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Cover photo: A portrait of a Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica. They have been arriving in numbers over the last month and are getting ready to breed and spend the summer in Cyprus. This bird was photographed by Ian Bloomer at Paphos Headland on 25th February 2019.

Erratum: Last months cover photo should have read as follows:

Cover page: Paphos Headland is a regular wintering location for several waders that are quite scarce to Cyprus. One of these is the Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres. Up to four are in that area most winters. This individual was photographed by Raija Howard on 18th January.
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.

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The Cyprus Bird Report 2017 is now available. The report contains 53 colour photos, the 2017 Systematic List of 308 observed species or recognised forms which was compiled from nearly 69,000 records and the 2017 Ringing report. Plus papers on the first White-eyed Gull in Cyprus; the study of migration with Cyprus Wheatears; the BirdLife Cyprus 2017 monitoring programmes; the breeding success, wintering ecology and migratory behaviour of Eleonora’s Falcon in Cyprus and breeding Cyprus Scops Owl in a Cyprus garden. The Report includes species charts and tables and a full Cyprus bird List. The front cover features a male White-throated Robin photographed at Cape Greco. The Report will be sent automatically to those BirdLife Cyprus members whose subscription includes it. Extra copies can be purchased if required by contacting the BirdLife Cyprus office.
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.

April 2019

Friday 5th April - Sunday 7th April: Karpasia Peninsula
Spring migrants and rare residents.
Leader: Melis Charalambides. Home Tel: 22632155, Mobile: 99653205
Meet11.00 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/cYJi754DpHR2
Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides.

Saturday 13th April: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria
Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310
Spring migrants.
Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/F23CnS5iZA42

Saturday 20th April: Cape Greko
PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER
Leader: Stavros Christodoulides: Mobile: 99425050
Spring Migrants, (please note new meeting point.
Meet 8.00 am, Capr Grko Environmental Centre
Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/zPRPnzJoxtB2
Friday 26th April - Monday 29th April (Cypriot Easter)
**Saturday 27th April: Arodes and Androlikou Akamas Villages**
Leader: Dave and Jan Walker: Mobile: 99915907
Meet 9.00 am Pano Arodes square, St. Kelandion Church
Google Maps Link: [https://goo.gl/maps/emfrqyYToan](https://goo.gl/maps/emfrqyYToan)

**May 2019**

**Saturday 4th May: Akrotiri Peninsula.**
Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299
Late spring migrants and water birds.
Meet 8.30 am, Akrotiri Marsh (Phassouri Reed beds).
Google Maps link: [https://goo.gl/maps/oaCQat3x7tH2](https://goo.gl/maps/oaCQat3x7tH2)

**Saturday 18th May: End of Season Get Together Lunch**
12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou.
Google Maps Link: [https://goo.gl/maps/CcfiYnirUoH2](https://goo.gl/maps/CcfiYnirUoH2)
For booking please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Tel: Mobile: 99413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com
The morning started with black skies and torrential rain as we made our way to the designated meeting at Konia. As we had done a recce’ days earlier at Armou, the proposed area for the field trip and decided that due to some of the tracks being impassable and fields flooded from the heavy rain over the past few months, that if anyone turned up for the trip, we would conduct the trip around Paphos Lighthouse.

As it happened four people attended, including myself and we made our way down to the Lighthouse, and to our surprise the clouds parted and the sun appeared as we arrived. As we made our way to the entrance the first bird of the day, a Hoopoe, was seen feeding on the ground adjacent to the fence outside the site, a good start we thought!

We then made our way down the avenue of trees in front of the Frankish Fort where many species were feeding on the ground and drinking from the puddles, formed by the overnight rain. Amongst the many Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, House and Spanish Sparrows were a couple of Woodlark, a winter visitor seen regularly on the site. As we walked on a couple of White Wagtail were seen and to our surprise, a Grey Wagtail feeding around a puddle, not a common sight here. Several Barn Swallows had commenced feeding above us with the arrival of the sun and a party of Hooded Crows squabbled in the trees above us. A couple of female Black Redstarts were chasing each other around the ruins of the Frankish Fort as we heard the distant call of a Great Spotted Cuckoo.

We then proceeded towards the Odeon through the orchard were we saw a couple of Stonechat, perched on the tall wild fennel stalks and many Chiffchaff feeding on the lower foliage. A Song Thrush was heard singing close by but quickly flew into deep cover as we approached. A couple of Collared Dove burst noisily from a nearby tree and above a Common Kestrel circled, no doubt looking for its breakfast! Great Tits were in profusion, calling from the trees all around us and we observed our first male Black Redstart. On the large open area of the Odeon there were many Meadow Pipit feeding on the ground at that point the Great Spotted Cuckoo that we had heard earlier flew overhead, calling as it did. Amongst the feeding Meadow Pipit were a number of Skylark and a Corn Bunting was singing, perched on a tall stalk. At that point a group of Cormorant were seen, fourteen of them, flying north/west in formation. Amongst the feeding Swallows overhead were a couple of House Martin, flying slightly higher than the swallows. To the north, five Yellow-legged Gulls were making their way south, presumably from their roost at Cape Drepanum to the north.

At this point the sky clouded over again, with the promise of more heavy rain so we made our way back towards the car park seeing many Crested Lark feeding on the ground and finally an Isabelline Wheatear gave us good views as it popped onto a nearby rock, a good end to the trip! So from a day that promised nothing, weather wise, the four of us had a very enjoyable few hours with twenty-six species seen.
BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 70

Last Month's Quiz answer

Medium long legs, shortish tail, slim bill, triangular head and upright stance suggests that last month’s mystery bird is a species of wheatear, a family of birds well represented on our island with 11 species occurring either as regular visitors or vagrants, throughout the year.

One species, Cyprus Wheatear is an endemic breeding summer visitor, while another Finsch’s Wheatear occurs in winter. All other species are mostly recorded on migration, with spring being probably the best time to observe them. Adult males are usually distinctive but some females can be quite tricky. Our mystery bird is mostly brown with a darker throat, wings and an orange-red vent. These features can exclude Northern, Isabelline, Desert, White-crowned, Cyprus and Black-eared Wheatears (which all show a white vent) as well as Finsch’s, Hooded and Mourning Wheatears which can show some stain on the vent but have either black-and-white plumage (in the case of males) or are paler grey with a less pronounced dark throat (female birds). Our mystery bird is therefore a Kurdish Wheatear, a very rare passage migrant or winter visitor with just 6 Cyprus records. The dark throat but rather drab plumage probably suggests that our mystery bird is a young male.
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Τιμή / Price: €25
A – Z of Cyprus Bird Watching Amiantos and Amur Falcon

By June Neal

If you wish to learn more about a topic use control as you click your mouse to follow the link or highlight the link to a web page (underlined blue text) and copy it into your web browser.

Amiandos (Amiantos), Limassol/Troodos

Coordinates: 34.9166° N, 32.9367° E

All-year-round sightings may include –
Northern Goshawk, Διπλοσιάχινο, Accipiter gentilis
Coal Tit, Πέμπετσος, Periparus ater cypriotes
Blue Rock Thrush, Γαλαζοκότσυφος, Monticola solitaries – breeding suspected June 2012; one male on territory 10 April 2014 and one male 6 April, one female type 1 June and a male 27 June 2015
Eurasian Blackbird, ♂ Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα), Turdus merula
Common Chaffinch, Σπίνος, Fringilla coelebs

During spring and summer the other breeding species to be found in the area include –
Common Quail, Ορτύκι, Coturnix coturnix – one Pano Amiantos on 16 July 2015
Northern House Martin, Άσπροχελίδονο, *Delichon urbicum* – four seen at nest site 26 March 2014 followed by large post-breeding flocks of c300 July 2014 and six seen entering nest holes 4 March 2015

Eurasian Crag Martin, Βραχοχελίδονο, *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* – four observed 23 July and 13 August 2014

Cyprus Wheatear, Σκαλιφούρτα, *Oenanthe cypriaca*

European Serin, Μπασταρτοκανάρινο, *Serinus serinus*

Winter species may include –

Grey Wagtail, Σταχτοζευκαλάτης, *Motacilla cinerea* – seen at the Botanical Garden during autumn and winter months 2015

Mistle Thrush, Τρίζάρα, *Turdus viscivorus* – noted there 10 January 2012

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BirdTrack
Amur Falcon, Ασιατικό Μαυροκιρκίνεζο, *Falco amurensis*

This spectacular Falcon, which breeds in Siberia and Northern China before migrating in large flocks, was photographed by Paul Curry on 30 April 2016. It had sat perched on wires at Anarita Park on the look-out for its favourite food, crickets or lizards. In flight it shows the remarkable under-wing, vent and leg plumage.

This accidental vagrant was discovered at Anarita Park 28 April 2016, staying until 15 May 2016 and is the first record of this species in Cyprus. A slightly shorter account of the report sent by the author to the UK website Birdguides is produced with the author’s permission on pages 169-170 of BirdLife Cyprus Annual Report 2016.

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https://www.birdguides.com/articles/britain-ireland/rarity-finders-amur-falcon-a-first-for-cyprus/

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR FEBRUARY 2019
Jane Stylianou

3146 bird records received
170 species and forms recorded February 2019, compared to 155 in February 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 February 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, European Shag, 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, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin.

COMMON QUAIL Coturnix coturnix Ορτύκι
Phassouri Reed-beds 2 seen feeding together in vineyard near entrance, then in flight 9-Feb JN
Oroklini Marsh 4 1m and 3f 18 & 26-Feb KH/MH/MC/VT
Oroklini Marsh 3 21-Feb PTo

WHITE-HEADED DUCK* Oxyura leucocephala Κεφαλόπαπια
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 Female 8-Feb JS/CC

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE Anser albifrons Αρκόσινα
Asprokremmos Dam 1 3-Feb CR
Larnaca Sewage Pools 7 18-Feb SJF

COMMON SHELDUCK Tadorna tadorna Αλάουρτος
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 3 8-Feb JS/CC
Larnaca Salt Lake 373 7-Feb JS
Larnaca Salt Lake c150 + 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 26-Feb MH/CC

RUDDY SHELDUCK Tadorna ferruginea Καστανόπαπια
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 7 & 11-Feb JS/KH

RED-CRESTED POCHARD Netta rufina Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 6 1m and 6f 26-Feb MH/CC
Oroklini Marsh 6 8 & 10-Feb MH/MPa Phasouri Reed-beds 6 4m and 2f 9-Feb DS
Zakaki Marsh 2 m,f 1-Feb CR

COMMON POCHARD Aythya farina Κουντούρα
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 110+ 8-Feb JS/CC
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) c75 26-Feb MH/CC
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 males 5 & 7-Feb KH/JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 2-Feb JS/CC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 6 2m and 4f 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 18 26-Feb MH/CC
Oroklini Marsh 1 male 18 & 21-Feb KH/PTo

FERRUGINOUS DUCK Aythya nyroca Βαλτόπαπια
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Peninsula 2 21-Feb LPo
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 30+ 8 & 26-Feb JS/CC/MH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant c25 26-Feb MH/CC
Oroklini Marsh 6 8 & 10-Feb MH/MPa Phasouri Reed-beds 6 4m and 2f 9-Feb DS
Zakaki Marsh 2 m,f 1-Feb CR
TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*  
Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια  
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 3 2m and 1f  
26-Feb MH/MC

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*  
Μασουράτζης  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits coast c30 25-Feb KH  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 2m and 1f 26-Feb MH/MC  
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) c10 26-Feb MH/MC  
Oroklini Marsh 1 male 26-Feb MH/MC

GADWALL *Mareca strepera*  
Κανναούρα  
Agios Loukas Marsh 4 2m and 2f 8-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 3m and 2f 5-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 2m and 2f 7-Feb JS  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 26-Feb MH/MC  
Oroklini Marsh 1 1-Feb JS  
Oroklini Marsh 2 1m and 1f 5, 10 & 21-Feb KH/MPa/PTo

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope*  
Αρμαπάσσιης  
Agios Loukas Marsh 1 Female 8-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 m 3-Feb CR  
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) c20 8-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) c10 26-Feb MH/MC  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 7-Feb JS  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-Feb JS/MC/CC

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*  
Σουβλονούρα  
Max count per location:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits coast 250+ 25-Feb KH  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 m,f 14-Feb CR  
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) c12 26-Feb MH/MC  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 2-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Oroklini Marsh 16 9m and 7f 18-Feb KH

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*  
Σκουφοβούττης  
Akhná Dam 1 5-Feb KH  
Asprokremmos Dam 3 3-Feb CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 14-Feb CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 26-Feb IKB  
Evretou Dam 1 4 & 21-Feb CR  
Lady’s Mile 1 1-Feb CR  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 2, 14 & 16-Feb DJW/IKB/SJF  
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 26-Feb MH/MC

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis*  
Μαυροβούττης  
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 2 8-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 1 26-Feb MH/MC  
Larnaca Sewage Works 26 7-Feb JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works 49 10-Feb MPa  
Larnaca Sewage Works 12 18-Feb KH  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 19-Feb SJF  
Larnaca Sewage Works c6 mostly in breeding plumage 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group

GREATER FLAMINO *Phoenicopterus roseus*  
Φλαμίνγκο  
Largest counts:  
Agios Loukas Marsh c300 8-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 700 est 22-Feb CR  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2690 7-Feb JS  
Paralimni Lake 315 1-Feb JS

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia*  
Αρκοπέζουνο  
Agios Filonas, Karpasia c30 9-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Akrotiri Peninsula 5 21-Feb LPo  
Appolon Hylates Sanctuary 4 9-Feb JN  
Cape Apostolos Andreas area 6 9-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Cape Drepanum 30 mostly wild type 19-Feb CR  
Evretou Dam 30 near dam wall 21-Feb CR

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*Northern Pintail, Oroklini Marsh, 18th February. Photograph by Raija Howard*
Kensington Cliffs 10 at least, pure birds
10-Feb CR

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Φοινικοτρύγονο

Laughing Dove, Mandria, 25th February. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Max count per location:
Acheleia Dam 1 juv 12-Feb CR
Akrotiri Peninsula 2 21-Feb LPo
Anarita-Nata Rd 2 7-Feb IKB
Cape Pyla 3 7-Feb MC/MaC
Kontea 1+ 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Larnaca 2 20-Feb ABW
Mandria 3 7-Feb IKB
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 2-Feb JS/MC/CC
Paphos 2 18-Feb LPo
Petounta Point 2 23-Feb FGe

**BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE**
*Pterocles orientalis* Πουρτάλλα

Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 16th February. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2, 17, 18 & 26-Feb MSS/JE/KH

**ALPINE SWIFT** *Tachymarptis melba*
Ασπροπετροχελίδονο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 21-Feb TRe
Akrotiri Peninsula 6 21-Feb LPo
Anarita Park 5 21-Feb PH
Asprokremmos Dam 4 21-Feb DJW

Curium 10 24-Feb KH
Kiti Dam 10 28-Feb MC
Kourris Soakaways 6 22-Feb KH
Mandria 7 distant, high 12-Feb CR
Timi 1 15-Feb CR

**LITTLE SWIFT** *Apus affinis*
Μικροπετροχελίδονο

Black-bellied Sandgrouse, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 18th February. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 10, 14, 15 & 21-Feb KH/TRe/JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 11-Feb JE
Anarita Village 1 6-Feb MPa
Anarita Village 2 8-Feb MPa
Cape Drepanum 1 19-Feb KH
Paphos Headland 1 8, 16 & 25-Feb IKB
Paphos Headland 2 24, 26 & 27-Feb SJF/PH/IKB
Prodromi 2 27-Feb JHe
Souni 1 10-Feb JN

**COMMON SWIFT** *Apus apus*
Πετροχελίδονο

Largest counts:
Kourris Soakaways 50+ 22-Feb KH
Larnaca Sewage Works 60+ 7-Feb JS
Spiros Pool 50 18-Feb SJF

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

Great Spotted Cuckoo, Paphos Headland, 8th February. Photograph by Paphos Headland.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 10, 14, 15 & 21-Feb KH/TRe/JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 11-Feb JE
Anarita Village 1 6-Feb MPa
Anarita Village 2 8-Feb MPa
Cape Drepanum 1 19-Feb KH
Paphos Headland 1 8, 16 & 25-Feb IKB
Paphos Headland 2 24, 26 & 27-Feb SJF/PH/IKB
Prodromi 2 27-Feb JHe
Souni 1 10-Feb JN

**WESTERN WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*
Μαυροπουλάδα
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 at least heard calling near Tower Hide and 1 near low hide 2-Feb JN
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 heard 9-Feb JN
Zakaki Marsh 1 h 1 & 8-Feb CR/MSS

LITTLE CRAKE Zapornia parva
Μικροπουλάδα
Zakaki Marsh 1 male 22 & 23-Feb TRe/KH

WHITE STORK Ciconia ciconia Λευκός Πελαργός
Cape Drepanum 2 flying untagged, but probably escapes 19-Feb CR

EURASIAN SPOONBILL Platalea leucorodia Κουταλάς
Agios Loukas Marsh 9 8-Feb JS/MC/CC

EURASIAN BITTERN Botaurus stellaris
Βουρωδιός
Kytherea Dam 1 3-Feb DK

SQUACCO HERON Ardeola ralloides
Βορτακοφάς

Squacco Heron, Akrotiri Marsh, 15th February. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 15, 20 & 22-Feb JE/ADT/IM/KH

PURPLE HERON Ardea purpurea
Πορφυρομαύρος
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 28-Feb KH

GREAT WHITE EGRET Ardea alba
Χανούμισσα
Agios Loukas Marsh 4 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Cape Greco 1 flying along coast 21-Feb PTo
Fresh Water Lake 1 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Manglis Lake 1 6-Feb JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 2-Feb JS/MC/CC

Paralimni Lake 1 1-Feb JS

GREAT CORMORANT Phalacrocorax carbo Κορμοράνος
Largest counts of migrants:
Kensington Cliffs c40 23-Feb IKB
Latchi 44 Flying west to east as gained height 27-Feb RA
Mandria 85 26-Feb IKB
Paphos Headland 60 Flying together NE 26-Feb SJF

BLACK-WINGED STILT Himantopus himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς

Black-winged Stilt, Lady’s Mile, 26th February. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Lady’s Mile 2 26-Feb TRe
Lady’s Mile 1 28-Feb JE/TRe
Oroklini Marsh 4 1-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 5 8-Feb MH
Oroklini Marsh 7 10 & 21-Feb MPa/PTo
Oroklini Marsh 10 19-Feb SJF
Oroklini Marsh c12 26-Feb MH/MC

GREY PLOVER Pluvialis squatarola
Στακτοπλουμίδι
Agia Trias 9 13-Feb KH
Mandria 1 flew over calling; good view of underwing 8-Feb MPa

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER Pluvialis apricaria Χρυσοπλουμίδι
Max count per location:
Clapsides Beach 17 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Larnaca Sewage Works c35 5-Feb KH
Mandria 38 in flight 7-Feb CR
Paphos Headland c40 9-Feb KH
Timi Beach 30+ fly over 13-Feb TRe

COMMON RINGED PLOVER Charadrius hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι
Larnaca Airport Pools North 15 10-Feb MPa
Spiros Beach  1  7-Feb JS

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake  6  18-Feb KH
Lady’s Mile  6  26-Feb KH/TRe
Mandria  1  flooded area, Mandria Gardens  27-Feb CR
Timi Beach  1  nest prospecting  25-Feb CR

KENTISH PLOVER *Charadrius alexandrinus* Νανοπλουμίδι
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake  c75  25-Feb KH
Spiros Beach  c100  27-Feb KH

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι

GREATER SANDPLOVER, Lady’s Mile, 25th February. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Agia Thekla  9  25-Feb VT
Agia Trias  2  1-Feb JS
Agia Trias  6  13-Feb KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  2  2-Feb KH
Akrotiri Salt Lake  1  25-Feb KH
Lady’s Mile  1  25-Feb TRe
Paphos Headland  4  9, 15 & 24-Feb CR/IKB/SJF
Paphos Headland  3  26-Feb SJF/CR
Spiros Beach  3  2 in breeding plumage, 1 moulting  23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus
Gull Group
Spiros Beach  8  25-Feb AKy/VT

NORTHERN LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus* Γιαννής

Northern Lapwing, Akrotiti 1st February. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Akrotiri Gravel pits  1  1-Feb ABW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits  8  14-Feb TRe
Cape Apostolos Andreas area  2  9-Feb JS/MC/CC
Karpasia Peninsula  15  Road from Rizokarpasos to Galinoporni  9-Feb JS/MC/CC
Lower Ezousas  4  1-Feb IKB
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  32  2-Feb JS/MC/CC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  2  8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  c20  26-Feb MH/MC
Syngrasi Dam  7  9-Feb JS/MC/CC

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING *Vanellus spinosus* Πελλοκατερίνα

Largest counts:
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant  c100  2-Feb JS/MC/CC
Oroklini Marsh  25  10 & 19-Feb MPa/SJF
Paphos Sewage Plant  c30  7 & 11-Feb IKB

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* Φαιομπεκάτσα
Paphos Headland  1  15 & 26-Feb IKB/SKF

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata* Νερομπεκάτσα
Clapsides Beach  3  8-Feb JS/MC/CC

RUDDY TURNSTONE * Arenaria interpres* Χαλικονεραλλίδι
Paphos Lighthouse  1  9 & 26-Feb CR

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής
Oroklini Marsh 1 18-Feb KH

**Temminck’s Stint** *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Temminck’s Stint, Lady’s Mile, 25th February. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 1 & 21-Feb CR/LPo
Lady’s Mile 3 21, 22, 25 & 26-Feb TRe/CR/KH/TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools North 2 10-Feb MPa

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 55 1-Feb CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 25 25-Feb KH
Kefalos Beach, Paphos Headland 1 15-Feb IM
Larnaca Airport Pools North 250 10-Feb MPa
Larnaca Airport Pools North 13 7-Feb JS
Paphos Lighthouse 1 26-Feb CR
Spiros Beach Floods c4 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group
Spiros Beach 2 27-Feb KH

**Little Stint** *Calidris minuta* Νανονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 54 1-Feb CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 25-Feb KH
Lady’s Mile 3 25-Feb KH
Lady’s Mile 6 8-Feb MSS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 10 10-Feb MPa
Spiros Beach 2 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group
Spiros Beach 3 27-Feb KH

**Eurasian Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola* Πικάτσα

Agios Nikolaos 1 7-Feb MC/MaC

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago* Πικατσόνι

Galateia Wetland, Famagusta 1 8 & 9-Feb JS/MC/CC
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 7-Feb JS

Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 5 11-Feb KH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 2-Feb JS/MC/CC
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8 & 26-Feb JS/MC/CC/MH
Oroklini Marsh 1 4-Feb PTo
Oroklini Marsh 4 10-Feb MPa
Spiros Beach 1 27-Feb KH
Timi Beach 1 28-Feb CR

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* Ακτίτης

King Evelthon Beach Hotel – Beach 1 14-Feb SJF
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 1 1-Feb JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 2 & 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Paphos Headland 1 9 & 15-Feb CR/IKB/IM

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* Δασονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Gravel pits 4 14-Feb TRe
Galeaitea Wetland 2 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 19-Feb SJF
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 4 26-Feb MH/MC
Phasouri Reed-beds 3 21-Feb SJF
Secret Valley GC 1 7 & 22-Feb CR
Spiros Pool 1 7-Feb JS
Timi Beach 1 28-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Feb MSS

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus* Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 10-Feb MPa
Spiros Beach 1 18-Feb SJF

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Spiros Pool 1 18-Feb SJF

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus* Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:
Clapsides Beach 1 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Larnaca Airport Pools North 20 10-Feb MPa
Larnaca Salt Lake 41 7-Feb JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 5 26-Feb MH/MC
Oroklini Marsh 1 1-Feb JS
Potamos Liopetriou 1 1-Feb JS
WOOD SANDPIPER Tringa glareola
Λάσπονεραλλίδι
Wood Sandpiper, Lady’s Mile, 26th February. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Lady's Mile 1 26-Feb TRe

MARSH SANDPIPER Tringa stagnatilis
Βαλτονεραλλίδι
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-Feb JS/MC/CC

LITTLE GULL Hydrocoloeus minutus
Νανόγλαρος
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 First winter. Not same as bird seen on Airport pools north a few minutes before 7-Feb JS
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 Not same as bird seen on Salt Lake 3 minutes later 7-Feb JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL Larus genei
Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος
Slender-billed Gull, Lady’s Mile, 28th February. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
Lady's Mile 30+ 28-Feb JE/TRe
Spiros Pool 24 18-Feb SJF
widespread Larnaca c100 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group

PALLAS’S GULL Larus ichthyaetus
Αετόγλαρος
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 breeding plumage 25-Feb AKy
Ormeideia Fishing Shelter 1 Fly by 1st winter bird 1-Feb JS
Paphos Headland 1 fly by 14:45 6-Feb Mpa
Spiros Beach 1 25-Feb VT

MEDITERRANEAN GULL Larus melanocephalus Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος
Mediterranean Gull, Lady’s Mile, 14th February. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Peninsula 6 21-Feb LPo
Lady's Mile 1 14-Feb TRe
Lady's Mile 3 15-Feb ABW
Lady's Mile 2 21 & 26-Feb TRe
Lady's Mile 6 25-Feb TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools South 3 2nd w 11-Feb KH
Larnaca Salt Lake 9 1 ad, 2 2nd w, 6 1st w 11-Feb KH
Oroklini Beach 1 Adult acquiring breeding plumage 7-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 breeding plumage 25-Feb AKy

AUDOUIN’S GULL Larus audouinii
Νησόγλαρος
Agios Loukas Marsh 1 First winter bird in with the other gulls on the water 8-Feb JS/MC/CC

Baltic Gull Larus fuscus fuscus
Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Lady's Mile 1 25-Feb KH/TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 5-Feb KH
**Heuglin’s Gull** Larus fuscus heuglini
*Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας*


Agios Loukas Marsh 2 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Lady’s Mile 1 7-Feb TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 4th winter 23-Feb SC
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 25-Feb AKy

**ARMENIAN GULL** Larus armenicus
*Γλάρος Αρμενίας*

Max count per location:
Lady’s Mile 24 4-Feb JN
Larnaca Airport Pools North 2 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group
Larnaca Salt Lake 6+ 7-Feb JS
Limassol Bay 14 22-Feb CR
McKenzie Harbour c5 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group
Oroklini Beach 13 7-Feb JS
Oroklini Marsh c10 26-Feb MH/MC

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

Largest counts:
Lady’s Mile 18 1-Feb CR
Larnaca Airport Pools North c80 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group

**SANDWICH TERN** Thalasseus sandvicensis
*Χειμωνογλάρον*

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 2-Feb KH
Lady’s Mile 3 28-Feb KH
Latchi 3 27-Feb RAt
Mandria 2 flying up and down 7-Feb CR
Spiros Beach 7 27-Feb KH
Zygi 2 27-Feb KH

**ARCTIC SKUA** Stercorarius parasiticus
*Γερακοληστόγλαρος*

Arctic Skua, Lady’s Mile, 15th February. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Lady’s Mile 1 15 & 21-Feb KH/MSS/LPo

**COMMON BARN OWL** Tyto alba
*Αθρωποπούλλι*

Arakapas 1 near church 15-Feb DS

**EURASIAN SCOPS OWL** Otus scops
*Θουπί*

Kamares (Tala) 1 8, 9, 10, 12, 18, 20 & 21-Feb DJW
Marathounta 1 heard, 10pm 19-Feb CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 26-Feb PH
Souni 2 a duet heard from two birds in pine trees opposite our home 1750-1805 2-Feb JN

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

Paphos Headland 1 25-Feb PH

**GRIFFON VULTURE** Gyps fulvus
*Γύπας*

Akrotiri Peninsula 4 21-Feb LPo
Appolon Hylates Sanctuary 2 9-Feb JN
Curium, Ancient Stadium 1 in high flight from NW heading towards Kensington Cliffs 9-Feb JN
Kelokedara Ford 6 visible flying 2km up the valley 3-Feb CR
Kensington Cliffs 7 all perched in a tree 8-Feb MSS
Kensington Cliffs 9 10-Feb CR
Kensington Cliffs 2 23-Feb IKB
Secret Valley Golf Club 2 27-Feb PBr
BONELLI’S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*  
Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο

Bonelli’s Eagle, Argaka, 28th February. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Argaka 1 28-Feb RAt  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 15-Feb IKB  
Germasogeia Dam 1 1-Feb KH  
Kelokedara Ford 1 ad 3-Feb CR  
Kensington Cliffs 1 10-Feb KH  
Nama 1 7-Feb MPa  
Pissouri 2 Seen from motorway 20-Feb IM  
Pissouri East Cliff 3 subads, hunting over village on hill 10-Feb CR

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*  
Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2, 11, 26 & 28-Feb JE/TRe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 subad 1-Feb CR  
Anarita Mast 1 18-Feb IKB  
Limni Mines, Polis 1 Male 15-Feb RAt  
Mandria 1 subad 12-Feb CR  
Mazotos 1 female 27-Feb KH  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 7-Feb KH  
Pittokopos 1 male 15-Feb AST  
Syngrasi Dam 1 Male 9-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Zakaki 1 ring-tail hunting over Zakaki  
Orchards 4-Feb JN

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*  
Ξεφτέρι

Agios Filonas, Karpasia 1 8-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Akrotiri Peninsula 1 female 21-Feb LPo  
Marathounta Hills 1 20-Feb CR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 24-Feb SJF  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 7-Feb KH  
Souni 1 15, 20 & 22-Feb JN  
Timi 1 25-Feb CR

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*  
Διπλογέρακο

Singles reported throughout the month from usual locations. Reports of 2+ below:  
Armou Hills 2 pair, one very dark ad 11-Feb CR  
Evretou Dam 3 2 seen, 1 heard 21-Feb CR  
Kensington Cliffs 2 10-Feb KH  
Marathounta 3 6-Feb CR  
Panagia Stazousa SPA 2 8-Feb MH  
Paramali 1 motorway 1-Feb CR  
Polis to Coral Bay road 2 27-Feb IM  
Timi Beach 2 25-Feb IKB

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*  
Πουπούξιος

Common Hoopoe, Paphos Headland, 8th February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Akrotiri gravel pits 2 25-Feb ABW  
Akrotiri gravel pits 1 28-Feb JE  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 28-Feb IM  
Cape Greco 3 26-Feb VT  
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Rizokarpasos - Apostolos Andreas road 9-Feb JS/MC/CC  
Lady's Mile 1 25-Feb TRe  
Lady's Mile 2 28-Feb TRe  
Loukrounou, Paphos 1 28-Feb DC  
Mandria 1 16-Feb CR  
Paphos Headland 1 8, 16, 17, 26 & 27-Feb IKB/ABW/SJF/CR  
Paphos Headland 2 9-Feb KH  
Petounta Point 1 23-Feb FGe  
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 26-Feb KH  
Phasouri 2 28-Feb JE  
Souni 1 25-Feb JN

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*  
Θερκοπούλλι

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 8-Feb MSS  
Paphos Lighthouse 1 3-Feb IKB
**LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni*

Cape Greco 1 male photographed. Very dark claws, ID confirmed by D. Forsman
27-Feb  KH

**MERLIN** *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκον

Mandria 1 fast low, late afternoon 12-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Feb MSS

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus* Ζάνος

Baths of Adonis trail 1 17-Feb SJF
Cape Drepanum 1 19-Feb CR
Cape Greco 2 26-Feb VT
Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 2 pair at cliff 3 & 8-Feb CR/MSS
Evretou Dam 1 14-Feb RAt
Kensington Cliffs 1 10 & 23-Feb CR/IKB
Mandria 1 11, 12 & 13-Feb IKB/CR
Timi Beach 1 11, 15 & 28-Feb IKB/CR
Tunnel Beach 1 viewed from clifftop 10-Feb CR

**GREAT GREY SHRIKE** sub- spp* Lanius excubitor aucheri Διπλοκεφαλάς

Lesser Kestrel, Cape Greco, 27th February. Photograph by Raija Howard.

**MASKED SHRIKE** *Lanius nubicus* Δακκαννούρα

Cape Greco 1 aucheri 27-Feb KH (Rare Bird Form Requested)
Mandria 1 12-Feb IM/CR/KH (Rare Bird Form received)

**COMMON RAVEN** *Corvus corax* Κλόκκαρος

Ayios Amvrosios 2 3-Feb DK

**EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz pendulinus* Υφάντρα

Akrotiri Peninsula 1 21-Feb LPo
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 heard 11, 18 & 25-Feb KH/AKy
Phasouri Reed-beds 4 3 at least heard
Tower Hide area and 1 heard in meadow area 2-Feb JN
Phasouri Reed-beds 2 7-Feb KH
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 calling 9-Feb DS
Phasouri Reed-beds 7 3 females seen and at least 4 heard calling 23-Feb JN
Zakaki Marsh 15+ 8-Feb MSS

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea* Πευκοτρασιήλα

Largest counts:
Armou Hills 36 3 groups, 1 in song 17-Feb CR
Marathounta Hills 41 5 groups 20-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 32 4 flocks, migrants? 26-Feb CR

**EURASIAN SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis* Τρασιήλα

Largest counts:
Kontea 30+ 8-Feb JS/MC/CC
Mandria c200 11-Feb IKB
Paphos Airport 120 15-Feb CR
Paphos Headland 46 9-Feb CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 45 15-Feb CR
MOUSTACHED WARBLER Acrocephalus melanopogon Μουστακομουγιανούδι
Akrotiri Peninsula 1 identified by calls 21-Feb LPo
Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Singing 7-Feb JS
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 2-Feb JN
Zakaki Marsh 5 4h only 8-Feb MSS
Zakaki Marsh 2 23-Feb KH
Zakaki Marsh 1 28-Feb TR e

EURASIAN REED WARBLER
Acrocephalus scirpaceus
Καλαμομουγιανούδι
Akrotiri Peninsula 1 21-Feb LPo
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1+ heard 11 & 18-Feb KH
Zakaki Marsh 2 singing, 1 seen briefly 1-Feb CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 8-Feb MSS

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW Cecropis daurica Μιλτοχελίδονο
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 28-Feb KH
Prodromi 1 27-Feb JHe
Timi Beach 1 28-Feb CR

(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN Riparia riparia Όχθοχελίδονο

Collared Sand Martin, Timi Beach, 28th February. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Pissouri East Cliff 1 with House Martins, very early. Checked it to rule out Crag Martin 10-Feb CR
Timi Beach 1 27 & 28-Feb DJW/CR

WILLOW WARBLER Phylloscopus trochilus Θαμνογιαννούδι
Mandria 1 photograph shows yellowish bird with pale legs 13-Feb TR e (Early record needs confirmation)

SIBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF* Phylloscopus tristis Μουγιαννούδι
Paphos Lighthouse 1 yellow fringes to flight feathers, plain face and sad peep call, tristis? 26-Feb CR (Rare Bird Report required)

LESSE R WHITETHROAT Sylvia curru ca
Συκαλλίδι
Oroklini Marsh 1 Photographed 18-Feb KH

CYPRUS WARBLER Sylvia melanothorax Τρυπομάζης
Largest counts:
Agios Theodoros, Larnaca c25 23-Feb FGe
Cape Greco 8 21-Feb PTo
Curium Archaeological Site 5 17-Feb JN
Souni 6 21-Feb JN

RÜPPELL’S WARBLER Sylvia rueppelli Εληοβάτης
Cape Greco 2 males 27-Feb KH

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT Sylvia communis Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
Paphos Lighthouse 1 26-Feb CR

SPECTACLED WARBLER Sylvia conspicillata Κοτσινοφτέρι
Akhna Dam 1 1-Feb JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1-Feb CR
Cape Greco 2 21-Feb PTo
Larnaca Sewage Works surroundings 2 23-Feb SC with BirdLife Cyprus Gull Group
Manglis Lake 2 6-Feb JS
Panagia Stazousa Present 8-Feb MH

WALLCREEPER Tichodroma muraria Τοιχοδρόμος
Kensington Cliffs 1 2-Feb KH
Tunnel Beach 1 distance from observer 1km west 10-Feb CR

NORTHERN WREN Troglodytes troglodytes Τρυποκάρυδο
Kamares (Tala) 1 16, 18, 21, 22, 25 & 28-Feb DJW
Saittas 3 3-Feb KH
COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris* Λαζούρι

Common Starling, Phasouri Reed-beds, 18th February. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
- Frenaros c150 1-Feb JS
- Paphos Lighthouse c200 25-Feb IKB
- Phasouri Reed-beds c70 7-Feb KH
- Potamos Germasogeia c100 21-Feb KH

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus* Τριζάρα

Souni 1 heard singing 7-Feb JN

BLUETHROAT *Cyanecula svecica* Γαλαζολαίμης

Bluethroat, Germasogeia Dam, 21st February. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Germasogeia Dam 1 21-Feb KH
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 2 7 & 11-Feb JS/KH
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-Feb KH
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 3 25-FebAKy
Oroklini Marsh 1 18-Feb KH
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 rear view 24-Feb CR

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* Γαλαζοκότσυφος

Anarita Mast 1 17-Feb IKB
Anarita Park 1 21-Feb PH
Apollon Hylates Sanctuary 1 heard singing 9-Feb JN
Asprokremmos Dam 1 26-Feb IKB

Cape Apostolos Andreas area 1 9-Feb JS/MC/CC
Cape Greco 1 Female 1-Feb JS
Cape Greco 2 1m and 1f 27-Feb KH
Curium Archaeological Site 1 female 2 & 17-Feb JN
Episkopi 1 11-Feb IKB
Evretou Dam 1 21 & 24-Feb CR/RAt
Kamares (Tala) 1 Male 4, 16, 25 & 28-Feb DJW
Kensington Cliffs 1 male 10-Feb KH
Kourion ruins 1 21-Feb SJF
Nata 1 female 8-Feb MPa

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts:
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 28-Feb TRe
- Lady's Mile 2 26-Feb TRe
- Paphos Headland 3 males 26-Feb CR
- Timi Beach 2 28-Feb CR

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Isabelline Wheatear, Mandria, 25th February. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Earliest records and largest counts:
- Akrotiri Gravel Pits - Rabbit shed pools 15 26-Feb JE
- Cape Apostolos Andreas area 5 9-Feb JS/MC/CC
- Cape Greco 5 26-Feb VT
- Lady's Mile 6 28-Feb JE
- Mandria 1 5-Feb MSS
- Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 2-Feb DJW
- Paphos Headland 10 26-Feb CR
- Timi Beach 2 5-Feb MSS

DESERT WHEATEAR *Oenanthe deserti* Ερημοσκαλιφούρτα

Paphos Headland 1 26, 27 & 28-Feb CR/PH/JB/MSS
**CYPRUS WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe cypriaca*
Σκαλιφούρτα
Karpasia Peninsula 1  Feeding by side of road. Rizokarpasos - Apostolos Andreas road 9-Feb  JS/MC/CC

**FINSCH'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe finschii*
Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα
Anarita Park 1 1, 11 & 21-Feb
DJW/IKB/PH
Anarita Park 2 males 25-Feb CR
Marathounta Hills 1 ad. Fem 20-Feb CR
Nata 2  a male and a female along track by river 3-Feb RoB
Pissouri East Cliff 1 old fem, prob. Grey bib, back and cap. Darker wings 10-Feb CR

**MOUING WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe lugens*
Βραχοσκαλιφούρτα

_Cyprus Wheatear, Cape Drepanum, 19th February. Photograph by Dave Walker._

Cape Drepanum 1 prob lugens 18, 19, 20 & 21-Feb
IM/CR/KH/TRe/DJW/FGe/JE/MPa/SC/RAt/AST/SJF 5th possible record (Rare Bird Report received)
Livera 1 10-Feb BG 4th possible record (Rare Bird Report requested)

**EURASIAN TREE SPARROW** *Passer montanus*
Δενδρόστρουθος
Manglis Lake 1 photographed 5-Feb AC (Rare Bird Report required)

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

_Red-throated Pipit, Anarita Mast, 1st February. Photograph by Jan Walker._

Akrotiri Peninsula 1 21-Feb LPo
Anarita Mast 2 1-Feb IKB/DJW
Paphos Headland 2 9-Feb KH
Paphos Headland 10 13-Feb SJF
Paphos Headland 8 25-Feb PH
Paphos Headland 1 26-Feb CR
Timi Beach 2 27-Feb DJW

**WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinoletta*
Νερογαλούδι

_Water Pipit, Evretou Dam, 24th February. Photograph by Ian Bloomer._

Evretou Dam 1 24-Feb RAt
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 4 7 & 11-Feb JS/KH
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 6 18-Feb KH
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 2-Feb JS/MC/CC
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 24-Feb CR
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 meadow area then in flight 2-Feb JN

**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris*
Ωχρογαλούδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 28-Feb JE
Mandria 1 25-Feb MSS
Timi Beach 3 25-Feb CR
**Black-headed Wagtail** Motacilla flava
feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Timi Beach 1 male 28-Feb CR

**GREY WAGTAIL** Motacilla cinerea
Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Grey Wagtail, Paphos Sewage Plant, 11th February. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Germasogeia Dam 1 1-Feb KH
Mandria 1 13 & 21-Feb TRe/IKB
Oroklini Marsh 1 18-Feb KH
Paphos Headland 1 16-Feb IKB
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 7 & 18-Feb IKB

**BRAMBLING** Fringilla montifringilla
Χειμωνόσπινος
Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 10-Feb MH

**RED-FRONTED SERIN** Serinus pusillus
Μαυροκανάρινο
Coral Bay 1 in field opposite Panaretti Hotel with large flock of serins 23-Feb RT
(Rare Bird Report form requested)

**EURASIAN SISKIN** Spinus spinus
Θκιολαρούδι
Saittas 3 2-Feb KH

**CORN BUNTING** Emberiza calandra
Τσακρόστρουθος
Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 70+ 5-Feb KH
Armou Hills 110 plus 1 alone, in song 8-Feb CR
Karpasia Peninsula 135+ Rizokarpasos - Apostolos Andreas road. Including 100 in one flock and many singing birds 9-Feb JS/MC/CC
Marathounta Hills 69 incl 1 lone songster 20-Feb CR

**REED BUNTING** Emberiza schoeniclus
Καλαμοπιτίλλα
Kamares, Larnaca Salt Lake 1 18-Feb KH
CONTRIBUTORS
ABW Andy Waller
AC Andreas Christofi
ADT Alan Turtle
AKy Andy Kyriacou
AST Albert Stöcker
BG Birtan Gokeri
CC Christakis Charalambides
CR Colin Richardson
DC Daphne Craig
DJW Dave & Jan Walker
DK Dinos Konis
DN Dave & Eileen Nye
DS Danny Schmeits
FGe Filippos Georgiades
IKB Ian & Kate Bloomer
IM Ian Murray
IW Dr I. Winfield
JB Jeroen Bes
JHe J. Hewitt
JN June Neal
JS Jane Stylianou
KH Keith & Raija Howard
LPo Lisa Potts
MaC Markos Charalambides
MC Melis Charalambides
MJP Dr M J O Pocock
MH Martin Hellicar
MPa Mike Passman
MSS Matt Smith
PBr Peter Bromley
PH Pete Hines
PTo Paul Tomlinson
RAt Ray Atkinson
RT Richard Taylor
SC Stavros Christodoulides
SJF Steve Fairburn
SMM Shane Marshall
TRe Tony Reeves
VT Victor Tjernberg
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 February, 8 recorders covered 26 wetlands (including one coastal site) across the island where a total of 13591 birds, of 56 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 5519 individuals. The second most abundant species was the Black-headed gull with 2190 individuals followed by the Coot with 1519 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds, as well as being the most species abundant was Larnaka Salt Lake with 5172 individuals and 23 different species. Mia Milia Sewage Works was second in terms of number of individuals recorded as well as being second in terms of species abundance with 2017 individuals from 18 different species being recorded.

Paphos Sewage Farm only had one species recorded.

Agia Varvara Village reservoir had no waterbirds present.

Agia Varvara soakaways were inaccessible.
Site coverage for the February 2019 Waterbird Count

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2. Subscription details

- I wish to:
  - ☐ Renew my subscription
  - ☐ Become a new member

- I enclose:
  - ☐ € 35 for single membership for one year’s subscription (with Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 30 for single membership for one year’s subscription (without Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 40 for joint membership for one year’s subscription (with Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 35 for joint membership for one year’s subscription (without Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 10 for junior membership for one year’s subscription (without Annual Bird Report)

For overseas:
  - ☐ € 40 for single membership for one year’s subscription (with Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 35 for single membership for one year’s subscription (without Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 45 for joint membership for one year’s subscription (with Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 40 for joint membership for one year’s subscription (without Annual Bird Report)
  - ☐ € 12 for junior membership for one year’s subscription (without Annual Bird Report)

3. Payment methods

i. ☐ Direct payment to BirdLife Cyprus’ account

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS
Bank of Cyprus: Account No: 0148-01-008101, SWIFT: BCYPCY2N
IBAN No: CY 980020 0148 0000000 10081 0100
Piraeus Bank: Account No: 0001161054, SWIFT: PIRBCY2N
IBAN No: CY 730080 0103 0000000 00116 1054
Alpha Bank: Account No: 206-220-011014-0, Swift: ABKLCY2N
IBAN No: CY75 0090 0206 0002 0622 0011 0140

ii. ☐ Payment online via PayPal [www.birdlifecyprus.org](http://www.birdlifecyprus.org) (Date of payment __/__/__)

iii. ☐ Cheque in euros made payable to BirdLife Cyprus

Amount: € _________ Subscription
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        € _________ Total amount

Please return by post or email to: BirdLife Cyprus, P.O. Box 12026, 2340 Nicosia, Cyprus
or birdlifecyprus@birdlifecyprus.org.cy

For any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Telephone: (+357) 22 455072
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2. Πληρωφορίες συνδρομής

- Επιθυμώ:
  - □ Να ανανεώσω τη συνδρομή μου
  - □ Να εγγραφώ μέλος

- Επισυνάπτω:
  - □ € 35 ατομική συνδρομή (με την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)
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- □ € 12 παιδική συνδρομή (χωρίς την Ετήσια Ορνιθολογική Αναφορά)

3. Τρόποι πληρωμής

i. □ Απευθείας πληρωμή στο λογαριασμό του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου Κύπρου

    BIRDLIFE CYPRUS
    Τράπεζα Κύπρου: Άρ. Λογαριασμού: 0148-01-008101, SWIFT: BCYPCY2N
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ii. □ Πληρωμή με PayPal μέσω διαδικτύου www.birdlifecyprus.org
    (Ημερομηνία της πληρωμής _/__/___)

iii. □ Επιταγή σε ευρώ πληρωτέα στον Πτηνολογικό Σύνδεσμο Κύπρου

Πληρωτέο ποσό: € ___________ Συνδρομή
                    € ___________ Εισφορά
                    € ___________ Σύνολο

Παρακαλώ αποστείλετε ταχυδρομικώς ή ηλεκτρονικά στον Πτηνολογικό Σύνδεσμο Κύπρου, Τ.Θ. 12026, 2340 Λευκωσία, Κύπρος ή birdlifecyprus@birdlifecyprus.org.cy
Για τυχόν απορίες είμαστε στη διάθεσή σας στο τηλέφωνο: (+357) 22 455072