the sandstone cliffs behind the village ruins. **Jackdaws** provided a constant backdrop of noise and activity for the trip, and while we needed to work for them, we did find both the **Finsch's Wheatear** and the **Blue Rock Thrush** – target species for this outing – on the cliffs.

Black Redstarts were prominent and we also found: **Stonechat**, **Chukar**, **Song Thrush**, **Kestrel**, **Chiffchaff**, **Spectacled Warbler**, **Cetti's Warbler**, **Sardinian Warbler**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Great Tit**, **Robin**, **Chaffinch** and **Spanish Sparrow**. Final – and much enjoyed – birds for the visit were a slow-flying **Grey Heron** and a splendid **Long-legged Buzzard**.

Next stop Athalassa park and wetland outside Nicosia. Not everyone joined us for the '2nd course', but those who did enjoyed a feast of herons: **Grey Heron** (5), **Little Egret** (5), **Great Egret** (1), **Cattle Egret** (1) and last-but-not-least, **Night Heron** (6 – two adult and four juvs).

We also added **Green Sandpiper** (a fleeting view), **Teal**, **Little Grebe**, **Kingfisher**, **Cormorant**, **Mallard** and lots of **Coots** and especially **Moorhens** to the day list.

Last bird for the day was the **Tufted Duck**, a rare winter visitor. We spotted four on the pond to the North of the main lake.

Larnaca Sewage Works and Salt Lake Field Trip Report 7th December 2019

By Martin Hellicar

Regular participants in my field trip efforts might be surprised to hear that I actually got there early on this sunny winter's day (!). Arriving at the Sewage Works hide at around 08:30, I spent a peaceful and enjoyable half-hour working my way through the gaggle of gulls on the ponds. Mostly **Caspian Gulls**, some **Armenia Gulls**, many a **Black-headed Gull** and a lone **Yellow-legged Gull**. Many sub-adult and younger gull also, but those are pretty much beyond my id skills, for the time being at least. The gulls were very busy catching fish, as were the numerous **Cormorants** on the ponds, which led to frequent 'fish-fights'.

As the hour neared 9 o'clock, a soft, thin call alerted me to the presence of something different. Oddly enough, this thin call turned out to be coming from a giant gull: a 2nd Winter **Palla's Gull** that had swooped in to spend the next ten minutes in manic pursuit of fish, catching four before landing on the water to take a bath. It was nearing 09:15 and I thought to myself that people had better arrive soon, or the Great Black-headed Gull might fly off. And so it turned out; by the time the one (and only!) participant in the field trip turned up at around 09:20, the Palla's Gull was nowhere to be seen.

No matter. We spent a good hour, the two of us, picking out the following additional species on the ponds: **Marsh Harrier**, **White-fronted Goose** (only two), **Grey Heron**, **Little Egret**, **Coot**, **Shelduck**, **Teal**, plus too many **Mallard** and **Shoveler** to count. In the scrub around the hide and in the field behind it, we saw: **Crested Lark**, **House Sparrow**, **Hooded Crow**, **Woodpigeon**, **White Wagtail**, **Stonechat**, plus **Zitting Cisticola**, **Sardinian Warbler**, **Spectacled Warbler** and **Chiffchaff**.

Kidasi Field Meeting Report 30th November 2019

By Dave Walker

Despite the inclement weather of the previous days ten members turned up at Asprokremnos Dam car park on what turned out to be a dry day. Whilst crossing the dam wall on our arrival a **Great White Egret** flew south, we thought this would not be seen by others assembling in the car park. Walking through the woods **White Wagtail**, **Collared Dove**, **European Robin** were seen. **Common Stonechat** and **Sardinian Warblers** were showing well. Several **European Goldfinch**, **Great Tit** and **Common Chiffchaff** were feeding.

Moving to the edge of the reservoir around 60 **Yellow-legged Gull** were on the water. A little Egret flew by and on the far side were **Mallard** and 17 **Great Cormorant** and from nowhere a **Great Crested Grebe** appeared before us. Looking towards far end passed the abandoned village of Phinikas another Great White Egret was seen by all through a scope and a **Grey Heron** posed nicely on the end of a peninsular nearby. A **Cetti's Warbler** could be heard calling below and a couple of **Common Kestrel** were seen over adjacent fields along with **Hooded Crow** and **Eurasian Magpie**.

Whilst driving along the Diarizos Valley **Woodlark** were flushed from the side of the road. We stopped off at the Extreme View Café for a coffee and cake break. **Eurasian Jackdaw**, **Wood Pigeon**, **Collared Dove**, **Common Stonechat**, **Common Chiffchaff** and **European Greenfinch** were seen whilst having coffee. After our refreshments we went outside and were not to be disappointed by seeing five **Griffon Vulture**. **Spanish Sparrow**, **Common Chaffinch** and **House Sparrow** were also seen.

On arriving at Kidasi another Griffon Vulture was seen. We had not been walking too long when the first male **Finsch's Wheatear** was seen, walking further up the track another two male Finsch's Wheatears present, all seen on their own territory. Also on the walk up **Black Redstart**, **European Goldfinch**, **Magpie**, **European Greenfinch**, **Common Stonechat**, **European Robin** and a **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** was seen and **Corn Bunting** were using a nearby tree to perch. On the way back the party were thrilled to see a couple of Griffon Vultures fly overhead spotted by Martin. In the valley a couple of Common Kestrel were hunting.

A total of 29 species were seen exactly the same as last year's trip.



Looking for Finsch's Wheatear's at Kidasi

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 78



November's mystery bird is a passerine with a small, triangular bill, medium-long legs and tail, dark-streaked pale underparts, brownish-grey upperparts and a boldly patterned head. The combination of the above features identify this as a species of Bunting, a family of mostly migratory birds closely related to finches.

On Cyprus 13 species have occurred. Corn Bunting is the commonest and only resident species while Black-headed and Cretzschmar's Buntings are common breeding summer visitors. Ortolan Bunting is a quite common passage migrant, mostly in spring, while Cinereous Bunting is a rare and irregular mostly spring migrant. Two species occur regularly in winter; Reed Bunting as a localised winter visitor and Yellowhammer as a rare but rather regular visitor, especially in the mountains. The remaining species; Pine, Little, Yellow-breasted, Striolated and Rustic Buntings are all very rare vagrants or accidental visitors.

Key to identifying our mystery bird is its overall colouration and characteristic head pattern. The absence of yellow or orange tones eliminate Yellowhammer, Cinereous, Ortolan, Cretzschmar's and Yellow-breasted Buntings. Head pattern is most important in identifying this bird; buff-coloured throat, sub-moustachial stripe and supercilium, black lateral throat stripe (a characteristic of many bunting species) and moustachial stripe, brownish eyestripe and a grey crown with thin brown stripes. This characteristic pattern, in combination with the black, brown and white plumage and streaky underparts identify our mystery bird as a **Reed Bunting**. Male Reed Buntings show a dark head and throat while the pale throat suggests that the bird photographed is a female. Confusion may arise only with the superficially similar and much rarer Rustic Bunting, a recent vagrant, but that species shows a longer bill with straight upper culmen (curved in all subspecies of Reed), a reddish brown rump and reddish-brown underpart streaking.

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Jane Stylianou

4194 bird records received

179 species and forms recorded November 2019, compared to 172 in November 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 November 2019: 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, Great Cormorant, European Shag, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Black-headed Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Eurasian Buzzard, Common Kingfisher, Common Kestrel Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Common Chiffchaff (**120** reports), Cetti's Warbler, Eurasian Blackcap, Sardinian Warbler, Spectacled Warbler, European Robin (**139** reports), Black Redstart (**104** reports), European Stonechat (**154** reports), Meadow Pipit (**107** reports), House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, White Wagtail (**106** reports), Common Chaffinch (**111** reports), European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι

Mandria 1 2-Nov IKB

Mandria 2 flushed from field 7-Nov CR

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

Anser albifrons Αρκόσινη

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 adults 13, 18, 21, 22, 24 & 25-Nov CR/JS/LAC

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουρτος

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 3, 9, 18, 25 & 26-Nov JS/LAC

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 NW corner 22-Nov VT

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Oroklini Marsh 1 fem 13 & 17-Nov CR/PeA

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya farina*

Κουντούρα

Bishop's Pool 2 fems 18-Nov ABW

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 1m and 3f 18 & 24-Nov JS/LAC

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 1m and 1f 26-Nov JS

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 17 16-Nov JS/CC/MC

Mia Milia Sewage Plant 1 17-Nov IKB

Oroklini Marsh 2 17, 26 & 30-Nov IKB/JS

Oroklini Marsh 4 2m and 2f 18-Nov JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 22 & 24-Nov LAC/MH

Oroklini Marsh 3 23-Nov LAC

Pool outside Mia Milia 1 17-Nov IKB

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλιόπαπια

Athalassa Dam 1 female 20 & 23-Nov SC/FGe

Athalassa Dam 2 27-Nov JS

Kouklia Dam 3 13-Nov CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 18 & 26-Nov JS

Oroklini Marsh 4 13-Nov CR

Oroklini Marsh 2 17, 18, 23 & 30-Nov

PeA/IKB/LAC/JS

Oroklini Marsh 3 22-Nov LAC

Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Nov MH

Oroklini Marsh 5 26-Nov JS

Syngراسi Dam 2 17-Nov JS/CC/MC

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια

Athalassa Park 4 female types 20, 22, 23, 27 & 30-Nov SC/FGe/VV/LAC/JS

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής

Agia Varvara 1 11-Nov IKB

Lower Esouzas 2 21-Nov IKB

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 1m and
2f 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 17-Nov
IKB
Oroklini Marsh 1 22-Nov LAC
Pool outside Mia Milia 2 17-Nov IKB
Zakaki Marsh 1 19 & 22-Nov FM/PeA/JS

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope*
Αρμαπάσσης
Agia Varvara 1 f 18 & 19-Nov CR
Fresh Water Lake North 1 fem 14-Nov
CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Female 18-Nov
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2m and 1f 26-
Nov JS/VT
Oroklini Marsh 5 24-Nov MH
Oroklini Marsh 6 26-Nov JS/VT
Syngراسi Dam 4 1m 14-Nov CR
Syngراسi Dam 2 1m and 1f 17-Nov
JS/CC/MC

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*
Σουβλονούρα
Max count per location:
Achna Dam 1 14-Nov CR
Agia Varvara 1 11 & 21-Nov IKB
Bishop's Pool 1 26-Nov ABW
Evretou Dam 1 14-Nov DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 13 3-Nov JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 Male
16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 7 3m and 4f 26-Nov
JS/VT

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps
cristatus* Σκουφοβούπτης
Akhna Dam 2 26-Nov JS/VT
Aspro Dam 1 30-Nov LAC
Asprokremmos Dam 1 30-Nov DJW
Fresh Water Lake South 1 14-Nov CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 9-Nov JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 26-Nov JS

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps*
Kouklia Dam 1 13-Nov CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 9-Nov JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 17, 18 & 26-
Nov PeA/JS/VT

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus
roseus* Φλαμίνγκο
Largest counts:
Kouklia Dam 1900 clear out, after 8000
yesterday 14-Nov CR
Larnaca Salt Lake 1200 9-Nov JS

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο
Avakas Gorge c30 4 & 11-Nov DJW
Ovgoros Dam 100+ Not feral pigeons 17-
Nov JS/CC/MC

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia
turtur* Τρυγόνι
Agia Varvara 1 juv 23-Nov NA

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Φοινικοτρυγόνιο
Largest counts:
Avdellero, Larnaca 6 2-Nov FGe
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 8 28-Nov
FGe
Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 11 28-Nov
FGe
Mandria 9 24-Nov NA

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*
Μαυροπουλάδα
Largest counts:
Agia Varvara 3 6 & 28-Nov CR/NA
Zakaki Marsh 3 heard 19-Nov FM

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*
Στικτοπουλάδα
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Nov
JS/CC/MC

Crake spp: Evretou Dam 1 quickly
disappeared 23-Nov PFo

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 10:45 am heading S
3-Nov DS
Kouklia Dam 18 departed 14:00 13-Nov
CR
Kouklia Dam 17 13 ads and 4 juvs 16 &
17-Nov JS/CC/MC/IKB
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Standing in middle of
lake with the flamingos 9 & 13-Nov JS/CR
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 Flew in and landed
behind reeds 4-Nov JS

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός
Πελαργός
Agia Napa Football Fields 3 3-Nov VT

Kolossi school 1 Feeding on school football pitch at 08:15hrs 27-Nov ABW
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 1 16-Nov JS/CC/MC

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Akrotiri Marsh 1 1, 2, 18 & 19-Nov

AFo/TRe/PeA/FM

Zakaki Marsh 1 6-Nov VT

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*

Βουρωδιός



Eurasian Bittern, Agia Varvara, 19th December. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27

& 28-Nov NA/CR/LAC/DJW/IKB/RAt

Agia Varvara 2 23-Nov DJW

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 29-Nov TRe

Lower Ezousas 1 25-Nov IKB

Zakaki Marsh 1 18-Nov LAC

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus*

minutus Ναυρωδιός

Athalassa Dam 1 male 30-Nov SC

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron, Larnaca Salt Lake, 30th November. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Agia Varvara 1 juv 17-Nov NA

Athalassa Dam c5 20-Nov SC with F Georgiades

Athalassa Park 6 23 & 30-Nov LAC/S

Fresh Water Lake North 1 juv 14-Nov CR

Kamarea Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 4 22-Nov LAC

Kamarea Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1

Juvenile 27, 28 & 30-Nov JS/FG

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Oroklini Marsh 1 2-Nov JS

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυροφαροφάς



Purple Heron, Evretou Dam, 14th November. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Evretou Dam 1 14-Nov DJW

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 juv 7 & 8-Nov CR/NA

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

Χανούμιασα



Great White Egret, Agia Varvara, 23rd November. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 3 26-Nov CR

Fresh Water Lake North 3 14-Nov CR

Kouklia Dam 5 13 & 14-Nov CR

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 16-Nov JS/CC/MC

Pool outside Mia Milia 4 17-Nov IKB

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus onocrotalus* Ροδοπελεκάνος
Kouklia Dam 2 juv types 13, 14, 16 & 17-Nov CR/JS/CC/MC/IKB

NORTHERN GANNET *Morus bassanus*
Σούλα
Paphos Headland 1 juv flying offshore 16-Nov NA

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE *Burhinus oedicnemus* Τρουλλουριά
Mandria 2 15-Nov PeA

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς
Max count per location:
Karaolos Lake 22+ 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 16 26-Nov JS/VT

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*
Στακτοπλουμίδι
Kouklia Dam 3 14-Nov CR
Lady's Mile 2 25-Nov TR
Silver Beach 1 14-Nov CR

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι



Eurasian Golden Plover, Spiros Beach, 2nd November. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 29-Nov TR
Kouklia Dam 1 14-Nov CR
Lady's Mile 1 11-Nov TR
Larnaca Sewage Works 24 Flew over area 26-Nov JS
Paphos Headland 20+ 30-Nov NA
Spiros Pool c30 15-Nov JS

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι
Karaolos Lake 12 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 2 2-Nov JS
Paralimni Lake 10 15-Nov FG

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι
Max count per location:
Agia Trias, Famagusta 1 9-Nov JS
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 8 2-Nov JS
Paphos Headland 3 10, 13, 17, 18, 28 & 30-Nov CR/NA/DAB

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus* Γιαννής
Largest counts:
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 32 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 16 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 15 26-Nov JS/VT
Paphos Sewage Plant 18 20-Nov CR
Phasouri Reed-beds 18 3-Nov CR
Syngراسi Dam 19 17-Nov JS/CC/MC

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*
Φαιομπεκάτσα



Whimbrel, Paphos Headland, 6th November. Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Paphos Headland 1 6, 7, 10 & 17-Nov RA/IM/CR

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*
Χαλίκονεραλλίδι
Paphos Headland 1 15 & 22-Nov IKB/NA

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 8 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 1 13 & 24-Nov CR/MH
Oroklini Marsh 5 south hide 17-Nov PeA
Oroklini Marsh 2 26-Nov JS

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*
Σταχτονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 1 11-Nov TR
Lady's Mile 3 22-Nov JS

Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 7 2-
Nov JS
Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 2 18-
Nov JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Nov
JS/CC/MC
Oroklini Marsh 2 24-Nov LAC
Oroklini Marsh 1 26-Nov JS/VT

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Λευκογεραλλίδι



*Sanderling, Lady's Mile, 25th November.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Lady's Mile 4 18 & 25-Nov DAB/TRe
Lady's Mile 3 22 & 26-Nov TRe

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπογεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 8 16-Nov
JS/CC/MC
Lady's Mile 153 21-Nov LAC
Spiros Beach 9 30-Nov JS

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανογεραλλίδι



*Little Stint, Lady's Mile, 4th November.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Max count per location:

Karaolos Lake 2 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Lady's Mile c70 4-Nov JS
Leivadia, Jumbo Drainage Channel 1 2-
Nov JS
Spiros Beach 4 30-Nov JS

EURASIAN WOODCOCK *Scolopax*

rusticola Πικάτσος

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 1
Found dead below mirror window, probably
from collision 27-Nov FGe

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικάτσονι



*Common Snipe, November. Photograph by
Andy Waller.*

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara, motorway bridge soakaways
17 27-Nov CR
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 10+
22-Nov TRe
Lower Ezousas 10 21-Nov IKB
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 10 17-
Nov IKB
Oroklini Marsh 20 Exact count not
roundup 26-Nov JS/VT

JACK SNIPE *Lymnocyrtes minimus*

Κουφοπικάτσονο



*Jack Snipe, Zakaki Marsh, 8th November.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Agia Varvara 1 4, 10, 11 & 29-Nov NA
Kouklia Dam 6 all flushed from northern
canal inflow 13-Nov CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 with the 2 common snipe
23-Nov LAC
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 3 & 4-Nov CR/JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Nov JS

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 5 11-Nov IKB

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 7 17-Nov IKB

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Karaolos Lake 2 16-Nov JS/CC/MC

Larnaca Airport Pools North 2 13-Nov CR

Silver Beach 1 14-Nov CR

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Karaolos Lake 22 16-Nov JS/CC/MC

Lady's Mile 11 25 & 26-Nov TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 17 2-Nov JS

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι



Wood Sandpiper, Mia Milia, 17th November.
Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 6 & 11-Nov CR/IKB

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 6-Nov LAC/VT/DJW

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 15 17-Nov IKB

Oroklini Marsh 3 26-Nov JS

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Nov MH

Oroklini Marsh 2 26-Nov JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



Slender-billed Gull, Lady's Mile, 22nd

November. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Lady's Mile 3 7, 22 & 25-Nov TRe

Lady's Mile 1 12, 28 & 29-Nov TRe/RAT, JS

Lady's Mile 2 21-Nov LAC

Lady's Mile 4 26-Nov TRe

PALLAS'S GULL *Larus ichthyæetus*

Αετόγλαρος

Oroklini Beach 1 Ad in winter plumage flying E 30-Nov JS

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus*

melanocephalus Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος



Mediterranean Gull, Spiros Beach, 2nd

November. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Max count per location:

Lady's Mile 5 7-Nov TRe

Spiros Beach 2 One first winter and one ad non breeding plumage 2 & 3-Nov JS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος

Oroklini Beach 1 Flying E five mins after Pallas's Gull 30-Nov JS

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής

Oroklini Beach 1 Juv 18-Nov JS

Heuglin's Gull *Larus fuscus heuglini*

Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας

Lady's Mile 1 25-Nov LAC

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*

Γλάρος Αρμενίας

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile c10 8-Nov JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 44 28-Nov

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Spiros Pool 14 3-Nov JS

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος
Κασπίας

Max count per location:

Lady's Mile 2+ 18 & 26-Nov LAC/TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 18-Nov JS

Spiros Pool 2 3-Nov JS

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrid*

Λιμνογλάρονο

Fresh Water Lake North 1 14-Nov CR

Kouklia Dam 1 non-breeder 13 & 16-Nov

CR/JS/CC/MC

Phasouri Reed Beds 1 one moulting ad

29-Nov JS

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias*

leucopterus Αργυρογλάρονο



White-winged Tern, Mia Milia, 17th November.

Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 19-Nov FM/PeA/TRe

Lady's Mile 3 still in breeding plumage 21-Nov FM

Oroklini Marsh 2 One moulting ad and one juv in front of main hide 26-Nov JS

Pool outside Mia Milia 2 17-Nov IKB

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus sandvicensis* Χειμωνογλάρονο



Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, 26th November. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Lady's Mile 2 12-Nov TRe

Lady's Mile 1 13, 18 & 28-Nov

ABW/JE/LAC/RAT

Lady's Mile 4 one still breeding plumage

26-Nov TRe

Oroklini Beach 1 30-Nov JS

COMMON BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

Αθρωποπούλλι

Alaminos 1 Over Aldiana hotel 19:30pm

23-Nov JS

Kiti Lighthouse 1 24-Nov LAC

Kolossi 1 dead on road 25-Nov JN

Mesaoria, 2km west of Kouklia Dam 1

came out of trees at dusk, large pale owl

13-Nov CR

CYPRUS SCOPS OWL *Otus cypricus* Θουπί



Cyprus Scops Owl, Episkopi (Paphos) 13th November. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Kamarea (Tala) 1 Calling 04.50 and 20.05 8-Nov DJW

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας

Agios Ioannis feeding station 10 28-Nov MC

Extreme View Café 8 30-Nov LAC

Kensington Cliffs 2 east of cliffs 3-Nov

CR

Kensington Cliffs 5 26-Nov JS
Kidasi 3 30-Nov LAC/DJW
Souni 3 20-Nov JE
Xeros Potamos, Paphos 8 28-Nov MH

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Clanga pomarina* Κραυγαετός



Lesser Spotted Eagle, Akrotiri Marsh, 4th November. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
Juvenile 4-Nov JS

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*
Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσίαχνο



Bonelli's Eagle, Evretou Dam, 14th November. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agios Ioannis feeding station 2 28-Nov MC
Armou Hills 1 ad 16-Nov CR
Avakas Gorge 1 14-Nov IKB/RAT
Dora 2 4-Nov IKB
Evretou Dam 2 9, 14 & 28-Nov RAT/DJW/CR
Kamarea (Tala) 2 adult pair 7-Nov DJW
Kidasi 2 ads 29-Nov CR
Lefkonoiko Dam 2 ads, disturbed all crows and pigeons in area 14-Nov CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 2 adults 1 immature 5-Nov DJW
Phinikas 2 2 adults 15-Nov DJW
Xeros Potamos, Paphos 2 28-Nov MH

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσίαχνο
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 female 14, 18 & 22-Nov PeA/IKB/JS
Anarita Park 1 male 14-Nov NA
Kouklia Dam 1 ringtail 13-Nov CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 female 19-Nov FM/PeA

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Acheleia 1 19-Nov CR
Agia Varvara 1 24-Nov CR
Agios Onoufrios 1 fem/juv 30-Nov FGe
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 3, 4, 6, 18 & 22-Nov DS/JS/LAC/VT/PeA
Armou – Tsada 1 28-Nov CR
Avakas Gorge 1 14 & 16-Nov IKB/DAB
Bishop's Pool 1 14-Nov PeA
Evretou Dam 1 9-Nov RAT
Kamarea Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Female over area being mobbed and chased by Hooded Crows 9-Nov JS
Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 1 30-Nov DJW
Leventis Botanical Garden, Amiantos 1 29-Nov CR
Mandria 1 5-Nov CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 19 & 20-Nov CR
Potamia 1 Female gliding over flock of chaffinches but very soon mobbed by Hooded Crows 23-Nov FGe
Secret Valley golf course 1 female 6-Nov NA
Syngراسi Dam 1 Male flew over area 17-Nov JS/CC/MC

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσίαχνο
Evretou Dam 1 fem sat at side of water for at least 10 mins 23-Nov PFo
Kensington Cliffs 1 6-Nov DJW

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυτογεράκα



Black Kite, Bishop's Pool, 6th November. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Marsh 1 photo 4-Nov ABW
Bishop's Pool 2 1 & 6-Nov
DHP/LAC/DJW/VT

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*
Στεπογερακίνα
Kensington Cliffs 1 26-Nov JS/VT

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*
Διπλογέρακο
Largest counts:
Armou Hills 3 23-Nov CR
Evretou Dam 3 14-Nov DJW
Panagia Stazousa 3 In sky at same time
30-Nov JS

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*
Μαυροφάλκονο
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
male 3-Nov DS

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora*
Μαυρομμάτης
Akrotiri Marsh 1 1-Nov AFo

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο
Agia Varvara 1 male 19-Nov NA
Mandria Beach 1 1-Nov LAC

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 Sozomenos 1 14-Nov JS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 26-Nov CR
Avakas Gorge 1 Juvenile/immature 11-
Nov DJW
Agios Sozomenos 1 juvenile 10-Nov FGe
Goudi, river 1 26-Nov RA
Kensington Cliffs 1 3-Nov CR
Kensington Cliffs 2 26-Nov JS/VT
Kidasi 2 hunting pair 29-Nov CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 15-Nov JS
Paphos Headland 1 over sea stooped on
Robin (which escaped and flew to shore)
17-Nov CR
Syngrasi Dam 1 14-Nov CR

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*
Κεφαλάς



*Red-backed Shrike, Lady's Mile, 7th
November. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Lady's Mile 1 juv 7-Nov TRe

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*
Δακκαννούρα
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
fluffy juv, photographed 20-Nov FM/PCu

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα
Max count per location:
Almyroliwado Picnic Site Troodos 3 4-Nov
IKB
Alona 1 9-Nov FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 2 4-Nov IKB
Machairas Forest 1 30-Nov FGe
Mandra tou Kampiou 1 30-Nov FGe
Platania Picnic Site 2 16-Nov SC with
BirdLife Cyprus Group
Platres 2 29-Nov CR
Troodos Square 4 22-Nov IKB

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*
Κλόκκαρος
Syngrasi Dam 2 14-Nov CR

COAL TIT *Periparus ater cypriotes*
Πέμπτεσος
Largest counts:
Agios Onoufrios c16 30-Nov FGe
Machairas Forest c35 30-Nov FGe
Troodos Forest 14+ Weather station 23-
Nov JS

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz pendulinus* Υφάντρα



Eurasian Penduline Tit, Akrotiri Marsh, 12th November. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 2+ Heard 26-Nov JS
Akrotiri Marsh 3 4, 6, 7, 12 & 15-Nov
ABW/TRé
Asprokremmos Dam 2+ 15-Nov DJW
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1
Heard 9-Nov JS
Partenitis Dam 1 female 15-Nov FGe
Zakaki Marsh 2 Heard 22 & 29-Nov JS

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha calandra* Μαυροτράσιηλος
Mandria 1 2-Nov DHP

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*
Πευκοτρασιήλα



Woodlark, Paphos Headland, 5th November. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 17 18-Nov CR
Armou Hills 33 5 groups 16-Nov CR
Karpasia Peninsula 18 Rizokarpasos to
Apostolos Andreas tip 17-Nov JS/CC/MC
Marathounta Hills 22 25-Nov CR

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*
Τρασιήλα



Eurasian Skylark, November 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Largest counts:

Kouklia Dam 26 14-Nov CR
Larnaca Desalination Plant fields 40+ 18-
Nov JS
Mandria 50+ 8 & 19-Nov NA/DAB
Paphos Sewage Plant 35 20-Nov CR

MOUSTACHED WARBLER *Acrocephalus melanopogon* Μουστακομουγιανούδι
Agia Varvara 1 23-Nov DJW
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 12,
26 & 28-Nov TRé/RAT

EURASIAN REED WARBLER
Acrocephalus scirpaceus
Καλαμομουγιανούδι



Eurasian Reed Warbler, Zakaki Marsh, 5th November. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Agia Varvara 1 1 & 18-Nov LAC/CR/NA
Zakaki Marsh 1 5, 6 & 19-Nov
TRé//DJW/PeA

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι
Bishop's Pool 1 6-Nov VT

BARN SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica* Χελιδόνι
Akhna Dam 1 26-Nov JS

Germasogeia Dam 2 22-Nov JS
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
 Oroklini Marsh 5 very late 13-Nov CR
 Oroklini Marsh 3 18-Nov JS
 Oroklini Marsh 2 22-Nov LAC
 Oroklini Marsh 6 26-Nov JS/VT
 Oroklini Marsh 1 30-Nov JS

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελιδόνο
 Evretou Dam 8 over dam wall 28-Nov CR
 Kannaviou Dam 4 14-Nov DJW

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER* *Phylloscopus inornatus* Κιτρινόφρυδο Γιαννούδι
 Souni 1 seen in neighbours garden c10 mins. Called not Chiffchaff. Flew 26-Nov JN (Rare Bird Report required)
 Livera 1 either this species or Hume's Leaf Warbler. No call for confirmation. Some photos showed more likely to be YBW 26-Nov AO (Rare Bird Report required)

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι
 Bishop's Pool 1 6-Nov DJW/VT
 Mandria Beach 5 1 & 2-Nov LAC/IKB
 Mandria Beach 1 3 & 4-Nov LAC
 Paphos Headland 3 8-Nov IKB
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 7-Nov CR

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca* Συκαλλίδι
 Bishop's Pool 1 1-Nov AFO

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax* Τρυπομάζης
 Amathus hill 2+ 19-Nov PeA
 Armou Hills 2 8-Nov CR
 Kidasi, Diarizos Valley 1 30-Nov DJW
 Lefkonoiko Dam 1 fem 14-Nov CR
 Panagia Stazousa 2 9-Nov JS
 Panagia Stazousa 6 Four heard plus one male and one female seen 30-Nov JS
 Pyrga 1 Singing male 30-Nov JS
 Tamassos Dam 2 17-Nov FGe

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
 Panagia Stazousa 1 Coming down to drink with Blackcaps. Seen well 30-Nov JS

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης
 Max count per location:
 Almyrolivado 2 4-Nov JS
 Amiantos Botanical Garden 2 19-Nov JS
 Giant Junipers 1 16-Nov LAC
 Platania Picnic Site c3 16-Nov SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group
 Troodos, Livadi tou Pashia c3 16-Nov SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group
 Weather Station, Troodos Village 3 16-Nov DJW

WALLCREEPER *Tichodroma muraria* Τοιχοδρόμος



Wallcreeper, Avakas Gorge, 14th November.
 Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Avakas Gorge 1 4, 9, 11, 14 & 17-Nov DJW/NA/IKB/RAT
 Avakas Gorge 2 16-Nov DAB
 Kensington Cliffs 1 22-Nov RAT

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Τρυτοκάρυδο
 Almyrolivado Picnic Site Troodos 2 22-Nov IKB
 Alona 2 9-Nov FGe
 Avakas Gorge 2 11-Nov DJW
 Kamares (Tala) 1 20 & 22-Nov DJW
 Livadi tou Pashia 2 4-Nov JS
 Makedonitissa, UN Buffer Zone 1 Surprise find at this location. Photographed. 9 & 14-Nov SC/JS
 Platania 2 16 & 29-Nov DJW/CR
 Troodos Meteorological Station 1 16-Nov DJW/SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group
 Tsada North Valley 1 23-Nov CR

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι



Common Starling, Paphos Headland, 28th November. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Paphos Lighthouse c150 20-Nov IKB
Pareklisia c300 coming into roost 25-Nov
ADT
Phasouri Reed Bed 285+ murmuration
25-Nov LAC

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Pastor*

roseus Ακριδοπούλλι

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 juv. Photo seen
9-Nov HST

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Τριζάρα

Almyrolivado c25 22-Nov IKB
Almyrolivado c30 23-Nov JS
Almyrolivado 1 29-Nov JS
Kouklia Dam 1 came down to ground from
eucalyptus, huge pale thrush 13-Nov CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 flying over east
19-Nov CR
Troodos Square c25 22-Nov IKB
Tsada North Valley 3 flew in and perched
on dead tree 23-Nov CR

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

Τζιγκλα

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 6 26-Nov JS
Armou Hills 8 8-Nov CR

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Largest counts:

Agios Loukas Marsh 5 16-Nov JS/CC/MC
Machairas Forest 5 30-Nov FGe

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris* Τρυονότζικλα

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

Bishop's Pool 1 14-Nov PeA

BLUETHROAT *Cyanecula svecica*

Γαλαζολαιμής



Bluethroat, Evretou Dam, 14th November. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 18, 19, 21, 22 & 23-Nov
CR/NA
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 2,
3, 6, 7, 16, 22 & 29-Nov CR/VT/TRe/JS
Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 1 16-
Nov FGe
Evretou Dam 1 14 & 23-Nov DJW/PFo
Kamares. Larnaca Salt Lake 2
22 & 28-Nov LAC/FGe
Kouklia Dam 1 male 14-Nov CR
Lady's Mile 1 7, 11 & 19-Nov TRe/PeA
Mandria Beach 4 1-Nov LAC
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 19, 20 & 23-Nov
CR/DJW
Paralimni Lake 2 15-Nov FGe
Zakaki Marsh 1 19 & 22-Nov FM/PeA/JS

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus*

phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης

Agia Varvara 1 fem 2-Nov CR
Armou Hills 3 first W males 1-Nov CR

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσουφος



Blue Rock Thrush, Phinikas, 15th November. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agios Sozomenos 1 male 10 & 14-Nov FGe/JS
 Agios Sozomenos 2 23-Nov LAC
 Amathus hill 1 19-Nov PeA
 Anarita Park 1 2, 8, 13 & 24-Nov CR/NA/IKB/ABW
 Cape Greco 1 2-Nov JS
 Episkopi, Paphos 1 15-Nov DJW
 Evretou Dam 1 male at dam wall 28-Nov CR
 Kamares (Tala) 1 13, 22 & 28-Nov DJW
 Kensington Cliffs 1 Male 26-Nov JS/VT
 Phinikas, Paphos 1 15-Nov DJW
 Xeros Potamos, Paphos 1 28-Nov MH

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα



Northern Wheatear, Mandria, November 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Nov JE
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 Rizokarpasos to Apostolos Andreas tip. Female 17-Nov JS/CC/MC
 Lefkonoiko Dam 1 14-Nov CR
 Mandria 1 2, 3, 5 & 10-Nov NA/DHP/LAC/CR/ABW

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*
 Σκαλιφούρτα
 Arminou 1 28-Nov CI/MC/MH
 Makedonitissa, UN Buffer Zone 1 7, 14 & 21-Nov JS

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii*
 Βουνόσκαλιφούρτα



Finch's Wheatear, Anarita Park, 13th November. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 3 males 14-Nov JS
 Anarita Park 3 Three males in close interaction 2-Nov DHP
 Avdellero 2 1stW males 2-Nov FGe
 Evretou Dam 1 male 14-Nov DJW
 Kidasi 3 males 29 & 30-Nov CR/LAC/DJW

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Χρυσοβασιλίσκος
 Livadi tou Pashia 1 29-Nov CR

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Agia Varvara 1 15-Nov LAC
 Paphos Headland 1 18-Nov DAB

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινογαλούδι
 Largest counts;
 Agios Sozomenos 20+ 14-Nov JS
 Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields c35 16-Nov FGe
 Mandria 40 3-Nov DHP
 Paphos Sewage Plant c30 7, 11 & 19-Nov CR/IKB
 Potamia c25 23-Nov FGe

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι



Water Pipit, November 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 6 24-Nov CR
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 20+
29-Nov JS
Evretou Dam 2 shallow end 28-Nov CR
Jumbo Drain Larnaca 1 24-Nov LAC
Mandria 15 3-Nov DHP
Oroklini Marsh 1 23-Nov LAC
Paphos Sewage Plant 8 7-Nov CR
Paralimni Lake c25 15-Nov FGe

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi*

Διπλογαλούδι

Mandria 1 2, 7 & 8-Nov DHP/LAC

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

Ωχρογαλούδι

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 1stW 3-Nov CR

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla*

flava Τζιπρινοζευκαλάτης

Agia Varvara 1 11-Nov NA
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 2 &
29-Nov DS/JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 3-
Nov CR
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 7,
12, 19 & 26-Nov TRe
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 8-
Nov JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 18-
Nov LAC/IKB
Mandria Beach 2 3-Nov LAC/SM
Paphos Sewage Plant 2 1stW birds 7-Nov
CR

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Agia Varvara 1 feeding at side of highway
21-Nov JN

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης



Grey Wagtail, Troodos, 5th November.
Photograph by John East.

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 2-Nov JS
Agia Varvara 4 19-Nov DJW
Amiantos Botanical Garden 1 8 & 19-Nov
JS
Aradippou slurry pits 1 15-Nov FGe
Arodes 1 8-Nov CR
Athalassa Dam 1 20 & 30-Nov SC/FGe
Avakas Gorge 1 4, 11, 14, 16 & 17-Nov
DJW/IKB/DAB/RAT
Bishop's Pool 1 6-Nov LAC/DJW/VT
CyKing Village Paphos 1 27-Nov SM
Evretou Dam 1 14-Nov DJW
Jumbo Drain Larnaca 2 24-Nov LAC
Kamares (Tala) 1 20 & 28-Nov DJW
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1
18-Nov JS
Kannaviou Dam 1 14-Nov DJW
Kouklia 2 11-Nov IKB
Lower Ezousas 1 25-Nov IKB
Souni 1 heard then seen in flight 29-Nov
JN
Troodos 1 5-Nov JE

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Χειμωνόσπινος



Brambling, Goudi, 8th November. Photograph
by Ray Atkinson.

Almyrolivado 1 22-Nov IKB
Evretou Dam 1 14-Nov DJW
Goudi, Paphos 1 8-Nov RAT
Makedonitissa, UN Buffer Zone 1 maybe
two briefly on bush 10-Nov VV
Platania Picnic Site c6 16-Nov SC with
BirdLife Cyprus Group/FGe
Potamia 2 males in large flock of
chaffinches 23-Nov FGe
Troodos 1+ 16-Nov LAC
Tsada North Valley 1 male 23-Nov CR
Weather Station, Troodos Village 4 16-
Nov DJW

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes*.
coccothraustes Τζιεφαλόσπινος
Bishop's Pool 1 female 14-Nov PeA
Evretou Dam 1 14-Nov DJW
Platania Picnic Site c20 16 & 20-Nov SC
with BirdLife Cyprus Group/DJW/FGe

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*
Σταυρομούττης
Almyrolivado Picnic Site Troodos 1 4-Nov
IKB
Livadi tou Pashia c4 16-Nov SC with
BirdLife Cyprus Group
Troodos 14 Including 3 in post juvenile
plumage 16-Nov LAC
Troodos Environmental Centre c10 16-
Nov SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group
Troodos Forest 10+ 8 at weather station
and two at start of Persephone Trail 19-
Nov JS
Troodos Forest Weather station 23-Nov
JS
Troodos Forest 4+ Weather station 29-
Nov JS
Troodos Meteorological Station c5 16-Nov
SC with BirdLife Cyprus Group
Troodos Meteorological Station c20
including 1 juvenile 20-Nov SC with F
Georgiades
Troodos Village 4 29-Nov CR
Troodos Visitor Centre 5 16-Nov DJW
Troodos Visitors Centre 3 29-Nov CR

EURASIAN SISKIN *Spinus spinus*
Θκιολαρούδι
Almyrolivado 1 22-Nov IKB
Almyrolivado 2 23-Nov JS
Big Boulder valley 6 29-Nov CR
Platania Picnic site 20+ 16-Nov DJW
Platania 5 19-Nov JS
Platania Picnic site c20 20-Nov FGe

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citrinella*
Χρυσοπιπίλλα
Weather Station, Troodos Village 8 Some
discussion on hybrid but some
Yellowhammer 16-Nov DJW

Yellowhammer x Pine Bunting Troodos
Meteorological Station c6 All birds seen
and photographed appear to be hybrids or
hybrid lookalikes 16-Nov SC with BirdLife
Cyprus Group

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*
Καλαμοπιπίλλα
Agia Varvara 1 1stW 18-Nov CR

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

November 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 November, 14 recorders covered 31 wetlands (including two coastal sites) across the island where a total of 22651 birds, of 60 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 13364 individuals. The second most abundant species was the Eurasian teal with 2227 individuals followed by the Northern Shoveler with 1693 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds, was Akrotiri Salt Lake with 12172 individuals. Mia Milia Sewage Works was second in terms of number of individuals recorded with 3549 individuals.

Oroklini Marsh and Mia Milia Sewage Works were the most species abundant sites with 24 different species being recorded there. Larnaca Sewage Works had 18 different species present.

Silverbeach Marsh, Klapsides Marsh, and Galatea Lake had no waterbirds present.

Site coverage for the November 2019 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Paphos Lighthouse	Ian and Kate Bloomer	15-11-19	
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou	22-11-19	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou	22-11-19	
Akrotiri Salt Lake	Christina Ieronymidou	22-11-19	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou	22-11-19	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou	22-11-19	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou	22-11-19	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	18-11-19	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	18-11-19	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	24-11-19	
Agia Thekla – Liopetri Coast	Filippos Georgiades	15-11-19	
Paralimni Lake	Filippos Georgiades	15-11-19	
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	14-11-19	
Asprokremmos Dams & Pools	Dave & Jan Walker	15-11-19	
Athalassa Dam	Elena Markitani	23-11-19	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	Filippos Georgiades	15-11-19	
Aradippou Slurry Pits	Filippos Georgiades	15-11-19	
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	11-11-19	
Kannaviou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	14-11-19	
Manglis Dam	Jane Stylianou	07-11-19	
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	19-11-19	
Mia Milia Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Ayios Loukas Lake North	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Ayios Loukas Lake South	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Silverbeach Marsh	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Klapsides Marsh	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Klapsides Pool	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Sygkrasis Dam	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	17-11-19	
Kouklia Dam	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Galatia Lake	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	16-11-19	
Ovgoros Dam	Jane Stylianou, Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides	17-11-19	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2019	Little Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	White Pelican	Cormorant	Night Heron	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	White Stork	Greater Flamingo
Paphos Lighthouse											
Akrotiri Marsh	1					2	2		1		
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake									2		11906
Akrotiri Lady's Mile				2					51		
Bishop's Pool	19										
Zakaki Pond									7		
Larnaka Salt Lake											1300
Larnaka Sewage Works	8	2		56					3		
Oroklini Marsh	20						7				70
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast											
Paralimni Lake	9										
Mia Milia Sewage Works	150					4	1	3	6		
Ayios Loukas Lake South	6			260					1		
Ayios Loukas Lake North				10		8	3	2	3		
Klapsides Pool									1		17
Evretou Dam									2		
Asprokremnos Dam & pools	1			4			2	2	2		
Athalassa Lake	15			85	6		5	1	5		
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	8								1		
Aradippou slurry pits						65					
Sygkrasis Dam	12					250	2				
Kouklia Dam			2	19			1	1	32	1	71
Mavrokolymbos Dam	1			3							
Ovgoros Dam											
Kannaviou Dam				6				1	3		
Manglis Dam											
Strakka Pools	9			4					2		
TOTAL	259	2	2	449	6	329	23	10	122	1	13364

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2019	White-fronted Goose	Ruddy Shelduck	Common Shelduck	Wigeon	Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Pintail	Shoveler	Pochard	Ferruginous Duck
Paphos Lighthouse											
Akrotiri Marsh					80						
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake		1									
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool					346	5			13		
Zakaki Pond											
Larnaka Salt Lake											
Larnaka Sewage Works	2		1	1	669	343		3	196	4	1
Oroklini Marsh				5	120	20		4	170	1	1
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast											
Paralimni Lake											
Mia Milia Sewage Works					700	900	3	1	1200	17	
Ayios Loukas Lake South											
Ayios Loukas Lake North					3						
Klapsides Pool									100		
Evretou Dam								1			
Asprokremnos Dam & pools					36	19					
Athalassa Lake					10	26					
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam											
Aradippou slurry pits											
Sygkrasis Dam				2	132	24			2		2
Kouklia Dam					120				12		
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Ovgoros Dam											
Kannaviou Dam											
Manglis Dam											
Strakka Pools					11						
TOTAL	2	1	1	8	2227	1337	3	9	1693	22	4

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2019	Tufted Duck	Marsh Harrier	Water Rail	Spotted Crane	Moorhen	Coot	Crane	Black-winged Stilt	Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Golden Plover
Paphos Lighthouse											13
Akrotiri Marsh		2			3	7				7	
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake											9
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool					2	2					
Zakaki Pond		1	1		11	5					
Larnaka Salt Lake		1			13					43	26
Larnaka Sewage Works						16					
Oroklini Marsh		1			11	33		11	11	76	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast											
Paralimni Lake					22	21				2	
Mia Milia Sewage Works		5		1	20	350			16	160	
Ayios Loukas Lake South					1	2					
Ayios Loukas Lake North					4	2					
Klapsides Pool					10			22	2	5	
Evretou Dam											
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Athalassa Lake	4				28	15					
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam			1		8					15	
Aradippou slurry pits					16					26	
Sygkrasis Dam		1	1			100			19		
Kouklia Dam						9	17		32		
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Ovgoros Dam						5					
Kannaviou Dam											
Manglis Dam					7	1					
Strakka Pools					5	5					
TOTAL	4	11	3	1	161	573	17	33	80	334	48

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2019	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Ringed Plover	Sanderling	Little Stint	Temminck's Stint	Dunlin	Ruff	Snipe	Redshank	Greenshank
Paphos Lighthouse		2									
Akrotiri Marsh									2		
Akrotiri Meras	2										
Akrotiri Salt lake	14										
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	2			3	14		150			2	
Bishop's Pool											
Zakaki Pond											
Larnaka Salt Lake									1		
Larnaka Sewage Works										3	
Oroklini Marsh						1		1	18	1	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	24										
Paralimni Lake			10						6		
Mia Milia Sewage Works						1			1	4	
Ayios Loukas Lake South											
Ayios Loukas Lake North									1		
Klapsides Pool			12		2					22	2
Evretou Dam									2		
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Athalassa Lake											
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam											
Aradippou slurry pits									7		
Sygkrasis Dam									4		
Kouklia Dam							8	8			
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Ovgoros Dam											
Kannaviou Dam											
Manglis Dam											
Strakka Pools											
TOTAL	42	2	22	3	16	2	158	9	42	32	2

WETLAND BIRD COUNT NOVEMBER 2019	Kingfisher	Grey Wagtail	Bluethroat	White Wagtail	Unidentified Species	TOTAL	species count
Paphos Lighthouse	1			4		26	7
Akrotiri Marsh	1					108	11
Akrotiri Meras					2	4	2
Akrotiri Salt lake					111	12172	7
Akrotiri Lady's Mile						849	12
Bishop's Pool						387	6
Zakaki Pond	2		1			63	8
Larnaka Salt Lake	1					1466	9
Larnaka Sewage Works						1320	18
Oroklini Marsh	1					648	24
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	1					54	4
Paralimni Lake						70	6
Mia Milia Sewage Works	1					3549	24
Ayios Loukas Lake South						273	6
Ayios Loukas Lake North						93	12
Klapsides Pool						195	11
Evretou Dam		1				6	4
Asprokremnos Dam & pools						67	8
Athalassa Lake	3					204	13
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam						33	5
Aradippou slurry pits						116	5
Sygkrasis Dam						551	13
Kouklia Dam	1					334	15
Mavrokolymbos Dam						4	2
Ovgoros Dam						5	1
Kannaviou Dam						10	3
Manglis Dam						8	2
Strakka Pools						36	6
TOTAL	12	1	1	4	113	22651	60



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