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Cover photo: Flocks of ducks, mainly of Garganey but also of Northern Shoveler and Northern Pintail are a common sight around the coasts of Cyprus during spring migration. Episkopi Bay is a regular gathering point for larger flocks, again mainly of Garganey. This spring a very large flock of at least 8000 and probably numbering 10000+ were observed there on 21st March with a few thousand still present the next day. Observers noted Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Ferruginous Duck and Eurasian Wigeon also present in with the thousands of Garganey. This photo was taken by John East on 21st March.

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 prerecorded message with recent interesting bird sightings and to add your own observations, please phone 00357 **25 934076**.

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

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

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

If you would like to join please click here.

Email: BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com

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

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

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

Jane Stylianou

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

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

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

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

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

Για οποιαδήποτε διευκρίνιση επικοινωνήστε με την Jane στο <u>janesytcy@yahoo.co.uk</u> ή στο 99558953.

RECENT DECISIONS OF THE CYPRUS RARE BIRDS COMMITTEE

The Cyprus Rare Bird Committee has recently accepted the following records:

Oriental Turtle Dove Streptopelia orientalis One juv of meena race Akrotiri Marsh 3 October 2018 (N Bell) 3rd record

Namaqua Dove Oena capensis One Mandria (Paphos) 11 April 2018 (I & K Bloomer) 6th record

Black-winged Kite Elanus caeruleus One Akrotiri Marsh 18 October 2018 (D Schmeits) 3rd record

Levant Sparrowhawk Accipiter brevipes One Phasouri Bee-hives 13 October 2018 (A Turtle, P Chambers)

Ménétries Warbler Sylvia mystacea One male Cape Greco 3 April 2018 (K & R Howard) 4th record

Red-breasted Flycatcher Ficedula parva One Paphos Headland 29 April 2018 (A Waller, C Bell)

Red-breasted Flycatcher Ficedula parva One Cape Kormakitis 27 October 2018 (C Richardson)

Northern Caspian Stonechat Saxicola torquatus hemprichii One Akrotiri Gravel Pits 19 March 2018 (A Waller)

Blyth's Pipit Anthus godkewskii One Mandria 27 April 2018 (A Saunders) 3rd record

'Eastern' White Wagtail Motacilla alba ocularis 28 April 2018 (J Moss) 1st record

Common Rosefinch Carpodacus erythrinus 31 October 2018 (M Smith) 14th record

The Cyprus Rare Birds Committee did not accept the following report:

Marsh Warbler Polis Reed-beds 5 May 2018

Cyprus Rare Birds Committee: Jane Stylianou (Chair), Melis Charalambides, Stavros Christodoulides, Chris Stavrou, Martin Hellicar, Johannes Honold, Filippos Georgiades. A full list of Cyprus birds requiring rarity descriptions and rare bird report forms are available from Jane Stylianou janestycy@yahoo.co.uk to whom claims should be sent.

CYPRUS BIRD REPORT 2017

Cyprus Bird Report 2017







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.

SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The Spring/Autumn/Winter schedule 2019

For field trips, please don't forget your flask of coffee and sandwiches. Although their higher clearance is an advantage, 4x4s are not necessary for any of the field trips unless **stated otherwise** below. The schedule of field trips is drawn up well in advance of the actual dates. The schedule will only change due to an extraordinary event. However, it is sometimes necessary to assign a different leader. Please note certain field trips require pre booking with the leader to ensure there are suitable conditions at the site for the time of year and sufficient participation (These will be marked Pre Book). Participants in field trips are always advised therefore to check with the BirdLife Cyprus website in case of any late changes or cancellations. Whilst BirdLife Cyprus does not charge for attending field trips, any voluntary donation to its conservation work would be very welcome. Please present your gift to the leader on the day.

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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May 2019

Saturday 18th May: End of Season Get Together Lunch

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou.

Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/CcfiYnirUoH2

For booking please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Tel: Mobile: 99413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

September 2019

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 6th 7th & 8th September: Akamas Weekend, including Latchi Boat

Joint Leaders: Melis Charalambides and Loria Phylakti.

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

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

Saturday 21st September: Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam & Anarita Park

Leader: Alan Crane. Mobile: 99276310 Late autumn migrants and winter visitors.

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

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/HgekCfCUzp82

October 2019

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 4th 5th & 6th October: Karpasia Peninsula

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.

Details will follow.

Please book in advance with Melis Charalambides...

Sunday 6th October: EuroBirdwatch Weekend

Athalassa Park, Nicosia 09:30 - 12:00 Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893 Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol, 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Victor Tiernberg, Mobile: 96107299

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

Saturday 19th October: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides, Mobile: 99425050

Early wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

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

Saturday 26th October: Paphos Lighthouse

Leader: Ian and Kate Bloomer, Mobile: 99265661 Winter visiting passerines and shore birds.

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

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/zHspg3rptv22

November 2019

Wednesday 6th November: Akrotiri Peninsula

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299.

Waterbirds and winter visitors.

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

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

Saturday 16th November: Troodos

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides, Mobile: 99425050

Winter visitors and mountain endemics.

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

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/2WJkhrpwmg32

Saturday 23th November: Agios Sozomenos and Athalassa Park

Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893

Winter residents and visitors such as the regular, but fairly scarce, Finsch's Wheatear. Take the 'Tseri/Dali Industrial Estate' exit (junction 6) from the Nicosia-Limassol highway.

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

Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/YL1R2U1nSH22

Saturday 30th November: Kidasi

Leader: Dave Walker, Mobile: 99915907 Griffon Vultures and winter visitors.

Meet at 9.00 am, Asprokremnos Dam car park.

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

<u>December 2019</u>

Saturday 7th December: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

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

Paphos Lighthouse Field Meeting 16th March 2019

by Ian Bloomer

It was a very grey, windy and wet day when sixteen intrepid birders gathered in Paphos Harbour car park. We sheltered briefly at the entrance of the archaeological site until the rain subsided slightly and after ten minutes the consensus was to continue. As we walked up the steps there was a small patch of blue sky showing in the west, hope grew that the weather might improve.

At the top of the steps a female **Black Redstart** was seen flitting from bush to bush as two **Crested Larks** were feeding on the ground. As we turned the corner we heard the alarm call of a **Sardinian Warbler** as it flew away. Several **Wood Pigeons** were gleaning seeds from the ground as a **Song Thrush** erupted from under a bush and flew away.

As we walked in front of the Frankish Fort several **Chiffchaff** and **Great Tit** were feeding in the trees around us, while **Greenfinch**, **Goldfinch**, **House** and **Spanish Sparrow** fed on the ground. **White Wagtails** were also busy feeding on the path as a **Common Kestrel** flew overhead. Then a call from Victor had us looking to the north as a distant male **Marsh Harrier** flew past, being harassed by **Hooded Crows**.

As we approached the Odeon the day had improved immensely, with plenty of sunshine and there were many hirundines wheeling overhead including **House Martin**, **Barn Swallow** and five **Redrumped Swallows** flew overhead heading north/west. Above them **Common Swift** were feeding, making the most of the improving weather. A **Peregrine Falcon** was then spotted, coming from the direction of the sea and flying east. Not a bird I expected to see at this site!

Around us was the song of **Nightingale**, coming from many directions, but as is often the case with this species, we did not see them! In a large thorny bush at the edge of the Odeon we had good views of both **Ruppell's** and **Subalpine Warbler** which delighted some of the visiting birders.

Many **Lesser Whitethroat** were seen, a very good year for this species with very many being reported, as they busily fed in the bushes and trees and a late overwintering **Chaffinch** was perched on a wall as we passed.

A **Robin** was then heard singing from deep within a nearby bush and a male **Blackcap** appeared in the top of an adjacent tree. As we walked towards the sea on the top part of the site we saw three **Yellow-legged Gulls** drifting along the coast. A **Hoopoe** was then seen, busily feeding on the path, but as we approached it flew away, in it's normal undulating flight.

Many **Yellow Wagtail** were seen feeding in the yellow daisies, mainly black-headed, together with a couple of **Collared Doves**. Around the excavations a **Northern Wheatear** was being chased around by a very territorial **Isabelline Wheatear**, par for the course in my experience for this species!

So as we made our way to the site exit at the end of the meeting we all agreed that despite the weather at the start, the gods had been kind to us. The number of species seen was thirty-three, could have been better but at least we enjoyed some sunshine and good company

Field trip to Larnaca Salt Lake & Oroklini Lake, 23rd March 2019

By Martin Hellicar

A nice start to this field trip: a busy flock of **Yellow wagtails** (both Blue-headed and Black-headed variety) in the salt marsh scrub by the track leading down to the Sewage Works Hide, plus a 'trumpeting' **Black Francolin** in the near distance. The treated water ponds themselves were very full after the heavy rains, but not that full of birds. That said, we had nice views of **Spur-winged Lapwing**, some splendid **Flamingo** 'fly-pasts' and a single **Mediterranean Gull** to add colour and an element of the special to proceedings. A **Marsh Harrier** floated by and a flock of 15 **Purple Herons** was also great, even if they did not land. Otherwise, we picked up **Mallard**, **Wood Sandpiper** and a large flock of **Black-headed Gulls** on the water, plus **Lesser Whitethroat**, **Hoopoe**, **Crested Lark**, **Barn Swallow** and **Hooded crow** in the general area.

Well over 20 people turned up for the meeting, and next stop was Spyros Pool, where we were lucky enough to see three **Avocet**, a flock of about 30 **Grey Heron**, **Black-winged Stilt**, a lone **Stone Curlew**, plus more Flamingos. And there was a great variety of waders in the small pools by the beach: **Dunlin**, **Little Stint**, **Kentish Plover** plus a **Greater Sand Plover**. **Spectacled warbler**, **Swift**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Zitting Cisticola** and a **Northern Wheatear** were also seen around the dunes.

We all then moved to the Tekke area on the main Salt Lake, stopping to view some more Flamingos at the airport pools on the way. By the Tekke, we picked up **Blackcap**, **Chiffchaff** and **Sardinian** warbler, but the lake was quiet except for rather distant Flamingos.

We 'lost' a few participants on the way, but a good number stayed on for 'part II' of the outing, at Oroklini Lake. Here, where we added the following species to the trip list: **Garganey** (14), **Teal** (c.70), **Ferruginous Duck** (5), **Shoveler** (c.100), **Pintail** (1), **Red-crested Pochard** (3), **Moorhen** (3), **Snipe** (1), **Slender-billed Gull** (3), **Little Grebe** (10), **Coot** (c.20), **Cattle Egret** (16), plus **Kestrel** and **Collared Dove**.

[In the SBO ('seen by others' aka 'missed by the trip leader') category we can add two more species to the day list: **Sparrowhawk** and **Sandwich Tern**]

BIRDLIFE CYPRUS KARPASIA TRIP 5th - 7th APRIL 2019

Jane Stvlianou

Another successful Karpasia trip, again well organised by Melis Charalambides, took place over the first weekend of April. This time the meeting place was changed with the intention of visiting Kouklia Dam outside Famagusta which we had heard was full of both water and birds. But the rainy weather Cyprus has experienced this spring put paid to the first attempt to get there. It all started well though with the group meeting at the hide at Oroklini Marsh and spending time checking out a seemingly large snipe which in the end was decided was a Great Snipe and then watching a Western Marsh Harrier put up the Ruff that were feeding. However as we approached Kouklia Dam it rained hard and on our arrival to the approach tracks the convoy was brought to a halt. The tracks were completely waterlogged and impassable. Disappointed we headed instead to Fresh Water Lake and while we ate our lunch watched Little Egret, Cattle Egret, Purple Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron and Grey Heron flying around. The water level was very high and we noticed that it was covering the tamarisk bushes that formed the breeding colony of the Cattle Egrets each spring. It seemed unlikely that they would be able to breed there this year.

Moving on we viewed Agios Loukas Marsh from a road side lay by as this area too was full of water and hard to get close to. We did however manage to see Red-crested Pochard, Ferruginous Duck, Garganey and Gadwall. For the first time in several visits to the area there was water in the wetland outside the village of Galateia. Here we were pleased to see two White Stork and two Eurasian Spoonbill as well as Great Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Purple Heron, Garganey, Common Kingfisher, Little Egret and Grey Heron. We spent some time looking in 'scopes at some distant waders and finally realised we were looking at a group of around 15 Black-tailed Godwit and several Ruff. Some good species seen and enjoyed, we continued on our way to our usual hotel on the south coast just outside Rizokarpasos. On the way we saw Cyprus Wheatear, Masked Shrike, Cretzschmar's Bunting, Black-eared Wheatear and Whinchat. After dark as we headed off for our evening meal we heard both Eurasian Stone Curlew and Cyprus Scops Owl.

The highlight for early risers on Saturday morning was two Great Spotted and one Common Cuckoo flying around near the hotel although the customary pre breakfast walk was a bit low on birds with just a few Cyprus Wheatear, a Cyprus Warbler and several Common Nightingales 'peeping' from inside bushes. The rest of the day was spent exploring the area to the far tip and birds seen included Audouin's Gull, singing Black Francolin, a Long-legged Buzzard, male Pallid and Montagu's Harrier, several Common Hoopoe, a Eurasian Sparrowhawk, a Eurasian Wryneck, Masked and Woodchat Shrike, a few Tawny Pipit, Greater Short-toed Lark and Tree Pipits. There were plenty of Blackeared, Cyprus, Northern and Isabelline Wheatear as well as a single Cretzschmar's Bunting at the tip of the cape itself.

The early walk on the Sunday morning produced some visible migration as two Great White Egret, three Black-crowned Night Heron and 12 Purple Heron were seen heading east offshore. A Tawny Pipit and several Northern Wheatear were on the beach near the hotel. After breakfast the group headed to Agios Phylonas and drove to Afendrika ruins. On the way several Western Yellow Wagtail, a Common Cuckoo, Little Owl, Long-legged Buzzard, Eurasian Sparrowhawk and Redrumped Swallow were among the birds seen. Then taking the south coastal road we headed home, stopping for lunch outside Gallinoporni where we heard Common Quail and Eurasian Reed Warbler and saw Baltic Gull migrating past. While we were eating Kate spotted a Eurasian Wryneck in a bush outside and we all gave the other diners a shock as we rose as one with our binoculars to check it out!

A return visit to Galateia wetland provided a fly over Osprey as well as good views again of the White Stork and a group of more than 50 Garganey. We then decided to try and see if we could now get to Kouklia Dam. We were lucky this time and finished our trip there on a high with two pairs of Great Crested Grebe, three Black-necked Grebe, a White-winged Tern, a large group of Glossy Ibis as well as many Northern Shoveler and Common Coot – one of the latter nest building near the tower hide as we watched. A great ending to our trip. A total of 102 species were seen.

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

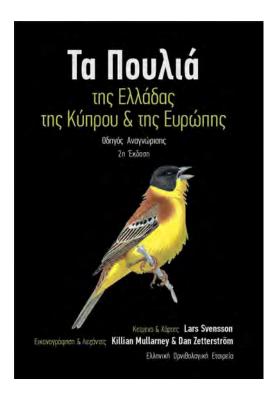
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Last Month's Quiz answer

Arboreal behavior, drab plumage, slim bill, rounded head and medium long legs and tail suggest March's mystery bird is a species of old world warbler, a very large group of birds formerly grouped together in the family Sylviidae. After recent research, this large group has been split up into a number of smaller families, including true warblers Sylviidae, leaf warblers Phylloscopidae, bush warblers Cettidae, grass warblers Locustellidae, marsh and tree warblers Acrocephalidae & cisticolas Cisticolidae, all of which have members occurring on our island.

Our mystery bird is all brown above and buff below. There is no obvious distinguishing plumage other than a broken white eye-ring. The key to identifying it is its unique shape and jizz. Rounded wing edges and very long undertail coverts (almost reaching the end of its tail, clearly visible in our photograph) are characteristic of Locustella warblers, a group of skulking warblers belonging to the family Locustellidae. Named for their insect like reeling song, they can on occasions be quite confiding, especially when singing. 3 species have been recorded on the Island, Savi's Warbler is an uncommon spring and autumn passage migrant, while the other two species River Warbler and Grasshopper Warbler are spring vagrants. We can immediately rule out Grasshopper Warbler which shows heavy body streaking on both its underparts and underparts. The other two species can be extremely similar; River Warbler showing more marked patches on the undertail coverst and a streaky throat, both features that some Savi's Warblers can also show (albeit at a lesser extent). Fortunately, our mystery bird is not well marked, showing a clean throat and plain undertail coverts confirming that it is indeed the commoner species, **Savi's Warbler**.



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A - Z Anarita Park - Anatidae

By June Neal

Anarita Park, Paphos District

Closest co-ordinates to the village of Anarita: 34° 44′ 30″ N, 32° 32′ 0″ E Approximately 10 km west of Paphos, Anarita Park is not a park as may be expected but part of an agricultural area beyond Agia Varvara. Take the second right hand turn off the E606 main road after Agia Varvara village and go down to the derelict goat and pig farm, then uphill towards the solar park. It has large outcrops of volcanic rock on which Little Owl, Κουκκουφκιάος, *Athene noctua*; Blue Rock Thrush, Γαλαζοκότσυφος, *Monticola solitarius* and Finsch's Wheatear, Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα, *Oenanthe finschii* may sit.



Some rarities have turned up in the area including -

A Red-fronted Serin, Μαυροκανάρινο, *Serinus pusillus* on 30 January 2014 Amur Falcon, Ασιατικό Μαυροκιρκίνεζο, *Falco amurensis* from 28 April 2016 which stayed for several weeks until Mid-May and was the 1st record for Cyprus Semi-collared Flycatcher, Δρυομουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula semitorquata* - noted in March 2010 In spring you may also find -

Baillon's Crake, Νανοπουλάδα, *Zapornia pusilla*Pallid Harrier, Ασπροσιάχινο, *Circus macrourus* – noted in May
Montagu's Harrier, Καμποσιάχινο, *Circus pygargus* – noted in May
Subalpine Warbler, Γκριζοφτέρι, *Sylvia cantillans* – 2 seen 26 and 31 March 2014
Icterine Warbler, Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα, *Hippolais icterina*Rüppell's Warbler, Εληοβάτης, *Sylvia ruppeli*Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Πετροκότσυφος, *Monticola saxatilis* as seen on 27 March 2019 on a rock below the deserted goat farm
Eurasian Golden Oriole, Κλωρκός, *Oriolus oriolus*Ortolan Bunting, Τσακροπιτίλλα, *Emberiza hortulana*

It is a favoured site for Red-footed Falcon, Μαυροφάλκονο, *Falco vespertinus* and Lesser Kestrel, Κιρκινέζι, *Falco naumanni*, which may be seen on passage in spring and autumn. 16+ of the latter were recorded on 17 April 2013.

Breeding species include – Great Spotted Cuckoo, Καλοχρονιά, *Clamator glandarius* Corn Bunting, Τσακρόστρουθος, *Emberiza calandra*

Post-breeding juvenile Northern Long-eared Owl, Αρκόθουπος, *Asio otus* has been recorded during October.

Over-wintering species may include Finsch's Wheatear, Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα, *Oenanthe finschii* holding winter territories. Corn Bunting, Τσακρόστρουθος, *Emberiza calandra* are present during winter with high numbers often noted, eg c50 on 12-Nov 2013. Long-legged Buzzard, Διπλογέρακο, *Buteo rufinus* are regularly seen in the area throughout the

Long-legged Buzzard, Διπλογέρακο, *Buteo rufinus* are regularly seen in the area throughout the year, as are Bonelli's Eagle, Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο, *Aquila fasciata*.

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Anatidae

The Anatidae are the biological family of birds that includes ducks, geese, and swans. The family has a cosmopolitan distribution, occurring on all the world's continents. These birds are adapted for swimming, floating on the water surface, and in some cases diving in at least shallow water. Below is a table of the birds seen in Cyprus in this biological family. They will feature in later articles under their own names. The Cypriot names in red indicated a recent name change.

		Oxyura jamaicensis
Ruddy Duck	Αμερικανική Κεφαλόπαπια	
White-headed Duck	Κεφαλόπαπια	Oxyura leucocephala
Mute Swan	Κύκνος	<u>Cygnus olor</u>
Whooper Swan	Αγριόκυκνος	<u>Cygnus cygnus</u>
Bewick's Swan	Νανόκυκνος	Cygnus columbianus
Red-breasted Goose	Κοκκινόσιηνα	Branta ruficollis
Greylag Goose	Σταχτόσιηνα	Anser anser
Greater White-fronted Goose	Αρκόσιηνα	Anser albifrons
Lesser White-fronted Goose	Νανόσιηνα	Anser erythropus
Common Scoter	Μαυρόπαπια	Melanitta nigra
Common Goldeneye	Βουκεφάλα	Bucephala clangula
Smew	Νανοπρίστης	Mergellus albellus
Goosander	Χηνοπρίστης	<u>Mergus merganser</u>
Red-breasted Merganser	Θαλασσοπρίστης	Mergus serrator
Egyptian Goose	Αλωπόσιηνα	Alopochen aegyptiaca
Common Shelduck	Αλάουρτος	<u>Tadorna tadorna</u>
Ruddy Shelduck	Καστανόπαπια	Tadorna ferruginea
Marbled Teal*	Στικτόπαπια	Marmaronetta angustirostris
Red-crested Pochard	Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη	Netta rufina
Common Pochard	Κουντούρα	Aythya ferina
Ferruginous Duck	Βαλτόπαπια	Aythya nyroca
Tufted Duck	Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια	Aythya fuligula
Greater Scaup*	Σταχτόπαπια	Aythya marila
Garganey	Μασουρατζιής	Spatula querquedula
Northern Shoveler	Σαξάνα	Spatula clypeata
Gadwall	Κανναούρα	Mareca strepera
Eurasian Wigeon	Αρμαπάσσιης	Mareca penelope
Mallard	Πρασινοτζέφαλη	Anas platyrhynchos
Northern Pintail	Σουβλονούρα	Anas acuta
Common Teal	Σαρσέλλι	Anas crecca

^{*} Indicates the need for a Rarity Bird Report to be submitted to the Recorder for this species

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR MARCH 2019

Jane Stylianou

7959 bird records received **226** species and forms recorded March 2019, compared to 232 in March 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 March 2019: Chukar, Black Francolin, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Common Teal, Little Grebe, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Swift, 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 (154 records), Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow (191 records), Common Chiffchaff (159 records), Cetti's Warbler, Eurasian Blackcap, Sardinian Warbler (160 records), Song Thrush, Eurasian Blackbird, European Robin, Black Redstart, European Stonechat, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Meadow Pipit, White Wagtail, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

COMMON QUAIL Coturnix coturnix

Ορτύκ

Agia Varvara 3 calling 28-Mar CR Alaminos Beach and surroundings 3 24-Mar KF/VB Mandria 3 26-Mar PA Paphos Headland 4 Flushed near Odeon 27-Mar JS

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna* Αλάουρτος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 21-Mar AG

RUDDY SHELDUCK Tadorna ferruginea Καστανόπαπια

Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 1-Mar CR Larnaca Salt Lake 1 27-Mar KF/VB

RED-CRESTED POCHARD Netta rufina Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Oroklini Marsh 1 fem 1-Mar CR Oroklini Marsh 3 3 & 24-Mar VT/LAC Oroklini Marsh 2 11, 14, 20, 21, 26, 28 & 29-Mar KH/PaS/AG/LAC/RH/KF/VB Oroklini Marsh 6 1m and 5f 13-Mar JS Oroklini Marsh 4 22, 23, 25 & 28-Mar LAC/JN/KF/VB

COMMON POCHARD Aythya farina Κουντούρα

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 16 27-Mar NCP Oroklini Marsh 2 1 & 3-Mar CR/VT

FERRUGINOUS DUCK Aythya nyroca

Βαλτόπαπια

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 13 16-Mar JN
Bishop's Pool 3 26-Mar FM
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 23 27-Mar NCP
Oroklini Marsh 9 23-Mar LAC

TUFTED DUCK Aythya fuligula

Μαυροκέφαλη Πάπια Athalassa Dam 3 1m and 2f in sewage pools 2-Mar VV

GARGANEY Spatula querquedula Μασουρατζιής



Duck flock, Akrotiri Bay, 22nd March. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Bay 8000+ Raft of 8-10,000 on sea mainly this sp., but many N.Shoveler and N.Pintail. Also present C.Teal,

Ferruginous Duck & E.Wigeon 21-Mar AG/JE/TRe

Curium Bay c2000 majority species in duck raft 22-Mar ABW/TRe Kouklia Dam, Famagusta c350 27-Mar NCP

Paphos Sewage Plant 210 4 flocks west 23-Mar CR

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 7 27-Mar NCP

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope* Αρμαπάσσιης Curium Bay 1 in duck raft 22-Mar ABW

NORTHERN PINTAIL Anas acuta

Σουβλονούρα

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Coast 6 with other ducks 17:30 22-Mar MPa

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 female 28-Mar FM

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 female 16-Mar TB

Oroklini Marsh 12 3-Mar VT Paphos headland 81 flew W (includes additional 21 seen by Chris Knox) 21-Mar STH

Spiros Pool 5 25-Mar LAC

GREAT CRESTED GREBE Podiceps

cristatus Σκουφοβούττης Akrotiri salt lake 19 16-Mar STH Asprokremmos Dam 3 11-Mar CR Geroskippou Beach 1 23-Mar PA Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 7 27-Mar NCP Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 2-Mar DJW

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* Μαυροβούττης Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 10 27-Mar NCP

Larnaca Sewage Works 16 1-Mar CR

GREATER FLAMINGO Phoenicopterus

roseus Φλαμίνγκο Largest counts: Akrotiri Salt Lake 900 counted from village vantage point 13-Mar STH Larnaca Airport Pools South 693 15-Mar

Paralimni Lake 261 16-Mar FGe

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c20 16-Mar JS

Kensington Cliffs 14 2-Mar JN

LAUGHING DOVE Spilopelia senegalensis Φοινικοτρύγονο

Largest counts:

Kouklia, Paphos 5 22-Mar FM Mazotos 10+ at least 5 territories, only parts of village checked, one nest found 24-Mar RH

Meneou Beach area 10 25-Mar AG

BLACK-BELLIED SANDGROUSE*

Pterocles orientalis Πουρτάλλα Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 4-Mar MSS

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR Caprimulgus

europaeus Νυκτοπούλλι

Souni 2+ 2 heard churring in pines - one near Ninon street and another in George's Pine Forest area at NW end near meadow 22-Mar JN (Very early report)

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba* Ασπροπετροχελίδονο Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam 28 27-Mar PA Mandria 22 16-Mar CR Secret Valley 24 16-Mar KR/IB

PALLID SWIFT Apus pallidus Στακτοπετροχελίδονο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Mar VT Baths of Aphrodite 1 28-Mar JS Kourio Stadium 2 26-Mar FM Larnaca Sewage Works 4+ 25-Mar AG Paphos Headland 4 31-Mar AG Timi Beach 2 1-Mar MSS/IKB Troodos Forest 3 21-Mar JS Troodos village 5 minimum 20-Mar STH Zakaki Marsh 2 25-Mar MSS

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO Clamator



Great Spotted Cuckoo, Phasouri Reed-beds, 16th March. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

101 records of this species for March. Largest counts and interesting sightings: Anarita Park 2 mating 21-Mar PA Anarita Park 4 27-Mar DJW Cape Greco 1 in off sea 20-Mar AG Paphos Headland 5 14-Mar DH Souni 6 25-Mar JN Valley NW of Klavdia, W Panagia Stazousa 5 24-Mar KF/VB

COMMON CUCKOO Cuculus canorus Κούκος Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 28-Mar FM Bishop's Farm and Pool 2 29-Mar KF/VB Coral Bay 1 31-Mar ABW Kiti Dam 1 27-Mar KF/VB

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus* Μαυροπουλάδα Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 heard 17-Mar KH

Neo Horio 1 19 & 25-Mar JHew/IKB Souni 1 20, 25, 27 & 28-Mar JN

Zakaki Marsh 1 heard 2 & 29-Mar KH/FM

SPOTTED CRAKE Porzana porzana Στικτοπουλάδα Agia Varvara, Paphos 1 23-Mar JS Paralimni Lake Present 28-Mar MSin

LITTLE CRAKE Zapornia parva Μικροπουλάδα Oroklini Marsh 1 3, 21, 23, 24 & 29-Mar VT/LAC/RH Oroklini Marsh 4 2m 30-Mar AG Timi Beach 1 female 27-Mar FM Zakaki Marsh 1 2 & 29-Mar KH/FM/MGr Zakaki Marsh 2 5 & 12-Mar ML/KH

BAILLON'S CRAKE Zapornia pusilla Νανοπουλάδα



Baillon's Crake, Zakaki Marsh, 31st March. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Oroklini Marsh 1 30 & 31-Mar AG/JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 29 & 31-Mar FM/KH

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Grus virgo* Νυφογερανός



Demoiselle Crane, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 16th March. Photograph by John East.

Agia Phyla, Limassol c300 Gaining height around 10:00am. Video. 16-Mar MHad Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 500+ Biggest group took off aroun 8:28 consisting of around 300+. Soon after two smaller groups of 100+ each. Last group of c40 took off 8:49. At 8:57 we could see a massive group right over Troodos 17-Mar KH

Akrotiri Salt Lake c70 Seen heading NW after sunset 15-Mar VM Akrotiri Salt Lake 91 16-Mar KH/STH/JS/JN/JE Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 Seen heading NE at

12:30pm 16-Mar JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 flew N at 08:20 26-

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 flew N at 08:20 26 Mar AG/DH

Asprokremmos Dam 42 flew N up valley 06:45 viewed from Nikokleia 23-Mar JM/OB

Kensington Cliffs c80 seen flying from Troodos towards Akrotiri 12:00pm 16-Mar KH

Lady's Mile 104 Flew up from Zakaki run off area heading N 10:45 16-Mar TRe Limassol c400 Gaining height around 11:00am. Photos on Birds of Cyprus FB group 16-Mar SS

Crane spp: Akrotiri Salt Lake c70 Seen in flight after sunset arriving from south. Too dark to differentiate between Common or Demoiselle, but sounded like Common Crane 15-Mar ABW SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER Calonectris diomedea Πελαγόμυχος Agios Phylonas, Karpasia 1 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp Cape Greco 1 26-Mar KF/VB Rizokarpasos area 4 25-Mar TB

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER Puffinus yelkouan Μύχος της Μεσογείου Paphos Sewage Plant 2 heading east, 800m offshore 23-Mar CR

Shearwater spp. Agios Phylonas, Karpasia 1 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp

WHITE STORK Ciconia ciconia Λευκός Πελαρνός Galateia Lake 2 23 & 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/Map

EURASIAN SPOONBILL Platalea leucorodia Κουταλάς



Eurasian Spoonbill, Lady's Mile, 26th March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 36 26-Mar VT Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 29-Mar KF/VB Galateia Lake 1 23 & 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp Kouklia Dam 1 23-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp Lady's Mile 1 26 & 29-Mar TRe/AG/MGr

GLOSSY IBIS Plegadis falcinellus

Χαλκόκοτα Largest counts and first reports: Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 18 25-Mar LAC/KF/VB Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 21 31-Mar RoB Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 31 dropped in at 10:00 27-Mar NCP Mazotos, Akro Petountas c40 migrating to W 30-Mar RH Oroklini Marsh 5 flew in from coast 20-Mar AG

EURASIAN BITTERN Botaurus stellaris Βουρωδιός



Eurasian Bittern, Akrotiri Marsh, 27th March, Photograph by Dave Walker.

Cape Greco 1 in off sea and rested on road infront of car 16-Mar PS Akrotiri Marsh (Phassouri Reed Beds) 1 24. 27 & 31-Mar JS/DJW/VT Spiros Pool 1 30-Mar AG

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus* minutus Νανορωδιός Paphos Headland 1 30-Mar IKB Zakaki Marsh 1 28-Mar FM

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας Largest counts and first reports: Mandria 23 ads 22-Mar CR Oroklini Marsh 1 11-Mar KH/ML Paphos Headland 9 18-Mar STH/CR Paphos Headland 44 23-Mar IKB Paphos Sea Caves 24 23-Mar IKB Spiros Pool 12 Flew over heading E 31-Mar JS Timi Beach 12 21 & 22-Mar PA

SQUACCO HERON Ardeola ralloides Βορτακοφάς Kiti Dam 1 31-Mar RH Paphos Lighthouse 1 31-Mar CR Pool behind Aviator Flight Center, Larnaca 1 26-Mar KF/VB Timi Beach 1 31-Mar JWa

PURPLE HERON Ardea purpurea

Πορφυροψαροφάς



Purple Heron, Akrotiri Marsh, 16th March. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:

Cape Drepanum 15 3 + 12 heading N 31-Mar JWa

Larnaca Sewage Works 15 23-Mar LAC M1 Pools, Kouris River 16 27-Mar DJW Paphos Headland 17 24-Mar TP/BrR Spiros Pool & Beach 15 23 & 28-Mar AG

GREAT WHITE EGRET Ardea alba

Χανούμισσα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 13-Mar KH Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 18 & 24-Mar FM/DS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 15-Mar KH Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 16-Mar JS/JN Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 29-Mar KF/VB Cape Drepanum 12 migrating N 31-Mar JWa

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 25 27-Mar NCP Paphos Headland 4 flew N 12-Mar STH Paralimni Lake 5 16-Mar FGe Timi Beach 1 flew into flooded forest 3-Mar CR

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax* carbo Κορμοράνος

Largest counts of migrants:

Akrotiri Coast 400 250 + 150 heading W 3-Mar KH

Asprokremmos Dam 350 large flock flew north 3-Mar CR

Kensington Cliffs 200+ 21-Mar FM Mandria 200 13-Mar LAC

Paphos Sewage Plant 140 10-Mar SMM Tomb of the Kings c330 Two large groups moving N 12-Mar SJF

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE Burhinus

oedicnemus Τρουλλουρία Largest counts:

Kotsiatis 10 8 heard and 2 seen 31-Mar AG

Mandria 8 24-Mar CR/PFo Spiros Pool 3 27-Mar AG

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER

Haematopus ostralegus Στρειδοφάγος



Eurasian Oystercatcher, Lady's Mile, 29th March. Photograph by John East.

Lady Mile 4 29-Mar TRe/JE/MGr Paphos Headlands 1 29-Mar VT

PIED AVOCET Recurvirostra avosetta Αβοκέτα

Paphos Headlands 2 29-Mar VT Paralimni Lake 1 16-Mar FGe Spiros Pool 3 23-Mar LAC/AG/JN

BLACK-WINGED STILT Himantopus

himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς



Black-winged Stilt, Evretou Dam, 9th March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 18 27-Mar NCP Lady's Mile 21 28-Mar JE/TRe Oroklini Marsh 36 at least 23-Mar JN/MH Paralimni Lake 20 26-Mar KF/VB Spiros Pool 40+ 31-Mar JS

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



Eurasian Golden Plover, Paphos Headland, 5th March. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 4-Mar MSS/JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 26-Mar AG
Lady's Mile 8 18-Mar MSS
Mandria 1 22-Mar CR
Paphos Headland 1 8 & 19-Mar MSS/FM
Paphos Headland 2 11 & 16-Mar STH
Paphos Headland 3 13-Mar SJF
Paphos Headland 4 14-Mar STH/DH
Paphos Headland 5 15-Mar IKB
Spiros Beach 1 22-Mar MPa/LAC

EURASIAN DOTTEREL Eudromias morinellus Βουνοπλουμίδι Agia Eirini beach, Morphou 3 30-Mar TB Spiro's Pool 1 26-Mar KF/VB

COMMON RINGED PLOVER Charadrius hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι Largest counts:
Pool behind Aviator Flight Center, Larnaca 30 27-Mar KF/VB
Spiros Beach 18 1-Mar CR

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι



Little Ringed Plover, Timi Beach, 26th March. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12 At pool near rabbit sheds 24-Mar JS
Kiti Dam c10 31-Mar RH
Spiros Pool 10 24-Mar KF/VB
Timi Beach 12 21, 24, 26 & 31-Mar
PA/CR/IKB

KENTISH PLOVER Charadrius alexandrinus Νανοπλουμίδι Largest counts: Lady's Mile 100+ 12-Mar KH Spiros Beach c130 2-Mar FGe

GREATER SANDPLOVER Charadrius leschenaultii Βραχοπλουμίδι



Greater Sandplover, Lady's Mile, 19th March. Photograph by John East.

Max count per location:
Agia Thekla 10 13-Mar JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 10-Mar KH
Geroskippou Beach 2 25-Mar PA
Lady's Mile 2 19 & 20-Mar JE/FM
Mandria 12 on beach 9-Mar CR
Paphos Headland 4 4 & 15-Mar CR/IKB
Spiros Beach 4 4, 26 & 27-Mar
KH/JS/KF/VB/RH
Timi Beach 5 5-Mar CR/IKB

NORTHERN LAPWING Vanellus vanellus Γ ιαννής

Lower Xeros Potamos 1 26-Mar LAC Syngrasis Dam 1 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp Timi Beach 1 unusual 26-Mar CR

SPUR-WINGED LAPWING Vanellus spinosus Πελλοκατερίνα Largest counts: Larnaca Sewage Works 10 15, 25, 27 & 29-Mar JS/AG/KF/VB Oroklini Marsh 26 at least 23-Mar JN Paphos Sewage Plant 32 8-Mar CR

WHIMBREL Numenius phaeopus Φαιομπεκάτσα Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 26-Mar AG Paphos Headland 1 4, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22. 25 & 30-Mar CR/LAC/STH/IKB/JS/TP/BrR

EURASIAN CURLEW Numenius arguata Νερομπεκάτσα



Eurasian Curlew, Akrotiri coast, 21st March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Coast 7 21-Mar TRe/JE Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 21-Mar AG Larnaca Airport Pools South 3 16-Mar TB Mandria 1 flew over 24-Mar MSS Mazotos, Akro Petountas 2 migrating to E 30-Mar RH Spiros Pool 4 15-Mar JS Spiros Pool 5 16-Mar JS Spiros Pool 1 25-Mar AG/LAC

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT Limosa limosa

Λιμόζα Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 29-Mar KF/VB Kiti Dam 1 31-Mar RH Kouklia Dam 1 27-Mar NCP Lady's Mile 1 pools behind aerials 28-Mar FΜ Oroklini Marsh 1 1, 24 & 25-Mar CR/LAC Oroklini Marsh 5 9 & 13-Mar KH/JS Oroklini Marsh 2 20 & 28-Mar AG/KF/VB Oroklini Marsh 7 21-Mar LAC Oroklini Marsh 6 23 & 29-Mar LAC/RH Oroklini Marsh 4 26-Mar RH Spiro's Pool 5 24-Mar KF/VB Spiros Pool 35 16 seen feeding then 15

flew over and the 16 joined them and all heading inland NE. 30 mins later four flew in from sea and started feeding 31-Mar JS Timi Beach 1 26, 27 & 28-Mar IKB/CR/JS

RUDDY TURNSTONE Arenaria interpres Χαλικονεραλλίδι



Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 30th March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland 1 8, 11, 13, 18, 19, 29 & 31-Mar MSS/STH/SJF/CR/FM/JS/BrR/DJW

RUFF Calidris pugnax Μαχητής



Ruff, Lady's Mile, 1st March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 60 29-Mar KF/VB Kiti Dam m. 100 31-Mar RH Spiros Pool 40+ 28 & 29-Mar AG

CURLEW SANDPIPER Calidris ferruginea Δρεπανονεραλλίδι Lady's Mile 2 20-Mar FM

TEMMINCK'S STINT Calidris temminckii Σταχτονεραλλίδι



Temminck's Stint, Zakaki, 23rd March. Photograph by John East.

Lady's Mile 3 1-Mar TRe

Lady's Mile 2 17-Mar KH Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 11-Mar KH Zakaki 2 23-Mar JE/TRe

DUNLIN Calidris alpina Λασπονεραλλίδι Largest counts:

Larnaca Airport Pools North 18 1-Mar CR Spiros Beach 85 1-Mar CR

LITTLE STINT Calidris minuta

Νανονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Pool behind Aviator Flight Center, Larnaca 40 24-Mar KF/VB Spiros Beach c80 17-Mar JS

GREAT SNIPE Gallinago media Διπλοπικάτσονο

Agia Varvara 2 22-Mar DN

COMMON SNIPE Gallinago gallinago

Πικατσόνι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 pool near old rabbit farm sheds 23-Mar TRe

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 4 & 28-Mar MSS/FM

Larnaca Salt Lake 5 1-Mar CR Oroklini Marsh 14 put up by harrier 1-Mar CR

Timi Beach 2 28-Mar PA Zakaki Marsh 1 25-Mar MSS

COMMON SANDPIPER Actitis hypoleucos Aktítnc

Largest counts:

Kefalos Beach, Paphos 4 21-Mar JS Paphos Lighthouse 4 30-Mar CR Sotira coast 3 16-Mar FGe

GREEN SANDPIPER Tringa ochropus

Δασονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12+ 23-Mar TRe Evretou Dam 7 10-Mar IKB/RAt M1 Pools 5 19-Mar JE Paralimni Lake 5 16-Mar FGe

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus* Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 22-Mar MPa

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 11, 25, 27, 29 & 31-Mar KH/AG/JS
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 25-Mar KF/VB

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 25-Mar KF/VB Oroklini Marsh 2 26-Mar KF/VB Paphos Sewage Plant 1 in Ezousas Valley 29-Mar CR

Pool behind Aviator Flight Center, Larnaca

4 27 & 28-Mar KF/VB Spiros Pool 1 28-Mar AG

Spiros Pool 3 29-Mar MC

Spiros Pool 2 31-Mar JS

Timi Beach 4 26-Mar CR

Timi Beach 3 27-Mar FM/LAC

Timi Beach 5 29-Mar JS/VT

Timi Beach 1 31-Mar CR

COMMON GREENSHANK Tringa

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 27 18 + 9 26-Mar AG Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 7 27-Mar NCP Spiros Pool 6 25, 26 & 28-Mar LAC/KF/VB/AG

COMMON REDSHANK Tringa totanus

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι



Common Redshank, Lady's Mile, 16th March. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Larnaca Airport Pools North 12 15-Mar JS Larnaca Salt Lake 11 15-Mar JS

WOOD SANDPIPER Tringa glareola

Λάσπονεραλλίδι



Wood Sandpiper, Timi Beach, 30th March. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 20 pool near old rabbit farm sheds 26-Mar FM Larnaca Sewage Works 13 29-Mar AG

MARSH SANDPIPER Tringa stagnatilis

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 pool near old rabbit

farm sheds 28-Mar FM

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 14

29-Mar KF/VB

Lady's Mile 1 pools behind aerials 28-Mar

Larnaca Airport Pools South 11 29 & 31-Mar AG/JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-Mar JS Spiros Pool 10 28 & 30-Mar AG

Timi Beach 4 29-Mar JS

LITTLE GULL Hydrocoloeus minutus Νανόγλαρος

Mandria 1 ad offshore 23-Mar DH Oroklini Marsh 1 11 & 22-Mar

KH/MPa/LAC

Spiros Beach 3 15, 22, 25, 26 & 27-Mar

JS/LAC/AG/KF/VB

Spiros Beach 4 16-Mar JS

Spiros Beach 1 17-Mar JS

Spiros Beach 5 19-Mar TB

Spiros Beach 2 21 & 23-Mar LAC/AG

SLENDER-BILLED GULL Larus genei

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



Slender-billed Gull, Lady's Mile, 7th March. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 32 16-Mar JE Larnaca Airport Pools North 42 1-Mar CR Larnaca Salt Lake c70 27-Mar RH Spiros Pool 134 19-Mar TB

PALLAS'S GULL Larus ichthyaetus Αετόγλαρος Mandria 1 18-Mar MSS Paphos Headland 4 29-Mar VT

MEDITERRANEAN GULL Larus melanocephalus Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος



Mediterranean Gull, Lady's Mile, 3rd March. Photograph by Raiia Howard.

Lady's Mile 5 ads 3-Mar KH Lady's Mile 4 7-Mar JE Lady's Mile 1 14, 18 & 19-Mar JE/MSS/TRe Lady's Mile 3 20-Mar FM Larnaca Salt Lake 1 flew 1-Mar CR Latchi 1 21-Mar RAt Meneou Pool 8 21-Mar LAC Meneou Pool 2 23-Mar LAC Oroklini Beach 2 21-Mar FGe Oroklini Marsh 1 23-Mar LAC/JN/MH Spiros Pool 1 21 & 22-Mar LAC/MPa Spiros Pool & Beach area 2 23-Mar AG Timi Beach 1 fly by 1-Mar MSS

AUDOUIN'S GULL Larus audouinii Νησόγλαρος

Cape Greco 2 Heading E 13-Mar JS Agios Phylonas, Karpasia 1 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp

Baltic Gull Larus fuscus fuscus Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής



Baltic Gull, Lady's Mile, 20th March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 18-Mar MSS
Mandria 25 23-Mar PA
Rizokarpasos area 6 25-Mar TB
Spiros Pool 6 15-Mar JS

Heuglin's Gull Larus fuscus heuglini Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας



Heuglin's Gull, Lady's Mile, 7th March. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 18-Mar MSS Asprokremmos Dam 1 23-Mar JS Lady's Mile 1 7 & 16-Mar JE/JS Mandria 1 adult flew inland with a Baltic 21-Mar STH Timi Beach 1 26-Mar JKB

ARMENIAN GULL Larus armenicus Γλάρος Αρμενίας Max count per location: Dekeleia c75 21-Mar FGe Galateia Lake 3 23-Mar MC/CC/TB/Map Lady's Mile 20 13-Mar JN

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος Κασπίας

Lady's Mile 2 7, 27, 28 & 29-Mar TRe Lady's Mile 3 12-Mar TRe Lady's Mile 1 13, 20 & 23-Mar JN/TRe Mandria 2 21-Mar CR Paphos Headland 14 west 18-Mar CR Timi Beach 30 west 19-Mar CR

LITTLE TERN Sternula albifrons Γλαρόνι Spiros Pool 1 27 & 28-Mar RH/AG

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN

JS

Gelochelidon nilotica Γελογλάρονο Lady's Mile 2 28-Mar JE Lady's Mile 5 pools behind aerials 28-Mar TRe/FM Paphos Headland 10 27-Mar FM Paphos Headland 4 Heading N 27-Mar Paphos Headland 17 29-Mar JS Paphos Headland 3 29-Mar VT Spiros Beach 1 29, 20 & 31-Mar SC/AG/JS

Timi Beach 11 29-Mar JS/VT Timi Beach 18 heading east into wind 29-Mar CR

CASPIAN TERN Hydroprogne caspia

Γιγαντογλάρονο

Mandria 2 1 at 10.45, another 11.55, west over sea 27-Mar CR/LAC Paphos Headland 1 heading W 15:00pm 28-Mar JWa

Paphos Headland 1 seen at distance, large, front heavy, large billed tern 30-Mar MSin

COMMON TERN Sterna hirundo

Θαλασσογλάρονο

Spiros Beach 3 then 1+ offshore, probably part of same small group 29-Mar SC with A P Leventis

SANDWICH TERN Thalasseus

sandvicensis Χειμωνογλάρονο Lady's Mile 2 3 & 29-Mar KH/MGr Lady's Mile 1 6-Mar VT Mandria 1 on buoy 16-Mar CR Oroklini Beach 4 27-Mar LAC Spiros Beach 3 flying along coast 1-Mar CR

Spiros Beach 1 2 & 26-Mar FGe/JS Spiros Beach 2 15-Mar JS Timi Beach 1 31-Mar IKB

COMMON BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Αθρωποπούλλι

Arakapas 1 near church 15-Feb DS

SCOPS OWL Otus scops Θουπί



Cyprus Scops Owl, Paphos, 27th March. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Max count per location:

Agios Amvrosios 2 or 3 calling in village 8-Mar JN

Anavargos Cemetery valley 1 heard 10-Mar MSS

Androlikou 1 21-Mar IKB

Asprokremmos Dam 1 calling in garden, 8pm 6-Mar CR

Episkopi, Paphos 2 26-Mar JS

Kotsiatis 1 31-Mar AG

Lefkara 14 heard. Nocturnal transect 25-Mar AG

Marathounta 1 calling in garden 8 & 9-Mar CR

Mavrokolymbos Dam 8 25-Mar KF/VB Neo Horio 1 19-Mar JHew Phasouri Reed Beds 1 14-Mar VT

Pissouri 1 19-Mar FM

Secret Valley 2 heard after dark 16-Mar KR/IB

Souni 2 18 & 26-Mar JN

NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL Asio

otus Αρκόθουπος

Lefkara 1 heard. Nocturnal transect 25-Mar AG

Paphos Headland 1 near lighthouse 9:00am 31-Mar BrR

Souni 1 heard calling 18 & 23-Mar JN

SHORT-EARED OWL Asio flammeus Βαλτόθουπος

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 flying up coastline and then went out to sea 19-Mar TRe Cape Drepanum 1 flew inland 31-Mar JWa

Mazotos, Akro Petountas 1 29 & 30-Mar RH

Paphos Headland 1 30-Mar TP/BrR/JWa Potamos Liopetriou 1 26-Mar RH Spiros Pool 1 29-Mar SC

OSPREY Pandion haliaetus Ψαραετός Odou 1 circling over hills and heading towards village 24-Mar AG Timi Beach 1 29-Mar BMc/SD

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας Episkopi garrison 1 overhead 16-Mar STH

Kensington Cliffs 5 4 sat on cliff face above the NW nest site plus one bird on probable nest on ledge below (possibly another on main ledge sat on nest). At 0816 4 flew off the cliff with 3 flying S to 3 ledges and one lost from sight with the

definite nesting bird staying on NW ledge 2-Mar JN

Kensington Cliffs 3 4 & 20-Mar MSS/LDe Kensington Cliffs 2 9-Mar KH Kensington Cliffs 1 24 & 27-Mar JS/DJW Souni 3 flew over from NE heading towards Kensington Cliffs area 21-Mar JN Troodos Square 1 25-Mar KF/VB

BONELLI'S EAGLE Aquila fasciatus

Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο Reports of two plus:

Agios Minas chapel (Neo Chorio) 3 photographed together 19-Mar STH Evretou Dam 3 10-Mar IKB/RAt Souni 2 21-Mar JN

BOOTED EAGLE Hieraaetus pennata

Γερακαετός

Secret Valley 1 dark phase coming in high from coast and dropped down eastwards 19-Mar KR/IB

HEN HARRIER Circus cyaneus

Ορνιθοσιάχινο

Agia Varvara 1 heading north, ad. male 26-Mar CR

Agios Sozomenos 1 hunting male 22-Mar AG

Akhna Dam 1 on green line, near Akhna village, male 1-Mar CR

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 ring tail 28-Mar FM Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 5 & 20-Mar ML/LDe Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 1m and 1f 21-Mar AG Anarita Park 1 prob. Distant but too much black on wing for pallid 30-Mar RoB Cape Greco 1 female 4 & 9-Mar KH/FGe Lady's Mile 1 18 & 20-Mar MSS/TRe Paphos Headland 2 1m and 1f 25-Mar KH

Pittokopos to Androlikou road 1 Female 22-Mar JS

Secret Valley 1 female 17-Mar KR/IB Secret Valley 2 both ringtails past villa heading east about four hours apart 18-Mar KR/IB

PALLID HARRIER Circus macrourus Ασπροσιάχινο

Aoripoolaxivo

First reports and larger counts:
Anarita Park 3 2m and 1f 30-Mar RoB
Cape Kormakitis 2 1m and 1f 30-Mar TB
Mandria 2 males 31-Mar LAC
Paphos Headland 1 male 19-Mar DH
Paphos Headland 3 Males. 1 in off 8:35; 1
N 11:45; 1 seen 15:35 30-Mar TP/BrR

Secret Valley 1 imm male 17-Mar KR/IB Timi Beach 2 males 31-Mar CR

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK Accipiter nisus Ξεωτέρι

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 23-Mar SC Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 17-Mar KH Mesogi (Paphos) 1 14-Mar STH Secret Valley 1 18-Mar KR/IB Timi Beach 1 14-Mar LAC

NORTHERN GOSHAWK Accipiter gentilis Διπλοσιάχινο

Gialia 1 13-Mar RAt
Mandra tou Kampiou East 2 pair around
known nest of previous years 17-Mar FGe
Steppe Buzzard Buteo buteo vulpinus
Στεπονερακίνα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 Gaining height over eucalpytus trees 24-Mar JS

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD Buteo rufinus Διπλογέρακο



Long-legged Buzzard, Skoulli, 6th March. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Singles reported throughout the month from usual locations. Reports of 2+ below:
Aetofolies Gorge 3 9-Mar JHew
Arodes 2 8 & 28-Mar IKB/JS
Evretou Dam 2 10-Mar IKB
Omodos 2 displaying to each other 24-Mar FM
Peristerona, Paphos 3 17-Mar RAt
Simou 2 3-Mar ABW
Trimiklini 2 pair returned to regular nest site 10-Mar PVH
Valley NW of Klavdia, W Panagia
Strasousa 3 24-Mar KF/VB

COMMON HOOPOE Upupa epops Πουπούξιος



Common Hoopoe, Paphos Headland, 28th March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

203 reports received for this species in March. Largest counts:
Anarita Park 12 30-Mar RoB
Paphos Headland 21 groups of 2/3 everywhere 30-Mar CR
Souni 12 28-Mar JN

BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER Merops persicus Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος Mandria 2 heading east early am 30-Mar BMc/SD

PIED KINGFISHER Ceryle rudis Κήρυλος Asprokremmos Dam 1 31-Mar North Staffs RSPB group

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* Θερκοπούλλι



Eurasian Wryneck, Paphos Headland, 6th March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Singles recorded most days. Reports of 2+: Cape Drepanum 2 31-Mar JWa Paphos Headland 6 25-Mar PA

LESSER KESTREL Falco naumanni Κιρκινέζι Anarita Park 1 20-Mar VT Cape Kormakitis 4 heading N 30-Mar TB

Kiti Dam 1 29-Mar KF/VB

MERLIN Falco columbarius Νανοφάλκονο Lower Ezousas Soakaways 1 female on a tree above opposite river bank then hunting to W 9-Mar JN

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pool by Rabbit sheds. Female flew through scattering waders 16-Mar JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 29-Mar KF/VB

EURASIAN HOBBY Falco subbuteo Δεντροφάλκονο

Paphos Headland 1 29-Mar TP/BrR

PEREGRINE FALCON Falco peregrinus Zάνος

Agia Varvara 1 11 & 23-Mar CR/JS Baths of Aphrodite 1 28-Mar JS Episkopi, Paphos 2 1m and 1f 26-Mar JS

Kensington Cliffs 1 16 & 17-Mar KH/FM Kiti Dam 1 hunting waders 31-Mar RH Lower Ezousas 1 5-Mar IKB Paphos Headland 1 16-Mar IKB Paphos Old Town 1 Took a pigeon over the Market 12-Mar SJF Peristerona, Paphos 1 17-Mar RAt Secret Valley 1 16-Mar KR/IB Zapalo Bay 2 pair at same ledge; one bird delivered food and then left, so suspect nest with young 22-Mar MGr

WOODCHAT SHRIKE Lanius senator Κοκκινοκεφαλάς



Woodchat Shrike, Lara Bay, 25th March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

First reports and largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 13-Mar KH
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 17Mar KH
Lady's Mile 1 18-Mar MSS
Lower Akamas 2 25-Mar JKB

Paphos Headland 2 21, 30 & 31-Mar CGK/PA/Cr Paphos Sea Caves 2 25-Mar IKB

MASKED SHRIKE Lanius nubicus

Δακκαννούρα Largest counts: Amathounta 2 28-Mar FM Lady's Mile 2 21-Mar TRe Paphos Headland 4 3m and 1f 30 & 31-Mar TP/BrR Souni 2 28-Mar JN

EURASIAN JAY Garrulus glandarius Κίσσα Mandra tou Kampiou East 1 17-Mar FGe Mount Olympus 1 20-Mar STH Troodos Forest 3 21-Mar JS Troodos village 1 20-Mar STH Troodos Square 2 25-Mar KF/VB Troodos Weather Station area 4 24-Mar FM

COMMON RAVEN Corvus corax

Κλόκκαρος Agios Sozomenos 2 19-Mar AG Cape Greco 1 heard 26-Mar KH

COAL TIT Periparus ater Cypriotes Πέμπετσος

Agios Nickolaos to Mandria (Limassol) road 4+ 21-Mar JS

Mandra tou Kampiou East c60 17-Mar FGe

Park S Delikipos 2 24-Mar KF/VB Troodos Forest 12+ 21-Mar JS Troodos Square 25 25-Mar KF/VB

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT Remiz

pendulinus Υφάντρα Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 10+ 4-Mar MSS Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 17-Mar KH Oroklini Marsh 2 one seen and another heard 20-Mar AG Zakaki Marsh 3 5-Mar ML Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 11, 24 & 25-Mar VT/KH/JS/MSS Zakaki Marsh 2 18-Mar MSS **BIMACULATED LARK** Melanocorypha bimaculata Στεποτράσιηλος



Bimaculated Lark, Cape Greco, 25th March. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Cape Greco 1 20 & 25-Mar AG/AgL Mandria 1 21 & 22-Mar MSS/CR Mandria 3 24-Mar CR Mandria 2 25-Mar JS

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha calandra* Μαυροτράσιηλος Pervolia 2 11 & 26-Mar KH/JS

LESSER SHORT-TOED LARK Alaudala rufescens Ερημοτρασιηλούδα



Lesser Short-toed Lark, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 14th March. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 14 & 17-Mar JE/KH Mandria 1 20, 21 & 22-Mar STH/KR/IB/CR

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK

Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασιηλούδα



Greater Short-toed Lark, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 21st March. Photograph by John East.

First reports and largest counts:
Agia Eirini beach, Morphou 125 30-Mar TB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 15-Mar KH
Cape Greco 2 Flew over calling 13-Mar JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 9-Mar ML
Mandria 180 27-Mar CR
Rizokarpasos area c100 25-Mar TB

WOODLARK Lullula arborea

Πευκοτρασιήλα



Woodlark, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 14th March. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
Anarita Park 5 14-Mar CR
Kornos 7 11-Mar FGe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 8 9 & 11-Mar DJW
Paphos Headland c25 1-Mar KH

EURASIAN SKYLARK Alauda arvensis Τρασιήλα

Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 6 11-Mar CR
Cape Drepanum 1 22-Mar JS
Larnaca Airport Coast 9 17-Mar JS
Mandria 6 8-Mar DJW
Paphos Headland 5 4-Mar CR

Paphos Sewage Works 1 10-Mar SMM Timi Beach 1 3 & 8-Mar CR/SJF

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Iduna pallida* Τουβητούρα

Paphos Headland 1 singing and showing well 23-Mar PA (Early record of this species.)

MOUSTACHED WARBLER Acrocephalus melanopogon Μουστακομουγιανούδι Zakaki Marsh 2 2 & 5-Mar KH/ML Zakaki Marsh 3 6-Mar VT

SEDGE WARBLER Acrocephalus schoenobaenus Σχοινομουγιανούδι Cape Drepanum 1 31-Mar JWa Kiti Dam 1 29-Mar KF/VB Mandria 1 singing 22-Mar KR/IB Paphos Headland 3 24-Mar TP/BrR Phasouri Reed Beds 1 24-Mar JS Zakaki Marsh 2 2 & 29-Mar KH/FM Zakaki Marsh 1 21, 25, 26 & 28-Mar AG/MSS/FM

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus Καλαμομουγιανούδι Largest counts: Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 24 & 25-Mar JS/KF/VB Larnaca Salt Lake 3 Heard singing 15-Mar JS Zakaki Marsh 3+ 21-Mar AG

GREAT REED WARBLER Acrocephalus arundinaceus Τζικλομουγιανούδι Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 14 & 17-Mar VT/KH Paphos Headland 2 singing 30-Mar CR Partenitis Dam 1 heard only 23-Mar SC

SAVI'S WARBLER Locustella luscinioides Καλαμοτριλιστής Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 26 & 31-Mar VT/MGr Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 29-Mar KF/VB Cape Drepanum 1 heard 31-Mar JWa Cape Greco 1 4, 14 & 26-Mar KH/KF/VB Coral Bay 1 Reeling and seen crossing a track 31-Mar ABW Mazotos 1 singing in olive grove 27-Mar RH Paphos Headland 1 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 &

31-Mar STH/CGK/PA/FM/JWa

Pissouri 1 heard 6:30 am 28-Mar FM Spiros Pool 1 25-Mar LAC

COMMON GRASSHOPPER WARBLER*

Locustella naevia Θαμνοτριλιστής Mandria 1 23-Mar JM/OB (Possible 3rd Cyprus record. Rare Bird Report required)

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW Cecropis

daurica Μιλτοχελίδονο Largest counts: Baths of Aphrodite 100+ Passing over in continual stream 28-Mar JS Cape Drepanum 150 heading N 08:45 -11:15 31-Mar JWa

(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN Riparia

riparia Οχθοχελίδονο Largest counts: Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 26-Mar VT Larnaca Sewage Works 12+ 25-Mar AG Meneou Pools 5 24-Mar KF/VB Oroklini Marsh 5+ 24-Mar LAC

EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER

Phylloscopus orientalis Βουνογιαννούδι
First reports and largest counts:
Anavargos Cemetery valley 6 10-Mar
MSS
Asprokremmos Dam 5 one singing 30Mar JWa
Baths of Aphrodite, Latchi 8 30-Mar PFo
Bishop's Farm and Pool 10 29-Mar KF/VB
Cape Greco 1 14-Mar KH
Kiti Dam c5 29-Mar SC with A P
Leventis/KF/VB
Kormakitis valley 6 30-Mar TB
Timi Beach 3 7-Mar MSS

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογιαννούδι

Asprokremmos Dam 2 31-Mar LAC Bishop's Pool 1 26-Mar FM Cape Greco 1 26-Mar KH Kiti Dam 6 29-Mar MC Kiti Dam 1 27-Mar KF/VB Kormakitis valley 4 30-Mar TB Paphos Headland 1 31-Mar AG

WILLOW WARBLER Phylloscopus

trochilus Θαμνογιαννούδι Agios Sozomenos 1 25-Mar RH Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 21-Mar AG Anarita Park 2 19-Mar DJW Bishop's Pool 3 26-Mar FM Kiti Dam 1 25 & 29-Mar AG/SC/APL Paphos Headland 1 25-Mar PA Souni 1 19, 21, 25 & 27-Mar JN Souni 2 26-Mar JN Spiros Pool 1 25-Mar AG

BARRED WARBLER Sylvia nisoria

Γιαλλούρα

Paphos Headland 1 either fem or 1st summer male on edge of large supermarket carpark just over mesh fence to arch site in low growth beneath trees 21-Mar PA (Very early record of this species)

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER Sylvia

crassirostris Θαμνογιαλλούρα
Agia Varvara 1 briefly in flight 26-Mar CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 26-Mar AG/VT
Cape Drepanum 1 28 & 31-Mar JS/JWa
Cape Greco 1 24, 26, 28 & 29-Mar
LAC/KH/KF/VB/SC/APL
Cape Greco 2 26-Mar KF/VB
Paphos Headland 1 20, 22, 26, 27, 28 & 30-Mar PA/VT/KH/JWa/CR
Paphos Headland 3 25-Mar PA
Paphos Sea Caves 1 23-Mar IKB
Prastio 2 25-Mar TRe
Spiros Pool 1 30-Mar AG
Timi Beach 1 26-Mar IKB

LESSER WHITETHROAT Sylvia curruca Συκαλλίδι

124 records received for this species in March. Largest counts:
Cape Kiti to Spiros Pool 100+ 27-Mar AG Paphos Headland 100+ 25-Mar PA

CYPRUS WARBLER Sylvia melanothorax Τρυπομάζης

Largest counts:
Cape Greco 12 28-Mar KF/VB
Kornos, Larnaca 7 11-Mar FGe
Mandra tou Kampiou East 7 17-Mar FGe
Petra tou Romiou 8 singing males along
nature trail behind car park 31-Mar JWa
Souni 23 28-Mar JN
Valley NW of Klavdia, W Panagia Stazousa
10 24-Mar KF/VB

SUBALPINE WARBLER Sylvia cantillans Γκριζοφτέρι

Subalpine Warbler, Cape Greco, 26th March. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

First reports and largest counts:
Akrotiri Coast 1 in trees just past
desalination plant 7-Mar TRe
Cape Drepanum 3 25-Mar IKB
Cape Greco 7 6m and 1f 25-Mar KH
Lady's Mile 1 male 12-Mar TRe
Paphos Headland 1 16-Mar LAC/IKB
Paphos Headland 6 25-Mar PA

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER Sylvia rueppelli Εληοβάτης



Ruppell's Warbler, Mandria, 17th March. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Cape Drepanum 5 28 & 31-Mar JS/JWa Cape Greco 14 28-Mar KF/VB Paphos Headland 20+ 27-Mar JS

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT

Sylvia communis Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι Largest counts: Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 At Agios Georgios Church 24-Mar JS Cape Drepanum 4 31-Mar JWa Cape Greco 7 28-Mar KF/VB Paphos Headland 3 27 & 30-Mar FM/PA SPECTACLED WARBLER Sylvia conspicillata Κοτσινοφτέρι Max count per location:
Agios Sozomenos 1 12-Mar JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26-Mar AG
Cape Greco 10 26 & 28-Mar KF/VB
Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 2 2, 23 & 27-Mar FGe/JN/KF/VB
Park S Delikipos 1 24-Mar KF/VB
Potamos Liopetriou 1 16-Mar FGe
Spiros Pool 2 27-Mar AG
Valley NW of Klavdia, W Panagia Stazousa

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER Certhia brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης Troodos Forest 2 21-Mar JS Troodos Weather Station area 1 24-Mar FM Troodos Square 8 25-Mar KF/VB

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο

1 24-Mar KF/VB



Northern Wren, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 11th March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Kamares (Tala) 1 6, 8, 11, 14 & 23-Mar DJW Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 carrying nesting material 11-Mar DJW Troodos Forest 1 Heard singing 21-Mar JS

COMMON STARLING Sturnus vulgaris Λαζούρι



Common Starling, Lady's Mile, 4th March. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Marsh 12 14-Mar ABW Episkopi Village, Limassol 5 2-Mar JN Lady's Mile 1 4 & 21-Mar JE/AG Lower Ezousas c20 5-Mar IKB Mandria 1 23 & 25-Mar STH/JS Paphos Headland 2 29-Mar PA Xeros Potamos Pools, Paphos 2 8-Mar DJW

BLUETHROAT Cyanecula svecica Γαλαζολαίμης



Bluethroat, Lady's Mile, March 26th. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Evretou Dam 1 15-Mar RAt
Lady's Mile 1 22, 26, 28 & 29-Mar TRe
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1 Male,1 female
9-Mar ML
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2 males 13Mar ML
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 8-Mar MSS
Phasouri Reed Beds 1 14-Mar VT
Spiros Pool 1 15-Mar JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 13 & 23-Mar
VT/KH/TRe

COMMON NIGHTINGALE Luscinia megarhynchos Αηδόνι



Common Nightingale, Cape Greco, 26th March. Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

First reports and largest counts:
Cape Greco 15 28-Mar KF/VB
Paphos Headland 2 singing - 1 seen and 1
heard 9-Mar JN
Paphos Headland 1 18-Mar PA
Paphos Headland 17 several seen, most
singing 30-Mar CR

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis* Κρικομουγιοχάφτης Paphos Headland 1 25 & 30-Mar PA Timi Beach 1 m 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30-Mar CR/LAC/PA/BMc/SD

COMMON REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης First reports and largest counts: Agios Sozomenos 1 19-Mar AG Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 At Agios Georgios Church 24-Mar JS Cape Greco 5 20-Mar AG Paphos Headland 7 6m and 1f 25-Mar PA Timi Beach 1 21-Mar PA

EHRENBERG'S REDSTART Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisicus Ασιατικός Κοτσινονούρης



'Ehrenberg's' Redstart, Cape Greco, 13th March. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 male 21-Mar LDe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 18-Mar FM Alaminos Beach and surroundings 1 24-Mar KF/VB

Baths of Aphrodite 1 Male 28-Mar JS Cape Greco 1 Male 13 & 20-Mar JS/AG Paphos Headland 1 male 26-Mar TP/BrR

RUFOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH

Monticola saxatilis Πετροκότσυφος



Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Anarita Park, 28th March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Anarita Park 1 male 27 & 28-Mar JS/DJW/CR/IKB Rizokarpasos area 1 male 25-Mar TB

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius* Γαλαζοκότσυφος



Blue Rock Thrush, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 11th March. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Max count per location:
Aetofolies Gorge 1 20-Mar JHew
Agios Sozomenos 3+ 22-Mar AG
Anarita Park 1 8, 14, 17, 18, 25 & 27 Mar
MSS/DJW/FM/IKB/JS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 5, 6 & 18-Mar
CR/KR/IB
Cape Drepanum 1 male 20-Mar DH
Cape Greco 6 4m and 2f 26-Mar KH

Episkopi, Paphos 1 Female 26-Mar JS

Germasogeia Dam 1 female 12-Mar KH Lady's Mile 1 20 & 21-Mar JE/FM/TRe Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Mar KF/VB Marathounta 1 on Jackdaw rock face 12-Mar CR

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 female 11-Mar DJW

Mazotos, Akro Petountas 1 male 24-Mar RH

Paphos Headland 1 2, 23, 24, 28, 30 & 31-Mar

IKB/TP/BrR/CGK/MSin/LAC/CR/AG
Pegeia 1 20 & 25-Mar RoB/FM
Rizokarpasos area 1 male 25-Mar TB
Xylofagou Headland 4 poss 5 19-Mar TB
Zapalo Bay 3 one seen early and then two
later some distance away 22-Mar MGr

WHINCHAT Saxicola rubetra Βοσκαρούδι



Whinchat, Cape Drepanum, 25th March. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

First reports and largest counts:
Agia Varvara 2 m,f 26-Mar CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 26-Mar VT
Kapparis Coast, Paralimni 1 22-Mar AR
Paphos Headland 5 27-Mar KH
Spiros Beach 1 23-Mar AG

CASPIAN STONECHAT* Saxicola torquatus hemprichii Κασπική Παπαθκιά Agia Varvara 1 took off, thought it was a wheatear, then perched it showed red in centre of breast, pale flanks, large white collar, very dark/black mantle and head 26-Mar CR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 male prob this subspp 25-Mar GE/LHol Paphos Headland 1 male prob this subspp 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31-Mar BMc/SD/DH/TP/BrR/PA/FM/JWa/LAC/DJW /JN/CR/AG/VT

Paphos Headland 2 male & female prob this subspp 27-Mar PA/JS

Paphos Headland 1 fem prob this subspp 31-Mar TP/BrR Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Mar VT/SS

NORTHERN WHEATEAR Oenanthe oenanthe Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα
188 reports of this species received for March. Largest counts:
Agia Eirini beach, Morphou 35 30-Mar TB Cape Kiti to Spiros Pool 17 27-Mar AG Lady's Mile 20+ 27 & 28-Mar TRe Paphos Headland 19 28-Mar PA

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα



Isabelline Wheatear. Photograph by Andy Waller.

170 reports of this species received for March. Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 10 14-Mar JE Lady's Mile 15 21-Mar JE Paphos Headland 12+ 20-Mar JS

HOODED WHEATEAR Oenanthe monacha Σκουφοσκαλιφούρτα



Hooded Wheatear, Paphos Headland, 30th March. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland 1 fem 28, 30 & 31-Mar JWa/JM/OB/JN/PA/GE/LHol/AG/CR

DESERT WHEATEAR Oenanthe deserti Ερημοσκαλιφούρτα



Desert Wheataer, Cape Greco, 14th March. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Cape Greco 1 14-Mar KH Lady's Mile 1 fem 1-Mar TRe Mandria 1 14-Mar IKB Paphos Headland 2 males 4-Mar CR Paphos south coast 1 Beach Athena Royal & Louis Imperial Beach hotels. Female 31-Mar PA/MJH Timi Beach 1 13-Mar LAC/IKB

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR Oenanthe hispanica Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα



Black-eared Wheateaer, Paphos Headland, 25th March. Photograph by Raija Howard.

First reports and largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 13 28-Mar JE
Anarita Park 1 14-Mar CR/DJW
Anarita Park 21 28-Mar IKB
Asprokremmos Dam 1 14-Mar DJW
Cape Greco 1 pale throated male 13-Mar JS

Cape Greco 2 14-Mar KH
Cape Greco 15 26-Mar KF/VB
Mandria 15 9 pale thr, 6 black-thr 24-Mar
CR

Paphos Sea Caves 13 25-Mar IKB

CYPRUS WHEATEAR Oenanthe cypriaca Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Anarita Park, 14th March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Arodes 9 21-Mar IKB
Cape Greco 10 28-Mar KF/VB
Mavrokolymbos Dam 10 25-Mar RoB
Rizokarpasos - Cape Andreas tip, Karpasia
15 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp
Souni 13 25-Mar JN

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii* Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα

Bουνοσκαλίφουρτα Agios Sozomenos 2 1m and 1f 12-Mar JS

Anarita Park 4 5 & 14-Mar MSS Anarita Park 2 8, 17, 18 & 20-Mar MSS/IKB/KR/IB

Anarita Park 1 male 19-Mar DH/DJW/JS Arodes 1 8-Mar IKB

Cape Greco 2 Male and female,male on headland,female on flat beach 10-Mar ML Cape Greco 1 24-Mar DK Marathounta Hills 2 fems 12 & 20-Mar CR

TREE PIPIT Anthus trivialis Δενδρογαλούδι Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 26-Mar AG Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Heard 24-Mar JS Bishop's Farm and Pool 1 29-Mar KF/VB Cape Greco 1 13 & 28-Mar JS/KF/VB Coral Bay 2 31-Mar ABW Kiti Dam 1 27-Mar KF/VB

Mandria 2 15-Mar LAC Paphos Headland 2 16, 27 & 30-Mar RAt/JS/IKB

Paphos Headland 1 18 & 31-Mar STH/AG Paphos Headland 3+ 30-Mar JWa Paphos Sewage Plant 1 flew N - called 23-Mar STH/CGK Spiros Pool 1 25-Mar AG

Timi Beach 1 26-Mar CR

RED-THROATED PIPIT Anthus cervinus Κοτσινογαλούδι Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 20 23-Mar JE Paphos Headland 21 minimum 21-Mar STH

WATER PIPIT Anthus spinoletta Νερογαλούδι



Water Pipit, Evretou Dam, 15th March. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Max count per location: Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 pool near old rabbit farm sheds 28-Mar FM Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 26-Mar FM Bishop's Farm and Pool 2 29-Mar KF/VB Cape Greco 5 26-Mar KF/VB Evretou Dam 2 3, 8, 10 & 15-Mar ABW/IKB/RAt Kamares Aqueduct, Larnaca Salt Lake 5 15-Mar JS Mandria 1 22, 23 & 24-Mar CR/DH/PA Paphos Headland 2 20-Mar JS Paphos Sewage Plant 1 8-Mar MSS Rizokarpasos - Cape Andreas tip, Karpasia 2 24-Mar MC/CC/TB/MAp Timi Beach 1 14 & 24-Mar CR Zakaki Marsh 2 23-Mar TRe

RICHARD'S PIPIT Anthus richardi Διπλογαλούδι Paphos Headland 1 29-Mar JS **TAWNY PIPIT** Anthus campestris Ωχρογαλούδι



Tawny Pipit, Lady's Mile, 7th March. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Alaminos, coast c5 30-Mar RH Cape Drepanum 5 31-Mar JWa Mandria 8 23-Mar STH/CGK Paphos Headland 6 25-Mar PA

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL Motacilla flava Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh c400 mixed flock 29-Mar ABW Paphos Headland 350+ various races 29-Mar PA

Spiros Pool 200+ 27-Mar AG

Blue-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava flava Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης Largest counts:

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 27-Mar KF/VB Paphos Headland 8 28-Mar JN

Grey-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava thunbergi Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης Agia Varvara 1 26-Mar CR Larnaca Sewage Works 5 males at least 23-Mar JN Mandria 3 22-Mar CR Mandria 2 minimum 23-Mar STH/CGK Paphos Headland 2 28-Mar JN

Sykes's Wagtail Motacilla flava beema Στεποζευκαλάτης Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 25-Mar MSS Black-headed Wagtail Motacilla flava feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης



Black-headed Wagtail, Lady's Mile, 22nd
March. Photograph by
Largest counts:
Mandria c120 26-Mar IKB
Paphos Headland 320 estimate 30-Mar
CR
Timi Beach 260 26-Mar CR

dombrowski:



Photograph by Andy Waller

Akrotiri Marsh 2 29-Mar ABW Mandria 1 21 & 23-Mar CR/STH/CGK Mandria 2 22-Mar CR Paphos Lighthouse 3 30-Mar CR Paphos Lighthouse 1 31-Mar CR Timi Beach 2 26-Mar CR

superciliaris:

Akrotiri Marsh 2 29-Mar ABW Larnaca Sewage Works 1 pool opposite caravan site 1-Mar CR Mandria 5 22-Mar CR Mandria 2 23-Mar STH/CGK

xanthophrys: Mandria 1 26-Mar LAC

CITRINE WAGTAIL Motacilla citreola Κιτροζευκαλάτης



Citrine Wagtail, Zakaki, 28th March. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 26 & 31-Mar FM Lady's Mile 1 male 26-Mar TRe Lady's Mile 2 28-Mar TRe Mandria 2 males 20-Mar PA Mandria 1 20, 21 & 23-Mar RAt/KR/IB/DH Paphos Headland 1 in with yellow wagtails 23 & 28-Mar ROB/JN Paphos Sea Caves 1 23-Mar IKB Timi Beach 2 29-Mar BMc/SD Zakaki Marsh 1 23-Mar JE/TRe Zakaki Marsh 2 27 & 28-Mar TRe/JE/FM

'Eastern' White Wagtail Motacilla alba ocularis



'Eastern' White Wagtail, Akrotiri Marsh, 30th March. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 Photographed. Same location as first seen in 2018 30-Mar KH (Possible second Cyprus record)

Wagtail spp: Oroklini Marsh 1000+ Mixed wagtail flock into roost 80% White and 20% Yellow 30-Mar AG

BRAMBLING Fringilla montifringilla Χειμωνόσπινος



Brambling, Paphos Headland, 8th March. Photograph by Raija Howard.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 21-Mar LDe Paphos Headland 1 fem 4, 8, 9, 13, 18, 21 & 22-Mar CR/KH/JN/CGK/STH Prastio 1 possibly this species 25-Mar TRe

RED CROSSBILL Loxia curvirostra

Σταυρομούττης
Troodos 7 2-Mar JB
Troodos Forest 3 21-Mar JS
Troodos Weather Station area 8 24-Mar FM
Troodos Square 1 25-Mar KF/VB

EURASIAN SISKIN Spinus spinus

Θκιολαρούδι Evretou Dam 12 16-Mar DJW Troodos Weather Station area 1 24-Mar FM

CINEREOUS BUNTING Emberiza

cineracea Σμυρνοπιτίλλα Cape Greco 1 photo placed on google group by Matt Smith. Found by Joe Donaldson 30-Mar per MSS

ORTOLAN BUNTING Emberiza hortulana Τσακροπιτίλλα

Fasouri West 3 31-Mar MGr Konnos Headland area Present 29-Mar MSin

Paphos Headland 1 25, 29 & 31-Mar PA/TP/BrR/AG

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING Emberiza caesia Σιταροπούλλι



Cretzschmar's Bunting, 30th March. Photograph by Trevor Fordham.

First reports and largest counts:
Anarita Mast 12 22-Mar IKB
Cape Greco 1 14-Mar KH
Cape Greco 15 28-Mar KF/VB
Kourio Stadium 11 20-Mar LDe
Petra tour Romiou 2 14-Mar MMe
Souni 1 heard calling 14-Mar JN

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus* Καλαμοπιτίλλα Oroklini Marsh 1 3-Mar VT CONTRIBUTORS ABW Andy W

ABW Andy Waller AG Anders Grey

AgL Agamemnon Loutsios

APL Tassos Leventis
AR Andy Rollie

ASt Albert Stöcker

BMc Bob McMillan BrR Brian Rickward

CC Christakis Charalambides

CGK Chris Knox
CR Colin Richardson
DC Daphne Craig
DH Dave Hawkins

DJW Dave & Jan Walker DK Dinos Konis

DN Dave & Eileen Nye
DS Danny Schmeits
FGe Filippos Georgiades

FM Frank Mogford GE Gary Elton GS George Siskos IB lan Barton

IKB Ian & Kate Bloomer

IM Ian Murray IW Dr I. Winfield JB Jeroen Bes JF John East .IHe Jean Hewitt Jason Moss JM JN June Neal Jane Stylianou JS

JWa Jonathan Wasse KF Kay Fuhrmann KH Keith & Raija Howard

KR Kathleen Rosewarne
LAC Lynn & Alan Crane
LDe Lance Degnan
LHol Limosa Holidays
MAD Melpo Apostolidou

MC Melis Charalambides
MGr Michael Green
MH Martin Hellicar
MHad Margarita Hadiistylli

MJH Mike Hamzii ML Mike Lanaway MMe Marianne Merki MPa Mike Passman Miss M. Sinclair **MSin** MSS Matt Smith NCP Nick Pegler OB Oriole Birding Peter Alderson PΑ

PaS Paul Saward
PFo Paul Foster
PS Patricia Stavrou

PVH Paul & Verity Hughes RAt Ray Atkinson

RH Ralf Hand RoyA Roy Atkins RoB Roger Bailey

SC Stavros Christodoulides

Victor Tiernberg

Vasos Vasiliou

Steve Duffield SD SJF Steve Fairburn SMM Shane Marshall SS Spyros Spyrou STH Steve Holliday ТВ Tony Baker TP Tony Polley TRe Tony Reeves VR Volker Bohnet VM Varnavas Michael

VT

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

March 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 March, 14 recorders covered 27 wetlands (including one coastal sites) across the island where a total of 14092 birds, of 61 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Garganey with 8082 individuals recorded. The second most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 2504 individuals followed by the Northern Shoveler with 848 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds, was Akrotiri Meras with 9021 individuals. Larnaka Salt Lake was second in terms of number of individuals recorded with 1521 individuals. Larnaka salt lake was also the site in which the most species were recorded with 28.

Mavrokolymbos Dam had no waterbirds present.

Site coverage for the March 2019 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou	21-03-19	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou	21-03-19	
Akrotiri Salt Lake	Christina Ieronymidou	21-03-19	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou	21-03-19	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou	21-03-19	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou	21-03-19	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15-03-19	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15-03-19	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	23-03-19	
Athalassa Dam	Elena Markitani	01-04-19	
Agia Thekla – Liopetri Coast	Filippos Georgiades	16-03-19	Coastal
Paralimni Lake	Filippos Georgiades	16-03-19	
Evretou Dam	Dave and Jan Walker	16-03-19	
Asprokremmos Dams &			
Pools	Dave and Jan Walker	14-03-19	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	Stavros Christodoulides	23-03-19	
Aradippou Slurry Pits	Stavros Christodoulides	23-03-19	
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave and Jan Walker	16-03-19	
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	12-03-19	
	Melis Charalambides, Christakis		
	Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou,	23-03-19	
Mia Milia Sewage Works	Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker		
-	Melis Charalambides, Christakis		
	Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou,	23-03-19	
Ayios Loukas Lake North	Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker		
•	Melis Charalambides, Christakis		
	Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou,	23-03-19	
Silverbeach Marsh	Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker		
	Melis Charalambides, Christakis		
	Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou,	23-03-19	
Klapsides Pool	Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker		
	Melis Charalambides, Christakis		
	Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou,	23-03-19	
Klapsides Marsh	Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker		
	Melis Charalambides, Christakis		
	Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou,	23-03-19	
Famagusta Freshwater Lake	Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker		
	Melis Charalambides, Christakis		
Kouklia Dam	Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou,	23-03-19	
	Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker		
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Galatia Lake	Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou, Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker	24-04-19
Patriki Marsh	Melis Charalambides, Christakis Charalambides, Melpo Apostolidou, Melios Karakostas, Tony Baker	24-04-19

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2019	Little Grebe	Great Crested Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Cormorant	Bittern	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Great White Egret	Grey Heron	Purple Heron	White Stork
Akrotiri Marsh	1					1					
Akrotiri Meras	•								1		
Akrotiri Salt lake							40		-		
							10		51		
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	0						2				
Bishop's Pool	2										
Zakaki Pond											
Larnaka Salt Lake				3		4			1		
Larnaka Sewage Works	6										
Oroklini Marsh	10					16					
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast							2				
Paralimni Lake	11						3	5	2		
Mia Milia Sewage Works	5						3	5	1		
Ayios Loukas Lake North	5			3					1		
Silverbeach Marsh				3							
Klapsides Pool											
Klapsides Marsh							5				
Evretou Dam				2		1	o O				
Asprokremmos Dam &						1					
pools				2					2		
Athalassa Lake	4			_	1	17			2	3	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	2				•				_		
Aradippou slurry pits	_					50					
Famagusta Freshwater						00					
Lake	3			5		8			1		
Kouklia Dam	15	2	4					9	15		
Galatia Lake	5								15		2
Patriki Marsh											
Strakka Pools	1			3			1	1	1		
TOTAL	65	2	4	18	1	97	23	15	93	3	2

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	WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2019	Spoonbill	Greater Flamingo	Common Shelduck	Teal	Mallard	Pintail	Garganey	Shoveler	Pochard	Red-crested Pochard	Ferruginous Duck
L	Akrotiri Marsh					1						
	Akrotiri Meras		1			•	500	8000	500			
	Akrotiri Salt lake		798	3			300	8000	300			
	Akrotiri Lady's Mile		2	3								
	Bishop's Pool				25	4						2
	Zakaki Pond				25	1						2
			4000			00						
	Larnaka Salt Lake		1062			22						
	Larnaka Sewage Works					7						
	Oroklini Marsh		37		75	22	1	14	95		3	5
	Agia Thekla - Liopetri		01		7.5		•	14	30		3	3
	Coast											
	Paralimni Lake		261		8	6						
	Mia Milia Sewage		201			U						
	Works				4	10		7	1		2	8
	Ayios Loukas Lake				•	10		,	,			
	North		2		2	3						2
	Silverbeach Marsh		3		_							_
	Klapsides Pool				2	5		5				2
	Klapsides Marsh				2			U				_
	Evretou Dam					1						
	Asprokremmos Dam					•						
	& pools											
	Athalassa Lake					4			2			
	Aradippou					•			_			
	(Partenitis) Dam							2				
	Aradippou slurry pits							_				
	Famagusta											
	Freshwater Lake											
	Kouklia Dam		310		6	20	1	30	250	10		2
	Galatia Lake	1	28					24	200			_
	Patriki Marsh		20									
	Strakka Pools					2						
	TOTAL	1	2504	3	124	104	502	8082	848	10	5	21

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2019	Marsh Harrier	Hen Harrier	Moorhen	Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Avocet	Stone-curlew	Spur-winged Lapwing	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Little Ringed Plover
Akrotiri Marsh	1			1							
Akrotiri Meras				•				1	3		3
Akrotiri Salt lake	1	2			34				57		
Akrotiri Lady's Mile		_			0.				5		
Bishop's Pool				6							
Zakaki Pond			1								
Larnaka Salt Lake			2		9		1	11	71	2	
Larnaka Sewage Works								10			
Oroklini Marsh			3	21	36			23			
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast											
Paralimni Lake	1		9	155	12	1		13	21		
Mia Milia Sewage Works	1		45	40	1			20			
Ayios Loukas Lake North				20							
Silverbeach Marsh											
Klapsides Pool			1	10				1			
Klapsides Marsh											
Evretou Dam			1								
Asprokremmos Dam & pools											
Athalassa Lake			4	14							
Aradippou (Partenitis)											
Dam				1							
Aradippou slurry pits Famagusta Freshwater								1			
Lake											
Kouklia Dam			10	100	4						
Galatia Lake				10							
Patriki Marsh											
Strakka Pools			2	4							
TOTAL	4	2	78	382	96	1	1	80	157	2	3

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MARCH 2019	Common Sandpiper	Little Gull	Mediterranean Gull	Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Baltic Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	Armenian Gull	Sandwich Tern	Kingfisher	Black-Headed Wagtail
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Meras				3							
Akrotiri Salt lake				25				_			
Akrotiri Lady's Mile								9			
Bishop's Pool											
Zakaki Pond		_				_			_	1	
Larnaka Salt Lake		3		118	64	6	50		2		
Larnaka Sewage Works											
Oroklini Marsh			1	170	3						
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast	4										
Paralimni Lake											
Mia Milia Sewage Works											
Ayios Loukas Lake North											
Silverbeach Marsh											
Klapsides Pool											
Klapsides Marsh											
Evretou Dam											
Asprokremmos Dam & pools							3				
Athalassa Lake							J				
Aradippou (Partenitis)											
Dam											
Aradippou slurry pits											
Famagusta Freshwater Lake											
Kouklia Dam					7						
Galatia Lake							12	3			
Patriki Marsh											3
Strakka Pools											
TOTAL	4	3	1	316	74	6	65	12	2	1	3

MARCH 2019	Yellow Wagtail	Water Pipit	Greater Reed Warbler	Reed Warbler	Sedge Warbler	Unidentified birds	TOTAL	SPECIES COUNT	
Akrotiri Marsh				2			7	6	
Akrotiri Meras							9021	12	
Akrotiri Salt lake		2				38	1109	16	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile							20	5	
Bishop's Pool							37	6	
Zakaki Pond				3	1		6	4	
Larnaka Salt Lake				4			1521	28	
Larnaka Sewage Works	2						30	6	
Oroklini Marsh							539	19	
Agia Thekla - Liopetri Coast							6	2	
Paralimni Lake							513	15	
Mia Milia Sewage Works							146	14	
Ayios Loukas Lake North							33	7	
Silverbeach Marsh							8	2	
Klapsides Pool							27	8	
Klapsides Marsh							9	4	
Evretou Dam							9	5	
Asprokremmos Dam & pools							7	3	
Athalassa Lake							51	9	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam			1	1			9	6	
Aradippou slurry pits							51	2	
Famagusta Freshwater Lake							17	4	
Kouklia Dam							795	17	
Galatia Lake							100	9	
Patriki Marsh							6	2	
Strakka Pools							15	8	
TOTAL	2	2	1	10	1	38	14092	61	



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