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COMPILATION OF MONTHLY CHECKLIST

The Monthly Checklist and Society News is compiled by Dave and Jan Walker.

We would love to hear from members and friends who would like to provide bird and bird watching related articles in future editions of the Monthly Checklist. Get in touch and let us know your ideas. Suggestions for topics could include ID pointers, great locations to visit, birding walks or drives or interesting personal birding experiences that you feel fellow readers would enjoy. Please contact Dave Walker 99915907 davidwalker@cytanet.com.cy

If you are sending photographs for inclusion in the Systematic List please send them by 18th of the month to Jane Stylianou. Every effort is made to ensure that the work of as many contributors as possible is used but inclusion cannot be guaranteed. Please send photographs in JPEG format where possible. Please send to janestycy@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone: 99558953

Birdline Operated by June Neal on behalf of BirdLife Cyprus is the bird information hotline. To hear a pre-recorded message with recent interesting bird sightings and to add your own observations, please phone 00357 25 934076.

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

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

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

If you would like to join please [click here](#).

Email: BirdLifeCyprusBirds@googlegroups.com

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

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

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

Jane Stylianou

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

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

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

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

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

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RECENT DECISIONS OF THE CYPRUS RARE BIRDS COMMITTEE

Corrections:

In last month's Monthly Checklist two dates relating to Recent Decisions of the Cyprus Rare Bird Committee were entered incorrectly. The corrected entries should read as follows:

'Eastern' White Wagtail *Motacilla alba ocularis* One Akrotiri Marsh 28 March 2018 (J Moss) 1st record

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* One Zakaki Marsh 29 October 2018 (M Smith) 14th record

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have some spare time during August and September? Do you have good English writing skills? Are you familiar with the birds found in Cyprus?

If so maybe you would be interested in helping with the Cyprus Bird Report 2018. I am looking to expand our editorial team and need people with the above qualities to help with the compilation of the species accounts for that report. You would be expected to follow the Report's style code and be able to understand and summarise information from an excel form. Plenty of help will be provided so don't worry if you haven't done anything like it before. It is likely that you will be asked to write up around ten species in the first instance. Below is a typical example of what a finished species account is like:

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons* Αρκόσιηνα

A regular winter visitor from December to February, occasionally November to March. Numbers much-decreased in last decade.

Another poor year for this species.

First winter period: Larnaca Sewage Works: The group of seven present from late 2015 were reported until 14-Feb (FGe, CR, JS, SC, AKir, KH *et al*). Only reported from this location.

Second winter period: Oroklini Marsh: The first record for the period was five low over Oroklini Marsh 11-Oct (AG). **Larnaca Sewage Works:** Five 21 – 30-Oct (STi, JN, JS). Then six 10 - 19-Dec (JN, JS, KH) rising to seven 24-Dec (KH).

If you think you can help or would like more information please contact Jane Stylianou
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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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• September 2019

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

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 Tjernberg. 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/zHspq3rptv22>

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/2WJkhrpwmq32>

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>

December 2019

Saturday 7th December: Larnaca Sewage Works

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.00 am, Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

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

Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria Field Meeting 13th APRIL 2019

By Alan Crane

The challenge in organising this Field Meeting was overcoming two problems. Firstly, and a common theme for recent times, some of the sites that we normally visit were devoid of birds and secondly, as a consequence of the very (very!) wet winter, access to some sites had become difficult to the extent of being too difficult to risk with “normal” cars. Hence the itinerary was adapted so as to maximise the chance of seeing birds and minimise the driving problems. This meant a restriction to only three sites and spending longer at each. The plan proved successful and the Meeting did not finish until almost 4.30pm!

We only met at Asprokremmos Dam because that was the advertised meeting place. 20 people arrived. Despite considerable searching, as feared, we found few birds of note. Plenty of common species but only a pair of Great Spotted Cuckoos and a Purple Heron will have made many people's notebooks.

Mandria and Anarita Park were not visited. instead we made for Timi Beach, or more accurately the Timi wetlands produced by all the rain. Here we saw Little and Cattle Egrets, Purple and Squacco Herons and Glossy Ibis. Waders were also present, including Spur-winged Lapwing, Common and Wood Sandpipers, Ruff and Black-winged Stilt. The birds that absorbed the group the most (and for longest) though were male and female Citrine Wagtails. The Citrines were together in the same area and relatively close, giving everyone the opportunity to admire the male and study the plumage differences between the sexes. A Common Kingfisher was seen taking advantage of this abnormal area of wetland, plus the sole duck species of the day – Mallard. Other birds of note were a Tree Pipit, a male Common Redstart and a Nightingale that interrupted our lunch break! At least one member of the group opted out of lunch and so did not see the Redstart and Nightingale, but compensated by seeing Whimbrell and Gull-billed Tern flying along the coastline.

Departing from the wetland area, we unexpectedly saw a rather late Desert Wheatear on the coastal rocks.

Our third and final stop was Agia Varvara. This site had recently been good for crakes and did not disappoint. We found 5 Little Crakes and a Baillon's Crake. A Little Bittern was on show in the same small stretch of water edge reed as the Little Crakes. A lone Sedge Warbler also came into view on those reeds. Cetti's Warblers were less co-operative, restricting themselves to being heard but not seen. We did add to our list of waders for the day though, with two Green Sandpipers.

To summarise the numbers, 55 different species were seen plus 3 more that were heard but not seen.

Best observation of the Field Meeting? I would say the Citrine Wagtails, but others might argue for a tie between them and the Little Crake / Little Bittern combo at Agia Varvara.

Cape Greco Field Meeting 20th April 2019

By Stavros Christodoulides

At 8am on a rather cold but sunny spring morning, nine members and friends met at our new gathering place, the parking area opposite the Cape Greco Environmental Centre, for our spring field trip to Cape Greco and the surrounding area.

After gathering we set off for our first stop, the area of bushes on the way down to the antennas. We parked our cars and scanned the vegetation and surrounding rocky area. Recent northerly winds meant there were few migrants and it was soon evident that we would have to work hard for our birds. With a bit of searching however, amongst the many **House Sparrows** the bushes revealed a couple of **Common Whitethroats**, a **Black-eared Wheatear** and a **Willow Warbler**, while the surrounding area had lots of **Crested Lark**, a pair of **Cyprus Wheatear** and a **Tawny Pipit**. With little else around, we decided to move on to our next stop, the Cape Greco Picnic area.

We parked by the picnic area and walked NE along the coastal tracks above Konnos Bay, an area of scrub and trees that can be very good for migrants. Our first bird was a very obliging male **Cyprus Warbler**, which flew between exposed perches singing its distinctive scratchy song. Equally friendly, was a **Woodchat Shrike**, hunting and feeding on beetles from a snag just a few metres away from us. A **Hobby** flew over as we moved parallel to the coast below, while either side of the path, in the trees and bushes we had a couple of **Blackcaps**, a **Lesser Whitethroat**, a **Spotted Flycatcher**, a **Wryneck** and some many resident **Greenfinch**. House Sparrows again were plentiful and finding "proper" birds amongst them was a challenge. Coming in from the sea we noticed another small falcon, this time a female **Red-footed Falcon**, a good addition to our day list. Walking back to the car we had a couple of flyover passerines, always tough to identify on brief flight views. One looked like a female Black-eared Wheatear while the other was a female black-and-white Flycatcher sp.

After a brief break for refreshments our next stop was the Cape Greco Seacaves. Here, we walked up and down the dirt tracks and paths, towards the fenced area surrounding the old rubbish tip. We saw families of **Spectacled Warbler**, including many begging young being fed by their parents, lots of Crested Lark, a Cyprus Warbler, a couple of Cyprus Wheatear, a Woodchat Shrike and a **Northern Wheatear**. It was however rather quiet and we decided to move onto Agia Napa Sewage Works.

At Agia Napa Sewage Works we stopped along the road by the main gate and walked parallel to the fence. This proved a good strategy as we had good views of 3 species of Flycatcher, a female **Pied Flycatcher**, a male **Collared Flycatcher** and a couple of **Spotted Flycatchers**. Further along, we had a singing male Cyprus Warbler, a Sardinian Warbler and at least two singing **Olivaceous Warblers**.

It was approaching midday and just four of us were left, Lyn, Alan, Daniel (a visiting birder from Sweden) and myself so we decided to all get in my car and drive to the hard to get to Agia Paraskevi Pond, a small pond between the church of Agia Paraskevi and Kermia Hotel, a seldom visited but usually very interesting area. After some driving between the dense acacias we managed to get to the pond which, due to the recent good rains, had lots of water. The area surrounding the water was also quite overgrown but through the thick brush we could see most of the lake. We managed to add quite a few species to our daylist including **Squacco Heron**, a couple of **Little Crake**, **Coot**, **Moorhen**, **Little Grebe**, **Sedge Warbler** and **Marsh Harrier**.

That was our final stop and we drove back to our cars where we ended our field trip, one where there weren't lots of birds but nevertheless was very interesting and gave us the opportunity to visit a number of different places and habitats in the Cape Greco area.

Arodes and Androlikou Field Meeting 27th April 2019

By Dave Walker

A new area for a BirdLife Cyprus field trip attracted 27 participants in 15 cars. The weather being warm and sunny made an enjoyable day of bird watching.

Whilst waiting for the members to arrive at Arodes, a **Turtle Dove** could be heard calling but could not be located although 3 were seen later. We drove a short distance out of the village and parked where we then started a walk around the vineyards where **Black Francolin** could be heard calling. We stood in area watching a male and female **Eurasian Blackcap**, **Whinchat** and **European Greenfinch**. Good views of **Red Rumped Swallow** were seen and many **Corn Bunting** were seen and could be heard singing. We had our first distant view of a **European Roller** along with **Jackdaw**. In a hedgerow nearby **Greater Whitethroat**, **Lesser Whitethroat** and **Zitting Cisticola** were seen. A **Northern Wheatear** was seen high on a tree top but the light made ID difficult, a photograph by Mike Covington confirmed this ID. A **Marsh Harrier** was observed hunting over the fields and a **Long Legged Buzzard** was perched nicely on a rock.

We then moved on to Pittokopos and started our decent down to the village of Androlikou. An inquisitive **Black Headed Bunting** came looking what all the fuss was about as we pulled up at the side of the road. **Common Quail** were head calling from the corn fields along with Zitting Cisticola. A **Tree Pipit** was perched on the wires above and **Crested Lark** were on the road side. As we neared the village, European Roller could be seen along with a **Common Kestrel** and **Cyprus Wheatear**. Whilst observing a **Spotted Flycatcher**, **European Bee Eater** were heard above, we were then treated to good views of a pair of Long Legged Buzzards which came flying over us.

We drove then to Smygies where we had lunch before a walk around the area. **Masked Shrike**, **Woodchat Shrike** and a female **Red Backed Shrike** were seen. **Great Spotted Cuckoo** were heard by Alan. Also in the area was a female **Pied Flycatcher**, Spotted Flycatcher, Eurasian Blackcap, **European Goldfinch**, European Greenfinch, **Great Tit**, Cyprus Wheatear and a **Cyprus Scops Owl** could be heard calling.

A total of 42 species were seen.

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 72

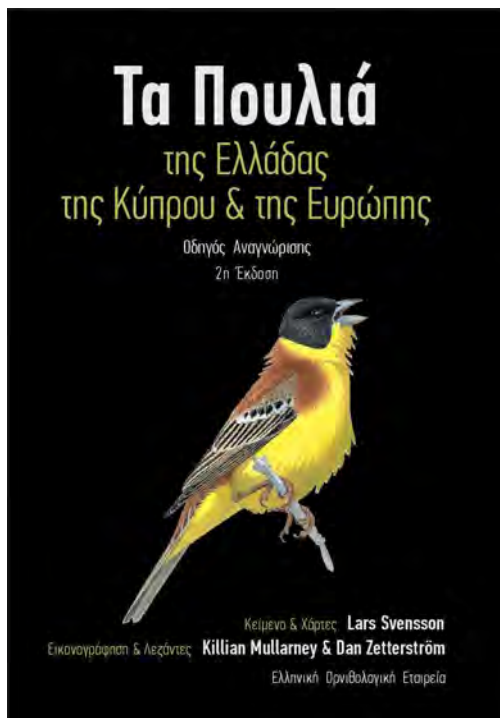


Last Month's Quiz answer

Last month's bird quiz showed two birds roosting with their heads tucked into their backs concealing most of their face and bill. Their behavior, habitat and overall shape should easily identify them as species of wader while their overall jizz and size compared to the nearby *Salicornia* bush should suggest that we are dealing with two small sp. Wader.

Identifying the species on the right might be more straightforward. Overall pale underparts, very dark brown upperparts, dark median crown and lateral crown stripe as well as white supercilium suggests one small species of wader, Broad-billed Sandpiper. Broad-billed Sandpiper is an uncommon spring and autumn migrant, it's shape and overall jizz could be reminiscent of the much commoner Dunlin or even Little Stint but their boldly striped head, split supercilium and dark upperparts should, given reasonable views, easily distinguish it from commoner species.

The second species is rather less obviously marked but having identified the slightly larger species as Broad-billed Sandpiper should give us an indication that this is a very small bird. The pattern on the back rules out any small Plover species so we are left with just two species of Stint, Little and Temminck's Stint. The two are very different, Temminck's Stint showing a plainer back and more greyish overall plumage while our mystery bird shows a distinctive white tram line on its back and more colourful plumage, identifying it as the commonest small species of wader, Little Stint.



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A – Z of Bird Watching - Anavagos - Androlikou

By June Neal

Anavagos, Paphos District

Co-ordinates: 34° 47' 45" North, 32° 27' 0" East

To the East of the village there are hills and valleys, with areas providing shelter for several migrant species. Rarer species include:

One Olive-tree Warbler, Ελιοτρυβητούρα, *Hippolais olivetorum* on 28 April 2013

A single Icterine Warbler, Κίτρινοτρυβητούρα, *Hippolais icterina* was noted on 12 March 2015 and also on the nearby hillside on 19 April that year

Eastern Orphean Warbler, Θαμνογιαλλούρα, *Sylvia crassirostris* may be seen here – singleton on 13 March 2014 was reported

Subalpine Warbler, Γκριζοφτέρι, *Sylvia cantillans* – two were seen 15 Mar, three 27 Mar and tow 1 April 2014

Rüppell's Warbler, Εληοβάτης, *Sylvia ruppeli* one male was present 15 March 2019 between thunderstorms between Konia and the hills

Semi-collared Flycatcher, Δρυομουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula semitorquata* – Singles were reported here 6 and 13 April 2014 and a male and a female were also observed there 5 April 2019

A female Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Πετροκότσυφος, *Monticola saxatilis* was recorded 31 March 2013

Tree Pipit, Δενδρογαλούδι, *Anthus trivialis* – 50+ were recorded on 16 April 2014 ater more than 40 were there on 11 and 13 April

Eurasian Siskin, Θκιολαρούδι, *Spinus spinus* – noted here in 2017 during the first winter period and spring

Breeding species include:

Little Owl, Κουκκουφκιάς, *Athene noctua*

Cyprus Warbler, Τρυπομάζης, *Sylvia melanothorax*

European Goldfinch, Σγαρίλι, *Carduelis carduelis*

During autumn migrant flocks of Demoiselle Crane, Νυφογερανός, *Anthropoides virgo* may be heard migrating over the area as on the evening of 27 August 2014.

Winter visitors may include:

Dunnock, Θαμνοψάλτης, *Prunella modularis* – In 2017 one was noted in the hills 20 February and again on 25 November

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Androlikou

Coordinates: 34.9979° N, 32.3802° E

Spring migrants may include:

Eurasian Golden Oriole, Κλωρκός, *Oriolus oriolus* 14 were present 13 May 2019
Barred Warbler, Γιαλλούρα, *Sylvia nisoria* – One was noted on 17 April 2014
Rose-coloured Starling, Ακριδοπούλλι, *Pastor roseus* – Three were seen in Androlikou village, morning of 13 May 2019
Tree Pipit, Δενδρογαλούδι, *Anthus trivialis* – may be seen in high numbers: 30+ being noted between Prodromi and Androlikou on 17 April 2014
Cinereous Bunting, Σμυρνοπιτίλλα, *Emberiza cineracea* – A male and a female were seen 21 April 2012

Breeding species which may be seen include:

European Nightjar, Νυκτοπούλλι, *Caprimulgus europaeus*

Bonelli's Eagle, Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο, *Aquila fasciata* which fly over the area

Cyprus Scops Owl, Θουπί, *Otus scops cyprius*

European Roller, Κράγκα, *Coracias garrulus* - 15 were recorded 13 May 2019 during a Common Bird Monitoring Survey

Woodchat Shrike, Κοκκινοκεφαλός, *Lanius senator* – up to two were recorded between here, Smygies and Neo Horio on six dates from 10 June to 13 July 2014 with a pair on wires noted 14 June then an adult seen with a juvenile at the same location on 4 July 2014. In 2015 this species was noted in the area between 12 and 24 June but no mention of fledglings

Black-headed Bunting, Τίριλινγκος, *Emberiza melanocephala* – which may be seen between here, Neo Horio and Lara from April until mid-summer when dispersal begins through to August

In summer of 2015 up to three Lesser Kestrel, Κίρκινέζι, *Falco naumanni* remained in the Androlikou to Pittokopas area between 2 – 25 June 2015 but no breeding evidence was found.

Other species noted on 13 August 2018 include:

Four European Roller, Κράγκα, *Coracias garrulus* were noted on the Droushia to Androlikou road

Lesser Grey Shrike, Σταχτοκεφαλός, *Lanius minor* - One adult noted

Masked Shrike, Δακκαννούρα, *Lanius nubicus* - One adult with five juveniles on the Droushia to Androlikou road

Woodchat Shrike, Κοκκινοκεφαλός, *Lanius senator* were observed

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Τρυβητούρα, *Iduna pallida* – One was seen along the Droushia to Androlikou road

Cyprus Wheatear, Σκαλιφούρτα, *Oenanthe cyprica* – One seen in the village area after two were seen on 11 August 2018

Other autumn species reported include Steppe Buzzard, Στεπογεράκινα, *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

In 1988 reference was made to the common, local resident species - Jackdaw, Κολιοιός, *Corvus monedula*. That year the highest number recorded was c500 at Androlikou on 12 November 1988.

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SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR APRIL 2019

Jane Stylianou

9403 bird records received

249 species and forms recorded April 2019, compared to 248 in April 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 April 2019: Chukar, Black Francolin, Mallard, Little Grebe, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Swift, Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret (**144** records), Grey Heron, European Shag, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper (**126** records), Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Kingfisher, Common Kestrel, Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Eurasian Reed Warbler, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow (**183** records), Cetti's Warbler, Eurasian Blackcap (**150** records), Lesser Whitethroat (**147** records), Sardinian Warbler (**142** records), Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, White Wagtail, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix*

Ορνίθκι

Heard calling in ones and twos throughout the month. Reports of three plus below:

Fasli – Ineia 11 one seen and ten heard only 6-Apr AG

Kouklia Dam 3 calling 24-Apr CR

Peristerona, Nicosia 5 one seen, four heard (plus one road casualty) 19-Apr AG

Pittokopos 3 heard 20-Apr DJW

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλδουρτος

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pools near old rabbit farm sheds 19-Apr TR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 23-Apr KH

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 seen from Tekke

Mosque 1-Apr RoyA

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Agios Loukas Marsh 2 5-Apr JS

Fresh Water Lakes North (Agios Lukas) 3 males 26-Apr CR

Oroklini Marsh 3 1m and 2f 1, 24 & 26-Apr RoyA/MC/AG/SR

Oroklini Marsh 2 3, 8 & 18-Apr RH/KSa/LAC

Oroklini Marsh 5 3m and 2f 13-Apr JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 21-Apr LAC

Oroklini Marsh 4 2 pairs 25-Apr AG

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια

Agios Loukas Marsh 6 5-Apr JS

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 7 & 18-Apr DS/FM

Asprokremmos Dam 2 Nata end 27-Apr AS

Bishop's Pool 1 m 17-Apr CR/WAS/JARM

Karaolos Lake 7 26-Apr CR

Kouklia Dam 17 est 24-Apr CR

Kouklia Dam 1 female with eight ducklings 25-Apr NCP

Oroklini Marsh 2 1 & 24-Apr RoyA/MC

Paralimni Lake 5 13-Apr JS

Paralimni Lake 4 16-Apr AG

Paralimni Lake 2 24-Apr MC

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής



Garganey, Agia Varvara, 2nd April. Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Coast c150 6-Apr KH
Galateia Wetland, Famagusta 52 7-Apr JS
Mandria Beach 70+ 5-Apr LAC

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*
Σαξάνα

Karaolos Lake 1 m 26-Apr CR
Kiti Dam 2 2, 5 & 6-Apr
CR/WAS/RH/SC/FGe
Kouklia Dam 200+ 7-Apr JS
Kouklia Dam 26 24-Apr CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 18 & 28-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 29-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 6-Apr JWa
Oroklini Marsh 8 8-Apr KSa
Oroklini Marsh 1 Male 13 & 24-Apr JS/MC

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα
Agiou Loukas Marsh, Famagusta 3 5-Apr JS
Kouklia Dam 3 24-Apr CR
Karaolos Lake 1 m 26-Apr CR

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*
Σουβλονούρα
Spiros Pool 1 male 19 & 20-Apr JS

COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 4-Apr MGr
Bishop's Pool 4 5-Apr KSa
Bishop's Pool 1 f 17-Apr CR/WAS/JArm
Galateia Wetland 5-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 5+ 6 & 13-Apr JWa/JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 8-Apr KSa
Oroklini Marsh 17 14-Apr AG
Vathia Gonia treated water old pool,
Nicosia 1 7-Apr FGe

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούτης
Akhna Dam 1 13, 19 & 26-Apr JS/LAC/CR
Akhna Dam 2 displaying 24-Apr MC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 15-Apr KH
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 23-Apr KH
Kouklia Dam 4 Two pairs, one pair seen displaying 7-Apr JS
Kouklia Dam 4 appear to be two pairs! No display but feeding together 24-Apr CR
Kouklia Dam 10 one pair on nest (photo) 25-Apr NCP

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* Μαυροβούτης
Kiti Dam 1 4-Apr VT
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 3 7-Apr JS

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake c800 17-Apr CR/WAS/JArm
Larnaca Airport Pools South 400+ 8-Apr JS
Paralimni Lake 350+ 18-Apr PBr

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο
Akrotiri gravel pits 9 single flock all looking pure 17-Apr ABW
Episkopi, Paphos 5 14-Apr JS
Eptakomi Cliffs 6 at least 26-Apr CR
Kensington Cliffs c5 15-Apr JS

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur* Τρυγόνι



European Turtle Dove, Androlikou, 14th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

First reports and largest counts:
Agia Varvara 1 5-Apr CR
Akoursos 2 purring 4-Apr AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2-Apr JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 11 29-Apr AG/SR
Akrotiri Marsh 18 29-Apr AG/SR
Karpasia 12 29-Apr PLH
Kellia 19 26-Apr AG/SR
Lara Beach 1 5-Apr AG
Mandria 10 25-Apr DHA

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Φοινικοτρυγόνο



Laughing Dove, April 2019. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Largest counts:

Kiti Dam 8 21-Apr LAC
Kouklia, Paphos 6 2-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 16-Apr AG
Mandria Village 6+ Seen every day 1-Apr LAC

NAMAQUA DOVE* *Oena capensis*

Μικροπερίστερο
Kiles Bay, Karpasia 1 male, flew out from behind hill with two other doves. Very small body, long tail, black face and throat, silent. Report pending 26-Apr CR
Karpasia Peninsula 1 possibly different bird as locations don't seem to match 26-Apr TW
Rare bird reports requested. Poss 8th & 9th Cyprus records.

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι

Argaka 1 heard early morning 1-Apr MAnd
Paphos airport 1 flew between buildings almost colliding with people, appeared very disoriented and confused before disappearing 8-Apr MGr

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχελιδόνο
Largest counts:
Asprokremmos Dam 34 2-Apr PA
Eptakomi Cliffs 32 flying into cave and other nest holes 26-Apr CR
Kensington Cliffs 24+ 15-Apr JS

LITTLE SWIFT *Apus affinis*

Μικροπετροχελιδόνο
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 coming down to drink from pools near tower hide 29-Apr VT
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 flew over area 20-Apr VV

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχελιδόνο
Baths of Aphrodite 2 Over 2-Apr JWa
Baths of Aphrodite 1 20-Apr AG
Paphos Headland 2 16-Apr TE
Paphos Headland 1+ 21-Apr PaH
Platres 2 20-Apr MC
Troodos 4 11-Apr GB

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά



Great Spotted Cuckoo, Anarita Park. Photograph by Trevor Fordham.

131 records of this species for April.
Largest counts and interesting sightings:
Agia Varvara 2 Courting pair, feeding caterpillars 14-Apr JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 2 pairs? 26-Apr MGr
Anarita Park 2 one chased and killed by a Common Kestrel! 3-Apr PA
Anarita Park 5 Two pairs and another alone 14-Apr JS
Kiti Dam 4 14, 19 & 25-Apr KH/MC
Nata 4 flying around area south of Nata 1-Apr RBe
Vretsia 5 18-Apr IKB

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος



Common Cuckoo, Kiti Dam, 10th April.
Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts and interesting reports:

Agios Minas 5 4 grey, 1 rufous 9-Apr
KSa

Kiti Dam 4 2 rufous 19-Apr LAC

Stavros tis Psokas 7 incl a pair mating 20-
Apr AG

Troodos area 4 heard calling 26-Apr
WAS/JArm

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα

Paphos 1 flushed from semi underground
car park near my building in middle of
Paphos. It flew off into streets of Paphos 8-
Apr AG

Zakaki Marsh 1 6, 10, 15 & 23-Apr
KH/SAP/AG

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*

Σπικτοπουλάδα

Agia Varvara 1 6, 8, 9 & 10-Apr

MSS/VT/CR/WAS/JArm/KSa/AG

Timi Beach 1 17 & 26-Apr CDL/LAC

Timi Beach 2 23-Apr DHA

LITTLE CRAKE *Zapornia parva*

Μικροπουλάδα



Little Crake, Agia Varvara, 6th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 12 8-Apr VT

Germasogeia Dam 8 7m and 1f 3-Apr
KH

Kiti Dam m. 9 after check of W shore,
mostly males, some more flushed without
ID, others calling 5-Apr RH

Oroklini Marsh 7 5m and 2f 18-Apr KH

BAILLON'S CRAKE *Zapornia pusilla*

Νανοπουλάδα



Baillon's Crake, Agia Varvara, 12th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 15-
Apr

MSS/CR/WAS/JArm/KSa/AG/LAC/DJW/SM
/JS/TR

Agia Varvara 1 in river, well downstream
from previous 19-Apr CR

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Grus virgo*

Νυφογερανός



Demoiselle Crane, Paralimni Lake, 10th April.
Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios

Paralimni Lake 1 8, 9, 10 & 14-Apr
IKB/KH/AgL/GTh

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 possibly this spp seen
from Zakaki Marsh flying NW over lake 9:30
am 19-Apr FM

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός Πελαργός



*White Stork, Galateia Lake, 7th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

Galateia Wetland 2 5 & 7-Apr JS/BC field trip

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς



*Eurasian Spoonbill, Lady's Mile, 11th April.
Photograph by John East.*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 11-Apr JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 15-Apr KH
Akrotiri Salt Lake 21 Zakaki run off area
22-Apr KH
Galateia Lake 9 24 & 26-Apr CR
Galateia Wetland 2 5-Apr JS/BC field trip
Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 4 7-Apr JS/BC field trip
Lady's Mile 3 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 &
29-Apr JS/AG/MC/WAS/JArm/JE/SR
Lady's Mile 2 18-Apr ABW
Lady's Mile 6 19-Apr WAS/JArm
Paphos Sewage Plant 7 over sea, heading west 22-Apr CR
Timi Beach 15 16-Apr LMN

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus* Χαλκόκοτα



Glossy Ibis, April 2019. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c280 9-Apr IKB
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) c500
flocks of 150+ and then 250+ joined by
others. 500 in total easily 7-Apr DS
Kouklia Dam 220 flushed from lagoon,
then resettled 24-Apr CR
Karpasia 191+ 28-Apr PLH
Lady's Mile 160+ 29-Apr AG/SR

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris* Βουρwidός



*Eurasian Bittern, Akrotiri Marsh, 22nd April.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Agia Varvara 1 2, 29 & 30-Apr
RBe/CR/NA
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 2-
Apr GP
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1,
3, 12, 15, 16, 18, 22, 25 & 29-Apr
JWa/FM/ABW/AG/KH/MGr/TRe/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 South road pools 4-
Apr ABW
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 5 & 8-Apr KSa/ABW
Evretou Dam 1 18-Apr CDL
Galateia Lake 1 26-Apr CR
Germasogeia Dam 1 11-Apr JS
Phasouri Bee-hives 1 13-Apr SC

Zakaki Marsh 1 5-Apr MSS

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus* Νανοπαυδός



Common Little Bittern, Agia Varvara, April 2019. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Agia Varvara 1 f 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 28, 29 & 30-Apr
CR/RoyA/LAC/VT/DJW/SAP/MJH/GB/SM/J
S/TRe/AG/DHA/DC/NA
Agia Varvara 2 m,f 16-Apr CR
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 17
& 24-Apr AG/KH/ABW
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2
males 23-Apr AG
Asprokremmos Dam 1 21-Apr DHA
Bishop's Pool 1 11-Apr KSA
Germasogeia Dam 2 females 22-Apr KH
Lower Ezousas 1 f 28-Apr CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 24 & 26-Apr MC/AG/SR
Paphos Headland 1 7-Apr PA
Paralimni 1 female 24-Apr AG
Pegeia 1 found dead in roads of banana
plantation 25-Apr ASt
Spiros Pool 1 By side of road 19-Apr JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 5, 16, 19, 21 & 27-Apr
MSS/JS/KH/FM/CDL
Zakaki Marsh 2 10 & 23-Apr SAP/KH

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON
Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron, Mandria 14th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and interesting report:
Fresh Water Lakes North (Agios Lukas) 4
carrying twigs, assumed nesting 26-Apr
CR
Kensington Cliffs 35 3-Apr CP/PPa
Paphos airport 36 flocks of 21 and 15
18:30 - 19:15 7-Apr PA
Timi Beach 36 16+20 migrants 11-Apr
CR

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*
Βορτακοφάς



Squacco Heron, April 2019. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 29-
Apr AG/SR
Asprokremmos Dam 5 Nata end 29-Apr
ASt
Cape Drepanum 6 resting on offshore
rocks 10-Apr LMN
Timi Beach 14 28-Apr CR

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*
Πορφυροψαροφάς



Purple Heron, Lady's Mile, 2nd April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

123 reports of this species for April. Largest
counts:
Cape Drepanum 55 21, 14, 14 and 6 3-
Apr AG
Coral Bay 62 12-Apr LMN

Phasouri Reed Beds c41 One on ground feeding and c40 in mixed flock with Grey Heron flying over heading N 11-Apr JS
Timi Beach 43 4-Apr LAC

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

Χανούμισσα

Akhna Dam 1 24-Apr MC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 3-Apr TR
Akrotiri Marsh 2 23-Apr ABW
Cape Drepanum 4 4-Apr PA
Evretou Dam 1 18-Apr CR
Galateia Wetland 1 5 & 26-Apr JS/BC field trip/CR
Galateia Wetland 3 7-Apr JS/BC field trip
Galateia Lake 2 24-Apr CR
Karpasia Peninsula 2 Heading E. Area around Koca Reis Hotel 7-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 12-Apr SAP
Meneou Pool 1 1-Apr JS
Paphos Headland 9 flew over heading NW 11-Apr LMN
Paphos Headland 1 heading W 16-Apr TE
Spiros Beach 9 8 flying W over area and 1 in off sea 17-Apr JS
Timi Wetlands 1 12-Apr KSa

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax*

carbo Κορμοράνος

Agios Loukas Marsh 1 5-Apr JS/BC field trip
Cape Drepanum 10 5-Apr PA
Cape Drepanum 17 4-Apr PA
Germasogeia Dam 1 11-Apr JS
Kiles Bay, Karpasia 1 north over sea 24-Apr CR

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE *Burhinus*

oediconemus Τρουλλουρίδα



Eurasian Thick-knee, Lady's Mile, 2nd April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 5 5-Apr SAP
Anthoupoli Sewage Works Fields 6 two seen four heard 11-Apr FGe
Nata Ford/Bridge 3 5-Apr PA
Potamia Riverbed 3 26-Apr FGe
Timi Beach 4+ 2-Apr RBe

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα

Larnaca Airport Pools South 17 4-Apr KH
Paralimni Lake 1 18-Apr PBr

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus*

himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς

127 reports received for April. Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40 17-Apr
CR/WAS/JArm
Oroklini Marsh 47 8-Apr KSa
Paralimni Lake c90 8-Apr IKB
Spiros Pools 52 24-Apr CR

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμίδι



Grey Plover, Spiros Beach, 18th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Flying E along coast with Whimbrel 18:30 29-Apr JS
Spiros Beach 1 Nearly full breeding plumage 18-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 1 21 & 26-Apr LAC/AG/SR

EURASIAN DOTTEREL *Eudromias*

morinellus Βουνοπλουμίδι

Pervolia fields 2 1m and 1f 17-Apr JS/KH

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι

Largest counts:

Paralimni Lake 20+ 16-Apr AG
Spiros Beach c15 6-Apr SC with F Georgiades
Spiros Pool 13 20-Apr JS

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι



Little Ringed Plover, Timi Beach, 2nd April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 10-Apr GB

Lady's Mile 6 11-Apr JS

Timi Beach 10+ 16-Apr TE

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχτοπλουμίδι



Greater Sandplover, Spiros Beach, 27th April.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 6-Apr KH

Meneou Beach 1 Not same as birds seen later on Spiros beach 30-Apr JS

Spiros Beach 1 3-Apr NB

Spiros Beach 3 27 & 30-Apr JS

CASPIAN PLOVER *Charadrius asiaticus* Στεπτοπλουμίδι



Caspian Plover, Mandria, 14th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Mandria 1 Female 14 & 15-Apr
AH/GSt/CR/JS/DJW/NA/LAC/MJH/SAP/RJ
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WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Φαιομπεκάτσα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 4 & 12-Apr JE/TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
23-Apr KH

Lady's Mile 2 26-Apr JE

Lady's Mile 1 27-Apr WAS/JArm

Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Flying along
shore with Grey Plover heading E 18:30

29-Apr JS

Paphos Headland 1 2, 9 & 19-Apr
LAC/SAP/DHA

Spiros Pool 1 2-Apr RM/CR/WAS

Timi Beach 1 east 13-Apr CR

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπεκάτσα

Pervolia fields 1 Flew over heading SW
17-Apr JS

Spiros Pool 3 2-Apr RM/CR/WAS

Spiros Pool 1 8-Apr JS

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Λιμόζα

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 9 Pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 28-Apr KH

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off area
23-Apr KH

Asprokremmos Dam 2 Nata end 27-Apr
ASt

Galateia Wetland, Famagusta c15 5-Apr
JS/BC field trip

Lady's Mile 2 27-Apr JE

Oroklini Marsh 3 14-Apr AG

Spiros Pool 5 21-Apr JS

Timi Beach 1 1, 22, 23, 24, 28 & 29-Apr
DJW/CR/IKB/WAS/JArm/AG/DHA/LAC/AB
W/IM

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*
Χαλικονεραλλίδι
Paphos Headland 1 16-Apr LMN

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 100+ Pool near old
rabbit farm sheds 23-Apr AG
Kiti Dam m. 170 5-Apr RH
Paralimni Lake 217+ 16-Apr AG
Spiros Pool area 100+ 26-Apr AG/SR

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*
Δρεπανονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 3 11 & 27-Apr JS/JE
Oroklini - South Hide 1 8-Apr KSA
Spiros Beach 1 17-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 5 18-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 3 20-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 1 21 & 26-Apr LAC/AG/SR
Spiros Pool 2 22-Apr LAC
Timi Beach 1 29-Apr LAC

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*
Σταχτονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 18, 25, 26 & 29-Apr
FM/TRe/WAS/JArm/AG/SR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 19-Apr WAS/JArm
Oroklini Marsh 1 24-Apr CR

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι
Paphos Headland 1 1 & 26-Apr
TJP/BrR/DHA
Spiros Beach 3 1 & 3-Apr JS
Spiros Beach 10 10-Apr IKB
Spiros Beach 1 19 & 20-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 1 2-Apr CR/WAS
Spiros Pool 2 20-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 4 21-Apr LAC

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*
Νανονεραλλίδι
Largest counts:
Lady's Mile 140 29-Apr AG/SR
Spiros Pool 143+ 22-Apr LAC

GREAT SNIPE *Gallinago media*
Διπλοτοπικάτσονο



Great Snipe, Agia Varvara, 22nd April.
Photograph by Dave Nye.

Agia Varvara 1 19, 20 & 22-Apr
MSS/NA/DN
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 15, 1, 17 & 21-Apr
AG/JS/TRe/CR/WAS/JArm/CDL
Kiti Dam 1, possibly 2 5-Apr RH
Troulloi 1 seen in flight 26-Apr AG/SR

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*
Πικατσόνι



Common Snipe, Agia Varvara, 2nd April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:
Agia Varvara 6 2-Apr DJW
Akrotiri Marsh 5+ 1-Apr JWa
Kiti Dam 4 5-Apr RH

JACK SNIPE *Lymnocyrtus minimus*
Κουφοτοπικάτσονο
Kiti Dam 1 4-Apr KH/VT

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*
Μαυρονεραλλίδι



Spotted Redshank, Agia Varvara, 2nd April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Agia Varvara 3 2-Apr DJW
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 Pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 10-Apr IKB
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 11, 13 & 23-Apr JS/JS/AG
Galateia Lake 14 swimming on water,
feeding 26-Apr CR
Sotira, Paralimni lake, S edge 1 3-Apr RH
Timi Beach 1 14-Apr DHA

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa
nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι



Common Greenshank, Timi Beach, 25th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Akhna Dam 17 Flew over heading N
calling 13-Apr JS
Spiros Pool area 10 25 & 26-Apr AG/SR
Timi Beach 31 25-Apr IKB

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*
Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 12-Apr TRe
Galateia Wetland 2 7-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 1 breeding plumage 13-Apr
SC
Larnaca Airport Pools North 7 16-Apr JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 17-Apr JS
Meneou Pools 1 19-Apr LAC
Paralimni Lake 1 16-Apr AG
Paralimni Lake 6 18-Apr PBr

Spiros Pool 1 30-Apr JS

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*
Βαλτονεραλλίδι



Marsh Sandpiper, Akrotiri Marsh, 10th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 area behind Lady's
Mile 11-Apr TRe
Cape Greco c20 9-Apr KH
Lady's Mile 10 11-Apr JE
Larnaca Airport Pools South 13 1-Apr JS

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola
pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο



Collared Pratincole, Akrotiri, 18th April.
Photograph by John East.

First reports and largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 40+ Pool near old
rabbit farm sheds 27-Apr KH
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 9-
Apr ABW
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 11-
Apr JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) c20
24-Apr KH
Lady's Mile c300 Possibly more 29-Apr
AG/SR
Larnaca Sewage Works c70 17:45 feeding
over area. Seen later at Spiros Pool
roosting 29-Apr JS

Spiros Pool 20+ Flying over area 07:00am
30-Apr JS

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Νανόγλαρος

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 2-Apr CR/WAS

Spiros Beach 1 6-Apr SC with F

Georgiades

Spiros Pool 1 2 & 5-Apr RM/CR/WAS/LF

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος



*Slender-billed Gull, Akrotiri, 4th April.
Photograph by Dave Nye.*

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c30 Zakaki run off area
23-Apr KH

Larnaca Airport Pools South c40 17:30pm
11-Apr JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 60 2-Apr CR/WAS

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Χωραφόγλαρος

Max count per location:

Akrotiri saltmarsh 10 10-Apr GB

Fasouri West 1 2-Apr MGR

Lady's Mile 5 2-Apr TRe

Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 imm 2-Apr
CR/WAS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 30 2-Apr
CR/WAS

Zakaki Marsh 2 16-Apr JS

PALLAS'S GULL *Larus ichthyæetus*

Αετόγλαρος

Akrotiri coast 1 ad 3-Apr KH

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus*

melanocephalus Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 Breeding
plumage 18-Apr JS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος

Agios Filonas 1 flying offshore 24-Apr CR

Akrotiri coast 1 15-Apr KH

Cape Andreas 2 25-Apr CR

Cape Greco 1 9-Apr KH

Eptakomi Cliffs 1 26-Apr CR

Karpasia Peninsula 2 Road from

Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 6-Apr

JS/BC field trip

Karpasia Peninsula 1 29-Apr PLH

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής



*Baltic Gull, Lady's Mile, 3rd April. Photograph
by John East.*

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Coast 12 19-Apr KH

Karpasia Peninsula 10 7 3 along coast
6-Apr JS

Lady's Mile 12 2-Apr TRe

Heuglin's Gull *Larus fuscus heuglini*

Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας

Akrotiri Marsh 1 22-Apr ABW

Lady's Mile 1 2-Apr ABW

ARMENIAN GULL *Larus armenicus*

Γλάρος Αρμενίας

Lady's Mile 2 3, 11, 22 & 25-Apr

TRe/JS/WAS/JArm

Lady's Mile 10+ 5-Apr JWa

Lady's Mile 1 10-Apr LAC

Lady's Mile c5 including 1 adult 13 & 18-
Apr SC/LAC

Lady's Mile 3 24-Apr WAS/JArm

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 8-Apr JS

Timi Beach 1 ad on offshore rock 16-Apr
JS

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος

Κασπίας

Lady's Mile 2 2-Apr TRe

Lady's Mile 1 11-Apr JS

Lady's Mile 3 22-Apr WAS/JArm
Lady's Mile 10 dropped in briefly then flew off 24-Apr WAS/JArm

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι



Little Tern, 10th April. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri coast 5 19-Apr KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 18-Apr JE
Kourion Bay 2 21-Apr WAS/JArm
Lady Mile 7 3-May MGr
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 19-Apr JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 21-Apr CDL
Meneou Beach 2 Fishing offshore 17-Apr JS
Oroklini Beach 1 18-Apr LAC
Spiros Beach 4 27-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 18 30-Apr JS

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN
Gelochelidon nilotica Γελογλάρονο



Gull-billed Tern, Lady's Mile, 27th April. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 60 13-Apr JE
Larnaca Salt Lake 29 21-Apr CDL
Paphos Headland 20 heading W 9-Apr SAP
Timi Beach 30 west, probably this sp 9-Apr CR/WAS/JArm

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia*

Γιγαντογλάρονο

Spiros Pool area 2 flew over main road 14-Apr AG

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrid*

Λιμνογλάρονο

First reports and largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 24 21-Apr KH

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 17 & 18-Apr JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 27 21-Apr CDL

Larnaca Treated Sewage Pools 22 21-Apr FGe

Latchi 21+ along shoreline 3pm, gained height and disappeared 21-Apr AG

Oroklini Marsh 64 Photographed. 64 in morning, 54 in evening 21-Apr LAC

Spiros Pool 1 2-Apr RM/CR/WAS

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias*

leucopterus Αργυρογλάρονο

Kouklia Dam (Famagusta) 1 7-Apr JS/BC fieldtrip

Kouklia Dam 18 24-Apr CR

Lady's Mile 1 26-Apr JE

Larnaca Sewage Works 10 25-Apr WAS/JArm

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 26-Apr SC

Paralimni Lake 1 16-Apr AG

Spiros Pool 1 8-Apr JS

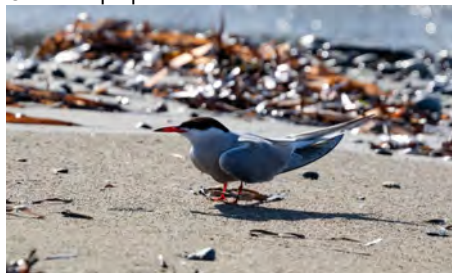
BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

Μαυρογλάρονο

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew straight over area heading N 28-Apr JS

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Θαλασσογλάρονο



Common Tern, Meneou Beach, 21st April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri coast 1 22-Apr KH

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 15-Apr KH

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 23-Apr KH

Ezousas Soakaway 1 22-Apr DHA

Lady's Mile 1 21-Apr DHa
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 4 17:30pm
 11-Apr JS
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 17-Apr JS
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 20-Apr JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 24-Apr CR
 Larnaca Sewage Works c10 26-Apr SC
 Mazotos, Akro Petountas 1 5-Apr RH
 Meneou Beach 1 21-Apr JS
 Paphos Sewage Plant 3 fishing at
 Ezousas Mouth, dipping and picking, not
 plunging 22-Apr CR
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 22-Apr AG
 Spiros Pool 3 24-Apr MC
 Timi Beach 4 flew west 11-Apr LMN

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus*

sandvicensis Χειμωνογλάρονο

Paphos Headland 2 flew west 11-Apr
 LMN

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

Γερακοληστόγλαρος

Akrotiri coast 1 15-Apr KH Photographed

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουπί



Cyprus Scops Owl, Episkopi, 14th April.
 Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Max count per location:

Androlikou 2 Heard 12-Apr JS
 Episkopi, Paphos 2 day roost, in tree 4 &
 14-Apr CR/JS
 Kalograia, SW of Antifonitis mon. 1 singing
 by day 4-Apr RH
 Kamares (Tala) 2 calling 23.40 9-Apr
 DJW
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 Heard near Koca
 Reis hotel 5-Apr JS
 Kiles Bay, Karpasia 1 calling all night 25
 & 26-Apr CR
 Kritou Tera waterfall 1 8-Apr GB
 Mandra tou Kampiou East 1 13-Apr FGe

Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 1 & 30-Apr
 BBU/DJW
 Pissouri 2 Seen & heard 5-Apr KSa
 Smygies 1 calling 7, 23 & 27-Apr DJW
 Souni 3 30-Apr JN

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* Ψαραετός

Akrotiri Marsh 1 22-Apr ABW
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 23-Apr KH
 Cape Greco 1 in off 4-Apr NB/GTh
 Galateia Wetland 1 Heading NE 7-Apr
 JS/BC field trip
 Karpasia 1 29-Apr PLH
 Maroni 1 2-Apr CI
 Moni 1 over motorway 26-Apr KH
 Paphos Headland 1 in off 19-Apr PAH
 Spiros Beach offshore 1 5-Apr SC

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis*

apivorus Μελισσοσίαχινο

Cape Andreas 1 off sea 25-Apr CR
 Clearing, Cape Andreas 1 25-Apr CR
 Karpasia 1 28-Apr PLH

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας

Episkopi Garrison 1 Circling 1 & 14-Apr
 JWa/GB
 Kensington Cliffs 11 3-Apr CP/PPa
 Kensington Cliffs 5+ Two seen in morning
 c9:00am heading inland and five returning
 to area 4:40pm 15-Apr JS
 Kensington Cliffs 5 one with wing tag 22-
 Apr MC
 Salamiou 10+ circling low together then
 climbing and moving away 8-Apr SAP
 Salamiou 1 25-Apr DHa

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσίαχινο

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 23-
 Apr AG
 Anarita Park 1 2 & 20-Apr JS/KH/DHa
 Anarita Park 2 24-Apr DHa
 Androlikou 1 Adult 12-Apr JS
 Androlikou 2 adult pair 20-Apr DJW
 Arodes 1 Adult 12-Apr JS
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 adult 2 & 8-Apr
 JS/VT
 Asprokremmos Dam 2 Adults, partial
 display to north of Dam 5-Apr JWa
 Mandria Village 1 5-Apr LAC
 Marathounta 1 ad 1-Apr CR
 Minthis Hills 1 ad, distant north 29-Apr
 CR
 Mosfiloti, Pipis Forest 1 adult 5-Apr SC
 Phinikas 1 13 & 21-Apr DJW

Pissouri Bay 1 At roost 5-Apr KSA
Timi - Agia Varvara 1 imm, being bombed
by Hoodie 7-Apr CR

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινo

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 6-Apr KH
Androlikou 1 28-Apr DJW
Cape Greco 1 female 2-Apr KH
Lady's Mile 1 ringtail 15-Apr AG
Petounta Point 2 1m and 1f 4-Apr KH

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*

Ασπροσιάχινo

Singles reported from mainly coastal
locations. Reports of 2+ below:
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 1m and 1f 1-
Apr GP

Anarita Park 3 Subadult Male and 2 RTs
(1 RT North) 2-Apr JWa
Cape Greco 3 8 & 9-Apr KH/IKB
Mandria Beach 2 1-Apr LAC

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*

Καμποσιάχινo



Montagu's Harrier, 21st April. Photograph by
Dave Nye.

First reports and counts of two plus:

Anarita Park 1 male 1 & 2-Apr SAP/JWa
Arodes 2 21-Apr IKB
Cape Greco 2 6-Apr LF
Drouseia 2 21-Apr MC
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Male. Road from
Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 6-Apr
JS/BC field trip

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter*

nisus Ξεφτέρι

Agios Filonas, Karpasia 1 7-Apr JS/BC
fieldtrip
Anarita Park 1 12-Apr LAC
Baths of Aphrodite 1 22-Apr MC
Karpasia Peninsula 1 6, 29 & 30-Apr
JS/BC field trip/PLH

Neo Horio/Agios Minas 1 male. Appeared
to be migrating straight through 21-Apr AG
Troodos Mountains 2 11-Apr GB

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσιάχινo

Adonis Nature Trail, Latchi 1 very light
coloured female 21-Apr AG
Karpasia 1 28-Apr PLH
Troodos 1 26-Apr PST

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκι

Agios Theodoros 1 seen leaving tree
where it presumably roosted 18-Apr AG
Paphos Headland 1 In off 3-Apr JWa

EURASIAN BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Apr KH
Akrotiri Marsh 1 juv 10-Apr ABW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 4-Apr KSA
Phasouri West 1 1-Apr MGr
Karpasia Peninsula 1 Road from
Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 6-Apr
JS/BC field trip

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

Στεππογερακίνα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Apr TRe
Cape Drepanum 1 in off, landed on
Yeronissos island 3-Apr AG

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο

Singles reported throughout the month from
usual locations. Reports of 2+ below:
Androlikou 2 27-Apr DJW
Agios Sozomenos 2 7-Apr FGe
Omodos 2 18-Apr FM
Pittokopos to Androlikou 2 27-Apr LAC
Stroumbi 2 23-Apr DJW

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουίχιος

189 reports received for this species in
April. Largest counts:

Karpasia Peninsula 9+ Road from
Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 6-Apr
JS/BC field trip
Lara Beach 8 5-Apr AG
Paphos Headland 13 a flock of ten
together plus three individuals 6-Apr PA
Timi Beach 14 4-Apr CR

BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER *Merops**persicus* Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1-Apr SS/PhW

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 South road pools flying west 25-Apr ABW

Akrotiri village 1 24-Apr KH

Cape Greco 7 groups of three and four in off in morning 6-Apr LF

Mandria 1 4-Apr KSa

Paphos Headland 2+ flew over east side of area - heard only 2-Apr PA

Paphos Headland 1 9-Apr SAP

Paphos Sewage Works 3 16-Apr LAC

Petounta Point 2 Flew in off sea, calling and then flew inland NW. Photographed 19-Apr JS

Timi Beach 1 22-Apr RJC

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος

First reports and largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Over high 6-Apr JWa

Akrotiri Salt Lake c40 Road to Bishop's Pool 28-Apr KH

Bishop's Pool 1 5-Apr KSa

Bishop's Pool c60 22-Apr ABW

Cape Greco 300+ several hundred, flocks constantly streaming in off sea over a few hours incl larger flocks of 24 & 28, many more heard 25-Apr AG

Kiladia, Paphos 4 over 10:00 am 2-Apr DC

Kouklia Dam 60 probable only, distant spiral over Mesaoria plain 24-Apr CR

Souni 1 unseen flock heard migrating over from S to N 6-Apr JN

Souni 56 53 seen migrating from S to N over our home plus 2 unseen flocks heard 28-Apr JN

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα

European Roller, Androlikou, 28th April.

Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 27-Apr KH

Anarita Park 1 24, 26 & 29-Apr DHa/NA/JE

Androlikou to Pittokopos road 2 24-Apr AS

Androlikou 2 27-Apr DJW

Androlikou 3 28-Apr DJW

Arodes 1 27-Apr DJW

Episkopi, Ezousas River 1 23-Apr DHa

Kathikas 1 20-Apr MC

Marathounta – Minthis 1 displaying, possibly 2-3 others nearby 30-Apr CR

Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 30-Apr DJW

near Arodes 2 27-Apr LAC

Neo Horio 1 24-Apr DN

Old Kivides village fire trail area 1 perched in tree 27-Apr JN

Pittokopos to Androlikou 1 27-Apr LAC

Tsada to Stroumbi road 1 27-Apr DJW

Zanadja 2 30-Apr JN

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι

Eurasian Wryneck, Cape Greco, 15th April.

Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Singles recorded most days. Reports of 2+:

Cape Drepanum 2 5-Apr PA

Cape Greco 4 1, 2 & 8-Apr SC/KH

Zakaki Marsh 2 1-Apr KH

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*

Κίρκινέζι

Akamas Peninsula 8 17-Apr TJS

Anarita Park 1 2 & 6-Apr JS/KSa

Androlikou 1 7 & 20-Apr DJW

Avdimou 6 10-Apr GB

Cape Greco 1 3-Apr JS

Drouseia 2 21-Apr MC

Kivisili 2 3-Apr JS

Kivisili c10 17-Apr JS

Kivisili c5 19-Apr JS

Kivisili 12 20-Apr JS

near Marathounta 2 13-Apr GB

Neo Horio/Agios Minas 1 male 21-Apr AG
Paphos Headland 2 22-Apr MC

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*
Μαυροφάλκονο

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Male flew over area 30-Apr JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 23-Apr KH
Anarita Mast 1 23-Apr LAC
Anarita Park 1 15-Apr DHa
Cape Andreas 1 dark male over, north 25-Apr CR
Cape Greco 1 20-Apr LAC/SC/BC field trip
Drouseia 3 22-Apr MC
Galateia Lake 1 f 24-Apr CR
Golden Beach area, Karpasia 6 on electric wires 24-Apr CR
Golden Beach area, Karpasia 4 25-Apr CR
Golden Beach area, Karpasia 2 fems 26-Apr CR
Kivisili 1 Male 20-Apr JS
Kouklia Dam 1 male, flying over plain 24-Apr CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male. Seen on wires in area before pools and then seen heading N 20-Apr JS
Paphos Headland 1 male 23 & 24-Apr PaH/DHa
Paralimni 1 male 24-Apr AG
Polis 1 north over Polis 21-Apr YP

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora*
Μαυρομμάτης

Akrotiri Coast 1 19-Apr KH
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasou ri Reed-beds) 1 29-Apr AG/SR
Arodes 2 21-Apr MSS
Cape Aspro 1 dark morph 23-Apr DHa
Karpasia 2 30-Apr PLH
Kensington Cliffs 1 9-Apr SAP
Kensington Cliffs 2 15-Apr JS
Kensington Cliffs 7 22-Apr MC

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλκονο
Anarita Park 1 24-Apr DHa

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

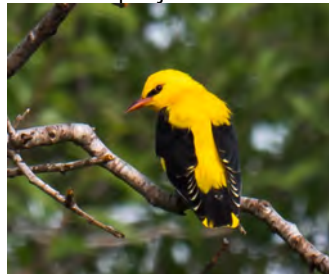
Δεντροφάλκονο
Adonis Nature Trail, Latchi 1 21-Apr AG
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Perched then flew W 30-Apr JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 29-Apr AG/SR

Cape Greco 2 20-Apr SC with BCY Group
Cape Greco 1+ 26-Apr AG/SR
Golden Beach area, Karpasia 1 flying north 24-Apr CR
Kamares (Tala) 3 14, 16 & 24-Apr DJW
Kamares (Tala) 1 19, 21, 24, 28 & 29-Apr DJW
Lapithos 3 25-Apr DJR
near Marathounta 1 13-Apr GB
Paphos Headland 1 21-Apr PaH
Pissouri 1 Flyover W 15-Apr KSA
Salamiou 1 25-Apr DHa
Smygies, Paphos 1 22-Apr DHa
south of Platanistassa 1 14-Apr GB
Timi Beach 1 22-Apr DHa

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*
Ζάνογ

Largest counts and interesting reports:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 calidus first year 16-Apr KH
Anarita Park 2 3-Apr PA
Episkopi, Paphos 2 Pair 14-Apr JS
Kalograia, SW of Antifonitis mon. m. 2 1 begging juv. in cliff, fed by ad. 4-Apr RH
Kensington Cliffs 2 10-Apr GB/LAC

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός



Eurasian Golden Oriole, Paphos Headland, 20th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

First reports and largest counts:

Agios Theodoros 1 male 14-Apr KH
Clearing, Cape Andreas 4 25-Apr CR
Golden Beach area, Karpasia 4 flying along road from tree to tree 25-Apr CR
Kiti Dam 1 male 14-Apr KH
Kiti Dam 6 19-Apr LAC/MC
Mandria, Limassol 6+ appeared to be all males, flying around area 15-Apr JS
Paphos Lighthouse 5 20-Apr IKB
Vretsia, Paphos region c8 24-Apr IKB

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*
Κεφαλάς



Red-backed Shrike, Akrotiri, 26th April.
Photograph by John East.

First reports and largest counts:

Agios Filonas 1 male 24-Apr CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24-Apr KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 13+ 29-Apr AG/SR
Cape Greco 6+ three male 26-Apr
AG/SR
Karpasia 20+ 29-Apr PLH
Neo Horio - Ineia road 1 24-Apr DN

RED-TAILED (TURKESTAN) SHRIKE

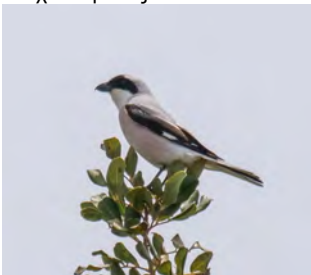
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Τουρκεστάν
Paphos Headland 1 Male 27 & 29-Apr
DHa/CR/DCh/NA

ISABELLINE SHRIKE *Lanius isabellinus*

Ξανθοκεφαλάς
Neo Chorio – Smygies 1 27-Apr LAC

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

Σταχτοκεφαλάς



Lesser Grey Shrike, Androlikou, 26th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

First reports and largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 25-Apr KH
Androlikou 2 26-Apr IKB
Cape Greco 1 25-Apr AG
Cape Greco 4 26-Apr KH/AG/SR

Karpasia 3 29-Apr PLH
Paphos Sewage Works 1 25-Apr LAC
Spiros Pool area 4 25-Apr AG

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοκκινοκεφαλάς



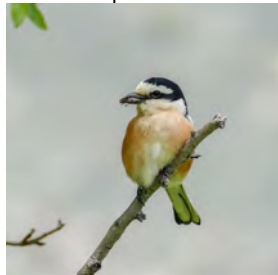
Woodchat Shrike, April 18th. Photograph by
Dave Nye.

130 reports received for April for this
species. Largest counts and interesting
report:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12+ 29-Apr AG/SR
Androlikou 2 Pair on territory 16-Apr KSa
Androlikou 3 20 & 23-Apr DJW
Phasouri West 4 1-Apr MGr
Neo Horio/Agios Minas 4 22-Apr AG
Paphos Lighthouse 4 20-Apr CR

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκανούρα



Masked Shrike, Asprokremmos Dam, 23rd
April. Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Cape Greco 8+ 26-Apr AG/SR
Platres 6 20-Apr MC
Vretsia 14 24-Apr IKB

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Artemis Trail 3 23-Apr MGr
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 4 15-Apr JS
Troodos Mountains 10 11-Apr GB

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Eptakomi Cliffs 2 23 & 26-Apr DJR/CR

Troodos 3 18-Apr PSt

Troodos c1 Calling in flight 29-Apr PSt

COAL TIT *Periparus ater* *Cypriotes*

Πέμπετος

Amiantos Botanical Garden 2 Entering nest hole in wall with food in bills 15-Apr JS

Artemis Trail 12 probably more 23-Apr MGr

Kapedes 18 13-Apr FGe

Mandra tou Kampiou East 22 13-Apr FGe

Mandria, Limassol 1 15-Apr JS

Troodos Mountains 10 11-Apr GB

EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT *Remiz**pendulinus* Υφάντρα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) c1 heard calling twice at car park of Tower hide 28-Apr CDL

BIMACULATED LARK *Melanocorypha**bimaculata* Στεπτοτράσιλος

Akoursos 1 heading N 4-Apr AG

Spiros Beach 1 26-Apr SC

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha**calandra* Μαυροτράσιλος

Geri 4 more heard 26-Apr FGe

Kontea 1 1 singing male 4-Apr RH

Mesaoria Plain, near Kouklia 3 over cereal fields 24-Apr CR

Pervolia fields 2 Seen 3-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 3 10-Apr IKB

Pervolia fields c5 17-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 4 18-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 1 Displaying 19-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 6 One pair displaying together in flight and others were probably two pairs 20-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 5 23-Apr MC

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK*Calandrella brachydactyla* Τρασιηλούδα

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 37 2 groups 8-Apr CR

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 50 8-Apr JE

Mandria c36 16-Apr JS

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Troodos 1 20-Apr MC

EURASIAN SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα

Mandria, Paphos 1 16-Apr JS

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Iduna pallida*

Τρυπητούρα

First reports and largest counts:

Cape Greco 2 8-Apr KH

Episkopi, Paphos 10 23-Apr DHa

Golden Beach area, Karpasia 20 in song 25-Apr CR

Mandria 1 7-Apr KSa

Paphos Lighthouse 2 8-Apr VT

Potamia Riverbed 5 26-Apr FGe

OLIVE-TREE WARBLER* *Hippolais**olivetorum* Ελιοτρυβητούρα

Mandria 1 25 & 26-Apr DHa/DCh (Rare bird report required)

Paphos Headland 1 26-Apr CDL (Rare bird report required)

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 30-Apr JE

Arodes 1 27-Apr CDL

Paphos Headland 1 24-Apr PaH

Smygies, Paphos 1 22-Apr DHa

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus**schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιανούδι

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara, Paphos 4 8-Apr VT

Kathikas 2 18-Apr CR/YP

near Prodromi 2 13-Apr GB

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus**arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι

Singles recorded in suitable habitat through the month. Reports of 2+ below:

Agia Varvara 2 16 & 24-Apr CR/DHa

Agios Filonas 2 h 24-Apr CR

Akrotiri Marsh 2 18-Apr FM

Germasogeia Dam 2 25-Apr WAS/JArm

Golden Beach area, Karpasia 2 25 & 26-Apr CR

Kiles Bay, Karpasia 2 calling 25-Apr CR

Kouklia Dam 4 h 24-Apr CR

Mandria 2 1 seen feeding and singing in reeds on shoreline, other heard 5-Apr JN

SAVI'S WARBLER *Locustella luscinioides*

Καλαμοτριλιστής

Agia Varvara 1 7, 8 & 10-Apr KSa/CR/AG

Akrotiri Marsh 3 heard reeling at different widely-spaced places 1-Apr MGr

Akrotiri Marsh 1 2 & 4-Apr MGr
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 Heard only 7-Apr
 KSa
 Cape Greco 4 heard 2-Apr KH
 Lady's Mile 1 2 & 3-Apr TRe
 Lara Beach 1 reeling at first light in crops
 5-Apr AG
 Paphos Headland 1 1, 2, 11, 12 & 26-Apr
 PA/LMN/AG/CDL
 Timi Beach 1 reeling 11-Apr AG

COMMON GRASSHOPPER WARBLER*

Locustella naevia Θαμνοτριλιστής
 Paphos Headland 1 reeling, on south side
 opposite bus station on mallow covered
 embankment up against perimeter fence
 9:20 am. Heard around 12:30 by Tony
 Baker 1-Apr PA/TB (Possible 4th Cyprus
 record. Rare Bird Report required)

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο



Red-rumped Swallow, Vretsia, 24th April.
 Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:
 Cape Drepanum 60+ heading N in loose
 flocks 4-Apr AG
 Lara Beach 84+ migrating N 06:45 - 9:30
 5-Apr AG
 Neo Horio/Agios Minas 100+ Migrating
 over area 12-Apr JS

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδονο

Cape Greco 1 In off sea and heading N
 with a few Barn Swallow 30-Apr JS
 Mavro Dam 3+ 16-Apr LAC

(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

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 8 4-Apr
 NB/GTh
 Cape Greco 10 4-Apr NB/GTh
 Kiti Dam 10+ Everywhere calling and
 feeding in trees 3-Apr JS

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογιαννούδι



Wood Warbler, Cape Greco, 15th April.
 Photograph by Agamemnon Loutsios.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 24-Apr KH
 Asprokremmos Dam 10 23-Apr DHa
 Kiti Dam 10+ 17-Apr JS
 Timi Beach 6 4-Apr LAC

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι

Largest counts:

Akamas (central area) 6 7-Apr AG
 Karpasia 10+ 30-Apr PLH
 Lara Beach 10+ 5-Apr AG

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* Μουγιαννούδι

Largest counts and late records:

Karpasia 1 30-Apr PLH
 Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 6 25-Apr
 FGe
 Kiti Dam 2 22-Apr LAC
 Mandria Beach 7 3 & 11-Apr LAC
 Paphos Headland 25 1-Apr PA
 Timi Beach 6 4-Apr CR

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Κηποσυκαλλίδι

Akhna Dam 1 19-Apr LAC
 Cape Aspro 1 23-Apr DHa
 Cape Greco 1 25-Apr AG

Clearing, Cape Andreas 1 25-Apr CR
Karpasia 1 28, 29 & 30-Apr PLH

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

Γιαλλούρα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 2m and 2f 27-Apr KH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 29-Apr AG/SR
Arodes 1 27-Apr CDL
Baths of Aphrodite 1 17-Apr YP
Cape Andreas 1 fem, in bushes 25-Apr CR
Cape Greco 2 males 25-Apr AG
Cape Greco 1 26-Apr KH/AG/SR
Clearing, Cape Andreas 1 fem. 25-Apr CR
Golden Beach area, Karpasia 1 25 & 26-Apr CR
Karpasia 1 entrance to donkey sanctuary, fem 25-Apr CR
Karpasia 3+ 28-Apr PLH
Karpasia 5 29-Apr PLH
Karpasia c15 30-Apr PLH
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 19-Apr CDL
Paphos Headland 1 26-Apr DHa

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia*

crassirostris Θαμνογιαλλούρα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 6-Apr LF
Akoursos 1 4-Apr AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Apr DHa
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1-Apr KH
Asprokremmos Dam 1 7, 10 & 18-Apr ABW/GB/DHa
Cape Drepanum 1 male 4 & 5-Apr JWa
Cape Greco c8 both sexes 1-Apr SC
Cape Greco 1-2 3-Apr RH
Cape Greco 1 8 & 9-Apr IKB
Chaloumna villas 1 14-Apr GB
Phasouri West 2 2-Apr MGr
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 8-Apr JS
Paphos Headland 1 male 5-Apr RoyA
Paphos Headland 2 6 & 8-Apr CR/VT
Paphos Sewage Works 1 25-Apr LAC
Timi Beach 1 7 & 8-Apr CR/VT

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης



Cyprus Warbler, Cape Greco, 9th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Largest counts:

Agios Theodoros, Larnaca 5 18-Apr AG
Mennogeia 6 Singing males 19-Apr JS
Mosfiloti, Pipis Forest c8 5-Apr SC
Old Kivides village fire trail area 5 27-Apr JN
Souni 13 6-Apr JN

SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans*

Γκριζοφτέρι

Largest counts:

Baths of Aphrodite 3 2m and 1f 5-Apr AG
Fasouri West 2 2-Apr MGr
Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 2 25-Apr FGe

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia rueppelli*

Εληοβάτης

Largest counts:

Cape Drepanum 4 1m and 3f 4-Apr JWa
Cape Greco 15 4-Apr NB/GTh
Lady's Mile 7 4-Apr RoyA
Paphos Headland 6 1-Apr PA
Phasouri West 4 3 seen together 1-Apr MGr

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT

Sylvia communis Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλιίδι

Largest counts:

Cape Greco 10+ 25-Apr AG/SR
Clearing, Cape Andreas 12 25-Apr CR
Kathikas 12 18-Apr CR/YP
Mandria 10 25-Apr DHa
Neo Horio/Agios Minas 10 22-Apr AG
Paphos Headland 30+ 24-Apr DHa

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia*

brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης

Artemis Trail 6 23-Apr MGr
Troodos Mountains 1 11-Apr GB

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Τρυποκόρυδο
 Agios Nikolaos to Mandria (Limassol) road
 1 Heard 15-Apr JS
 Kamares (Tala) 1 6, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 29 & 30-Apr DJW
 Kambia Forest 2 adults feeding chicks in nest 17-Apr SC with F Georgiades
 Kathikas 3 singing in deep bushy valley 18-Apr CR/YP
 Mandra tou Kampiou East 2 feeding chicks in nest 13-Apr FGe

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*
 Λαζούρι
 Paphos Headland 1 14, 16 & 20-Apr GB/TJS/TE/IKB

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Pastor roseus* Ακριδοπούλλι



Rose-coloured Starling, Timi Beach, 28th April. Photograph by Andy Waller.

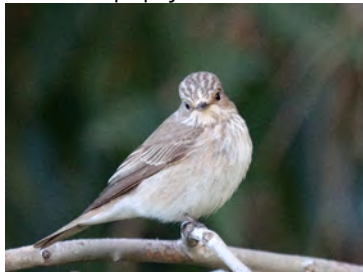
Timi Beach 1 27, 28 & 29-Apr
 LAC/CR/JE/ABW/IM/DCh

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*
 Τριζάρα
 Anarita Park 1 3-Apr PA

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*
 Τζιγκλα
 Kiti Dam 2 6-Apr FGe
 Paphos Headland 2 1-Apr PA
 Pissouri Bay 1 5-Apr KSA
 Souni 1 in flight 1-Apr JN

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂
 Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
 Artemis Trail 2 23-Apr MGr
 Kapedes 1 male 13-Apr FGe
 Troodos Mountains 3 11-Apr GB

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata* Μουγιοφάς



Spotted Flycatcher, April 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

First reports and largest counts:
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 10+ 29-Apr AG/SR
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 4-Apr TR
 Androlikou 1 12-Apr JS
 Bishop's Pool 10+ 24-Apr KH
 Cape Drepanum 1 15-Apr LMN
 Cape Greco 15+ 25 & 26-Apr AG/SR
 Neo Horio/Agios Minas 15+ 21-Apr AG

EUROPEAN ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*
 Κοτσινολαίμης
 Paphos Headland 1 1-Apr PA
 Souni 1 seen 2-Apr JN
 Timi Beach 1 16-Apr TE

BLUETHROAT *Cyanecula svecica*
 Γαλαζολαίμης
 Lady's Mile 1 2-Apr TR
 Paphos Headland 1 male in carpark! 2-Apr SAP

THRUSH NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia luscinia*
 Τζικλαηδόνι
 Cape Greco 1 6, 20 & 25-Apr
 NB/GTh/LAC/AG
 Larnaca Sewage Works surroundings 1 heard only 26-Apr SC
 Paphos Headland 1 11-Apr LMN
 Paphos Headland 2 24-Apr DHa

COMMON NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos* Αηδώνι
 Largest counts and interesting record:
 Cape Greco 11 3 seen, rest heard only 3-Apr JS
 Lara Beach 11 5-Apr AG
 Mandria 1 on offshore rocks!!! 16-Apr LMN
 Paphos Headland 11 1-Apr PA

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER* *Ficedula parva* Κοκκινομουγιοχάφτης
Paphos Headland 1 probable female
heard calling 1-Apr TB

SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula semitorquata* Δρυομουγιοχάφτης
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 male 4-Apr
NB/GTh
Akoursos 1 mobbing a Little Owl 4-Apr
AG
Anavargos 2 1m and 1f 5-Apr MSS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 3, 6 & 23-Apr
LAC/SAP/DHa
Asprokremmos Dam 3 5-Apr LAC/GP
Baths of Aphrodite 2 4-Apr GP
Cape Greco 1 20-Apr LAC
Cape Greco 2+ 25-Apr AG
Kiti Dam 2 adult male and 1st summer
male 3-Apr JWa
Kiti Dam 1 male 4, 5 & 6-Apr
KH/VT/RH/SC/FGe
Neo Horio/Agios Minas 1 21 & 22-Apr
AG/CDL

EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομουγιοχάφτης



European Pied Flycatcher, Arodes, 17th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

First reports and largest counts:
Agios Minas 10+ 16-Apr KSA
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12+ 5+m and 7+f 24-
Apr KH
Anarita Park 1 male 3-Apr PA
Androlaikou 6 3 male 3 female 17-Apr
DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 2 & 3-Apr
PA/LAC/IKB
Bishop's Pool 15+ 5+m and 10+f 24-Apr
KH
Kiti Dam 1 male 3-Apr JWa

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis* Κρικομουγιοχάφτης



Collared Flycatcher, Asprokremmos Dam, 23rd April.
Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 9+ 5+m and 4f 24-Apr
KH
Androlaikou 9 7 male 2 female 17-Apr
DJW
Bishop's Pool 22+ 15+m and 7f 24-Apr
KH
Cape Greco 20+ 25-Apr AG

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros* Καρβουνιάρης
Asprokremmos Dam 1 Female 2-Apr JS
Paphos Headland 1 1, 3 & 25-Apr
PA/JWa/LAC
Phasouri 1 1-Apr JE
Souskiou 1 10-Apr GB

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Κοτσινονούρης



Common Redstart, Cape Greco, 8th April.
Photograph by Kate Bloomer.

Largest counts:
Agios Minas 3 9-Apr KSA
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 5+ 4-Apr WAS/JArm
Cape Greco 8+ 25-Apr AG
Clearing, Cape Andreas 3 m, 2f 25-Apr
CR
Paphos Headland 3 2 & 19-Apr PA/PaH

EHRENBERG'S REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisticus* Ασιατικός Κοτσινόουρης
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 4-Apr
 NB/GTh
 Cape Greco 1 4-Apr NB/GTh

RUFIOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH
Monticola saxatilis Πετροκότσυφος



Female Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Paphos Headland, 30th April. Photograph by Ian Bloomer.

Akoursos 1 in sub song on overhead wires
 4-Apr AG
 Anarita Park 1 male 2 & 3-Apr
 VT/PA/LAC/DFa/SAP
 Androlikou 1 2-Apr HSt
 Aspros 1 9-Apr GB
 Cape Greco 1 male 1-Apr SC
 Cape Greco 1 female 6-Apr JWa
 Cape Greco 2 females 8-Apr KH
 Paphos Headland 2 females 30-Apr PaB

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*
 Γαλαζοκότσυφος



Blue Rock Thrush, Agia Thekla, 3rd April.
 Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 1-Apr GP
 Agia Thekla 1 Male 3-Apr JS
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Apr MSS
 Anarita Park 2 2-Apr VT
 Anarita Park 1 3-Apr LAC/SAP
 Avdimou Bay 1 24-Apr CDL
 Cape Drepanum 1 4-Apr PA

Cape Greco Caves 2 + 1-Apr SC
 Cape Greco 2 pair 4-Apr NB/GTh
 Cape Greco 1 female 6-Apr JWa
 Eptakomi Cliffs 1 23 & 26-Apr DJR/CR
 Karpasia Peninsula 1 Male. Road from
 Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 6-Apr
 JS/BC fieldtrip
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 1m and 1f 1-Apr
 BBu
 Paphos Headland 1 female 2-Apr PA

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι



Whinchat, Kallepeia, 7th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

146 reports of this species received for April. Largest counts:
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 16 8 seen in a single
 field of view 18-Apr MGR
 Anarita Park 10 8-Apr RoB
 Cape Greco 100+ 25-Apr AG
 Spiros Pool area 12+ 16-Apr AG

EUROPEAN STONECHAT *Saxicola torquatus* Παπαθικιά

Lady's Mile 1 female 2-Apr TRe
 Paphos Headland 1 1-Apr PA
 Paphos Headland 2 2-Apr PA
 Paphos Lighthouse Coast 1 7-Apr MGR
 Tala 1 10-Apr DJW
 Tomb of the kings, Paphos 1 7-Apr TDu

CASPIAN STONECHAT* *Saxicola*

torquatus hemprichii Κασπική Παπαθικιά
 Cape Drepanum 1 male 4-Apr AG/PA
 Rare Bird Report required
 Geroskipou Beach 1 male 1-Apr PA
 Rare Bird Report required
 Paphos Headland 1 male 1-Apr PA/RoB

EASTERN (SIBERIAN) STONECHAT**Saxicola torquatus maurus* Σιβηρική

Παπαθικιά

Akrotiri Marsh 1 3-Apr

ABW/SS/VV/RG/VT Rare Bird Report required

Paphos Headland 1 female 26-Apr DHA

Rare Bird Report required

Sotira 1 1-Apr GP Rare Bird Report required

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe**oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα**137** reports of this species received for April. Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 18 2-Apr JE

Cape Greco 16 4-Apr NB/GTh

Mandria 15+ 11-Apr LMN

Mazotos, Akro Petountas c10 5-Apr RH

Paphos Headland 16 6-Apr CR

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe**isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 1-Apr JE

Mandria 6 2-Apr RoyA

Paphos Headland 5 1-Apr PA

HOODED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe**monacha* Σκουφοσκαλιφούρτα

Paphos Headland 1 1 & 2-Apr

VT/JWa/TJP/BrR/AG/JS/LAC/PFo/SAP

DESERT WHEATEAR *Oenanthe**deserti* Ερημοσκαλιφούρτα

Ineia - Lara beach track 1 6-Apr AG

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe**hispanica* Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 10 2-Apr JWa

Ineia - Lara beach track 11 6-Apr AG

Karpasia Peninsula 12 Road from

Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 6-Apr JS

Paphos Industrial Estate (Agia Varvara

east) 10 mostly fem types 4-Apr CR

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*

Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Meletis Forest, 10th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

171 reports received for this species for April. Largest counts:

Aphrodite Trail 20 8-Apr GB

Karpasia Peninsula 10+ Road from

Rizokarpasos to Cape Andreas 6-Apr

JS/BC field trip

Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard area 14 28-Apr JN

WHITE-CROWNED WHEATEAR**Oenanthe leucopyga* Λευκόπυγη

Σκαλιφούρτα

Tremithoussa, Paphos 1 prob male 14-Apr

HMW (Rare Bird Report form received.

Possible 10th Cyprus record)**RED-TAILED WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe**chrysopygia*

Timi Beach 1 chrysopygia 3-Apr JAu (No photos and not relocated or found by others, Would be Cyprus first)

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Largest counts:

Akamas (central area) 15 7-Apr AG

Androlikou 16 12-Apr JS

Baths of Aphrodite 15 17-Apr YP

Lara Beach 19 5-Apr AG

Minthis Hills 12 21-Apr CR

Neo Horio/Agios Minas 13 22-Apr AG

Nicosia Airport UN Buffer Zone 12 18-Apr

FGc

Peristerona, Nicosia 14 19-Apr AG

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus*
Κοτσινογαλούδι



Red-throated Pipit, April 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 Pool near old rabbit farm sheds 11-Apr JS
Cape Drepanum 6 4-Apr JWa
Fasli – Ineia 7 6-Apr AG
Paphos Headland 15 16 & 22-Apr TE/MC
Paphos Sewage Plant c30 22-Apr DHa

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis*

Λιβαδογαλούδι

Agia Thekla 1 3-Apr JS
Agia Varvara 3 3-Apr CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 16-Apr TR
Androlikou 4 14-Apr IKB
Cape Greco Caves c5 1-Apr SC
Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 11 25-Apr FG
Marathounta 3 1-Apr CR

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Mandria 2 5-Apr PA
Timi Beach 1 14-Apr LMN

RICHARD'S PIPIT *Anthus richardi*

Διπλογαλούδι

Timi Beach 1 26-Apr LAC

BLYTH'S PIPIT* *Anthus godlewskii*

Γαλούδι της Μογγολίας

Clearing, Cape Andreas 1 Seen well, but not photographed. Description pending 25-Apr CR Rare Bird Report required.
Possible 4th Cyprus record.

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*
Ωχρογαλούδι



Tawny Pipit, Akrotiri, 3rd April. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 16 2-Apr JE
Anarita Park 14 one group 3-Apr CR
Ineia - Lara beach track 12 6-Apr AG
Mandria 12 22-Apr MC

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* Τζιπριντζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Fish Farm area 100+ mainly black and grey headed 20-Apr WAS/JArm
Mandria 200+ 4-Apr KSa
Paphos Headland 225+ three flocks of mixed races and a few on coast 1-Apr PA
Paphos Sewage Plant 300+ two flocks in two fields 5-Apr PA
Timi Beach 200+ probably more 23-Apr AG

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava flava*
Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Mandria 40 22-Apr CR
Paphos Lighthouse 27 20-Apr CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 200 est 22-Apr CR
Timi Beach 20 13 & 20-Apr CR/WAS/JArm

Grey-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava thunbergi* Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

One double figure count listed below:

Timi Beach 20 23-Apr CR/WAS/JArm

Sykes's Wagtail *Motacilla flava beema*
Στεποζευκαλάτης

Golden Beach area, Karpasia 1 m 25-Apr CR
Mandria Beach 1 17-Apr LAC

Timi Beach 1 4 & 22-Apr CR

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava*
feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης



Black-headed Wagtail, Timi Beach, 2nd April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 10 5-Apr CR

Larnaca Sewage Works surroundings c10

singing as if on territory 6-Apr SC with F
Georgiades

Mandria 30 22-Apr CR

Paphos Headland 30 14 & 20-Apr GB/CR

Paphos Sea Caves c100 4-Apr IKB

Paphos Sewage Plant 100 est 22-Apr
CR

Timi Beach 40 13-Apr CR

dombrowski:

Mandria 1 22-Apr CR

Timi Beach 4 4-Apr CR

Timi Beach 1 7 & 22-Apr CR

Timi Beach 2 11-Apr CR

superciliaris:

Timi Beach 2 4, 11 & 23-Apr LAC

Timi Beach 1 12, 22 & 24-Apr LAC/CR

xanthophrys:

Mandria 1 26-Mar LAC

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Timi Beach 1 26 & 28-Apr LAC/CR

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κιτροζευκαλάτης



Citrine Wagtail, 7th April. Photograph by Dave Nye.

Max per location:

Anarita Mast 1 7-Apr LAC

M1 Pits 1 6-Apr JE

Paphos Headland 1 in with yellow wagtails
8-Apr AG

Paralimni Lake 1 5 & 8-Apr NB/GTh/IKB

Phasouri 1 4-Apr JE

Spiros Pool 3 6 & 7-Apr GP/NB/GTh/KH

Timi Beach 5 2m and 3f 15-Apr LMN

'Eastern' White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*
ocularis



White Wagtail ocularis, Akrotiri Marsh, 4th April. Photograph by John East.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1,
2, 4, 11 & 12-Apr FM/JE/JS/ABW

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούπτης

Troodos 2 11-Apr GB

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza melanocephala* Τριλίινγκος



*Black-headed Bunting, Androlikou, 27th April.
Photograph by Ian Bloomer.*

First reports and largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 in church gardens
25-Apr KH
Androlikou 1 23-Apr DJW
Androlikou 3 28-Apr DJW
Ineia 1 23-Apr NA
Karpasia c16 30-Apr PLH
Kathikas 3 28-Apr DJW
Smygies 1 23-Apr DJW
Vretsia 1 24-Apr IKB

CINEREOUS BUNTING *Emberiza cineracea* Σμυρνιοπιτίλλα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 3-Apr DFa
Timi Beach 1 26-Apr LAC

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*
Τσακροπιτίλλα



*Ortolan Bunting, Meletis Forest, 10th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:

Agios Filonas 8 24-Apr CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 15+ 24-Apr KH
Clearing, Cape Andreas 16 25-Apr CR
Kamares (Tala) 14 8-Apr AG

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza caesia* Σιταροπούλλι

Largest counts:

Agios Nikolaos to Mandria (Limassol) road
7 15-Apr JS
Akoursos 6 4-Apr AG
Anarita Park 8 2-Apr JWa
Cape Greco Caves c12 1-Apr SC
Kambia Forest c8 17-Apr SC with F
Georgiades
Kapedes 16 13-Apr FGe
Souni 13 6-Apr JN

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*
Καλαμοπιτίλλα

Lady's Mile 1 4-Apr RoyA

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

April 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 April, 7 recorders covered 15 wetlands across the island where 2232 birds, of 51 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 1079 individuals. The second most abundant species was the Little Stint with 211 individuals followed by the Black-Winged Stilt with 130 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds as well as being the most species abundant site, was Larnaka Salt Lake with 881 individuals from 25 different species. The site with the second most individuals recorded was Akrotiri Salt Lake with 697 individuals. Akrotiri Meras and Oroklini Marsh both had 15 different species of bird present.

Strakka Pools only had 4 individuals from 3 different species recorded.

Site coverage for the April 2019 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou	22-04-2019	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou	22-04-2019	
Akrotiri Salt lake	Christina Ieronymidou	22-04-2019	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou	22-04-2019	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou	22-04-2019	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou	22-04-2019	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	18-04-2019	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	18-04-2019	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	26-04-2019	
Kiti Dam	Jane Stylianou	20-04-2019	
Achna Dam	Melis Charalambides	24-04-2019	
Evretou Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15-04-2019	100%
Asprokremnos Dam & pools	Dave & Jan Walker	13-04-2019	100%
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave & Jan Walker	15-04-2019	100%
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	18-04-2019	

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Little Tern

Yellow Waaqtail

Greater Reed Warbler

Reed Warbler

Sedge Warbler

UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES

SPECIES COUNT

TOTAL

Strakka Pools

TOTAL

1

1

3

5

881

25

30

4

140

15

134

11

11

6

25

4

17

5

5

2

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3



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