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Cover photo: *This male Little Bittern Ixobrychus minutus was photographed in May at Zakaki Marsh by John East. A female was also present on several dates and hopefully the pair will breed there.*

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.

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

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? Do you get out bird watching on the island regularly? Do you keep up to date with the Monthly Checklists and yearly Cyprus Bird Reports?

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
janestycy@yahoo.co.uk 99558953

SCHEDULE OF BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

Σημαντική Ανακοίνωση: Η συμμετοχή σας στις εξορμήσεις του Πτηνολογικού Συνδέσμου γίνεται με δική σας ευθύνη. Ο Πτηνολογικός Σύνδεσμος Κύπρου δεν φέρει καμία ευθύνη για τυχόν ατυχήματα, ασθένειες, απώλειες ή ζημιές σε προσωπικά αντικείμενα. Οι εξορμήσεις απαιτούν ελαφριά με μέτρια άσκηση. Παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με τον εκάστοτε υπεύθυνο εξορμήσεων για περισσότερες πληροφορίες που σχετίζονται με τον βαθμό δυσκολίας, αποστάσεις και συνθήκες των εξορμήσεων.

• August 2019

Saturday 31st August: Akrotiri Salt Lake

Leader: Victor Tjernberg. Mobile: 96107299.

Demoiselle Cranes and early autumn migrants.

Meet at 8.30 am, Sylvana Restaurant. **Please note earlier start time.**

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/H1nZjlmFyVt>

• 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>

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 62



Last Month's Quiz answer

May's mystery bird is a rather drab and non-descript passerine, commonly known to birders as a 'little brown job' or LBJ. Little brown jobs can give birders nightmares but fortunately, with careful observation, most species can be safely identified. Our bird shows a thin bill, horizontal posture, rather strong legs and a cocked medium-long tail. Its upperparts are dark reddish-brown while its belly is brownish grey with a paler throat. Its eye is dark and conspicuous with a pale supercilium just above it.

Together, all the above features give a very strong indication of our bird's identity. The cocked tail is a characteristic of just a few bird species, especially some members of the Robin/chat family. The two species of Nightingale are quite similar to our mystery bird but both have a more upright posture and neither show a pale supercilium while Rufous-tailed Bush Robin has a stronger face pattern (with much white below and above the eye) as well as a well-marked tail. Eliminating all confusing Robin/chat species, our mystery bird appears to be a species of warbler, while its unique combination of plumage colour, raised tail and distinctive pale supercilium, identify it as a **Cetti's Warbler**, a common but usually tough to see, skulking resident. Its habitat, perched on a reed bed, further confirms identification as this species is usually closely associated with water. Cetti's Warblers are the only member of a mostly old world insectivorous family known as Bush-warblers which are now believed to be only distant relatives of other old world warbler families and more closely related to Long-tailed Tits!

A - Z of Bird Watching - Ankle to Anseriformes

By June Neil

Ankle

The intertarsal joint, sometimes mistakenly assumed to be the 'knee' joint. To sit on a perch for a long period of time a sure, automatic grip is needed, especially if the bird is to sleep. The bird's toes are flexed by a tendon that passes around the intertarsal or ankle joint. The bird's weight on its legs makes the intertarsal bend; as it bends the tendon stretches and the toes automatically grip the perch.

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https://www.google.com.cy/search?q=ankle+of+birds&rlz=1C1GGRV_enCY751CY751&oq=ankle+of+birds&aqs=chrome..69i57j69i60j69i65j69i61j69i60j0.2715j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Anseriformes

Are commonly referred to as Wildfowl, which include ducks, geese and swans. With the many wetlands and reservoirs around Cyprus there are plenty of opportunities to view various anseriformes. Winter months are often the best time of year to see most of the species. Please also refer to the previous article on Anatidae.

Some of the rarer visitors include –

Mute Swan, Κίρκυς, *Cygnus olor* In 1988 there were three records for the year of this rare winter visitor. Five birds were at Larnaca Salt Lake on 4 January followed by 25 at Akrotiri Salt Lake on 16 January and two were shot at Kioneli Dam on 7 February according to the Turkish press of the time.

In 1989 seven more were shot by hunters, despite being a protected species, at the game reserve of Akhna Dam. A juvenile was seen at Larnaca Salt Lake, then three were present there 20 January followed by four on 23 January. A single bird was seen there again on 5 February and the last record was also a singleton, possibly the same bird, on 19 February.

Details of records for this species seen in 2009, 2010 and 2012 are in the Annual Reports for those years.

Greater White-fronted Goose, Αρκόσινη, *Anser albifrons* On 8 March 1988 a flock of 20 birds was seen in the sea off Ayia Napa, being the only record for the year whereas in 1989 a total of 1745 birds were recorded at seven sites in the winter periods between 10 January and 19 November then from 20 November to 23 December. 1989 was an exceptional year for this species (when compared to 1988) as 1745 birds were seen between 10 January and 23 December, the highest count being c400 on 19 February at Larnaca Salt Lake.

In 2017 the Annual Report mentions '*Noted by Flint and Stewart in The Birds of Cyprus (2nd ed 1992) as usually a scarce winter visitor, but sometimes common in severe winters. They note 300 – 5000 present island-wide during January to February 1983 and 300 – 500 Spiros Pool area January – February 1989. . . .*' The only site where this species was noted in 2017 was at Larnaka Sewage Works with maximum of eight in the first winter period and four at the end of the year.

Greylag Goose, Σταχτόσινα, *Anser anser* On 8 March 1988 a flock of 700 was seen in the sea off Ayia Napa (with the **Greater White-fronted Goose, Αρκόσινα, *Anser albifrons*** mentioned above). None were reported in 1989 although movements of goose species were reported on four dates that year.

In 2017 this scarce and irregular winter visitor was noted in a flock of 35 birds from 10 January at Phasouri and the next day, before some of the birds were seen at Larnaca Salt Lake on 14 January. Up to 57 of the *rubrirostris* Siberian sub-species were then recorded either there or at the nearby Larnaca Sewage Works on several dates until 18 February 2017.

Red-crested Pochard, Κοτσινοτζιέφαλη, *Netta rufina*

A scarce winter visitor usually from mid-November to March. The photo provided by Albert Stoeker was taken on 8 November 2012



In 1988 only two records were received – of a pair on 10 April at Spyros Beach followed by three at Larnaca Salt Lake. During 1989 there were eight records for the year, from four sites, with singles reported from Akhna Dam in July and August, the others seen during the winter periods with a maximum of four birds at Larnaca Salt Lake.

Breeding was confirmed in 2009 and since then this species has become a localised breeder although there have been no reports of breeding success at Oroklini Lake since 2013.

Red-breasted Merganser, Θαλασσοπρίστης, *Mergus serrator*

This uncommon and less-than-annual wintering species are described as 'red-heads' ie females or immature birds. They are usually seen in the east of the island. On 9 December 2005 one was on rocks in Paphos Harbour. In that year's annual report mention was made that this constituted the 13th winter record since 1956.

The data below (courtesy of Jane Stylianou) illustrates that numbers rose over the years from 1956 but this may only reflect fewer observers.

1994: Up to seven Potamos Liopetriou 16-January to 2-March
Ten Potamos Liopetriou 29-December

1995: Up to ten Potamos Liopetriou 31-January & 19-February (assume same birds as those of December 1994)

2000: Three Potamos Liopetriou 5 - 27-December
One Spiros Beach area 17, 20 & 21-December

2001: Three Potamos Liopetriou 2-January
Four Potamos Liopetriou 4-January - 1-March (assume same birds as those of December 2000 possibly then joined by the one from Larnaca)

2004: One Paphos Headland area 3-February
One Fresh Water Lake South 2-November

In 2017 a female was present at Akrotiri Gravel Pits from 4 December to year end in company of Great Crested Grebe and up to three Black-necked Grebe at the same pool. This female was the first record of the species since 2014. (Photograph by Tony Reeves appeared in the A – Z Article Akrotiri Gravel Pits).

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SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR MAY 2019

Jane Stylianou

4501 bird records received

203 species and forms recorded May 2019, compared to 182 in May 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 May 2019: Chukar, Black Francolin, Mallard, Little Grebe, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Swift, Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron, European Shag, Kentish Plover, Spurred-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Common Kestrel, Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Eurasian Reed Warbler, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow (**140** records), Cetti's Warbler, Sardinian Warbler (**142** records), Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix*

Οπρúκι

Meneou 1 seen 14-May AG/SR

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 5,
10 & 27-May AG/SR/LAC/TRe

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Agios Loukas Marsh 4 all males, but
attending 4 swimming chicks 21-May CR
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 17-May
AG/SR/MC/CC et al
Oroklini Marsh 2 pair 1 & 3-May
JE/AG/SR

COMMON POCHARD *Aythya farina*

Κουντούρα

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 11 17-May
AG/SR/MC/CC et al

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια

Bishop's Pool 1 plus 4 ducklings 6-May
VT

Galatea Wetland 2 17 & 19-May
AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 20+ 17-May
AG/SR/MC/CC et al

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 19 including 9
ducklings in one family 21-May CR

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 8 23-May
AG/MC/MaC/AC

Oroklini Marsh 2 3-May AG/SR

Paralimni Lake 5 12-May AG/SR

Paralimni Lake 8 16-May AG/SR

Paralimni Lake 4 29-May AG

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Μασουρατζής



Garganey, Larnaca Sewage Works, 23rd May.
Photograph by Ray Atkinson

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1-May MGr

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 4+ 17-May
AG/SR/MC/CC et al

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1 & 22-May
JS/RAt

Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 3 2m 23-
May AG/MC/MaC/AC

Oroklini Marsh 1 1 & 3-May JE/AG/SR

Paralimni Lake 1 12 & 16-May AG/SR

Paralimni Lake 2 pair 14-May AG/SR

Spiros Pool 1 male 4 & 21-May
AG/SR/CR

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*

Σαξάνα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 m 3-May CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 m 14-May CR
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 12+ 17-May
 AG/SR/MC/CC et al
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 16 5 males, 1
 fem plus 10 ducklings 21-May CR
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 20-May
 JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 6 4 males, 1 fem,
 1 duckling 21-May CR
 Lower Ezousas 1 male 13, 14, 15 & 17-
 May CR/LAC
 Meneou Pool 1 Male 20-May JS
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 Male
 23-May AG/MC/MaC/AC

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 4 17 & 21-May
 AG/SR/MC/CC et al/CR

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*
 Σουβλονούρα
 Larnaca Salt Lake 3 2m and 1f 20-May
 JS
 Paralimni Lake 9 12-May AG/SR
 Paralimni Lake 5 14-May AG/SR
 Spiros Pool 7 5m and 2f 18-May JS
 Spiros Pool 3 2m and 1f 20 & 21-May
 JS/CR

COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι
 Lower Xeros Potamos 1 fem 19-May CR
 Oroklini Marsh 1 scruffy male 3-May
 AG/SR

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps
 cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιης
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 4 17-May
 AG/SR/MC/CC et al
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 6 in several
 locations, no nests seen 21-May CR
 Kourris Dam 2 pair 15-May ADT

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps
 nigricollis* Μαυροβούτιης
 Kiados Dam 1 in breeding plumage 22-
 May CR
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 6 17-May
 AG/SR/MC/CC et al

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus
 roseus* Φλαμίνγκο
 Largest counts and interesting reports:
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 950 14-May CR
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 690 incl c100 at nest
 island on north side of lake. Group clumped
 together and displaying 30-May CR

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 145 3 groups,
 ads and imms 21-May CR
 Paralimni Lake 294 15-May FGe

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο
 Agios Filonas 6 on Lefkonisos islet 22-
 May CR
 Bishop's Pool 2 at least 30-May CR
 Fota Dam 90 large flocks came in,
 several 'pure' 23-May CR
 Kensington Cliffs 5 others, but these were
 pure 14-May CR

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia
 turtur* Τρυγόνι



European Turtle Dove, Oroklini Marsh, 1st
 May. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
 Karpasia 9+ 2-May PLH
 Kiti Dam 15+ 4-May AG/SR
 Kivisili 38 1-May FGe

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*
 Φοινικοτρυγόνιο
 Largest counts:
 Mandria Village 6+ At least 6 seen every
 day 1st to 23rd LAC
 Meneou 6 14-May AG/SR
 Paralimni Lake 5 29-May AG

NAMAQUA DOVE* *Oena capensis*
 Μικροπερίστερο
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 4-
 May VT/DS/MCa/LAC (Rare Bird Report
 required. Poss 10th Cyprus record)

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus
 europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι
 Kannaviou Dam 1 heard 16-May DJW
 Kissonerga to Tala road 1 22-May RoB
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 8 1 seen 7 heard
 17-May DJW
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 3+ 20-May RoB

Panagia, Agios Therapon 29 heard 2-May
JN
Souni 1 20 & 22-May JN
Souni 3 at least calling from the pine forest
near our home 26-May JN
Souni 2 at least heard calling 27-May JN
Tala 1 17-May DJW

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχειλίδονο

Largest counts:

Agios Ermolaos Dam 45 kept arriving,
from nearby colony? with juvs? 23-May
CR

Galateia Wetland 35 large swirling group
arrived late afternoon 21-May CR

Kensington Cliffs 20+ 15-May AG/SR

Mousere 14 24-May DJW

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχειλίδονο

Apostolos Andreas 3 flying with Common
Swift 22-May CR

Troodos Square c30 27-May SC

Troodos Village 1 at least, 1 identified
amongst dozens of Common Swifts 23-May
CR

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator*

glandarius Καλοχρονιά

Largest counts and interesting records:

Akhna Dam 2 juveniles 15-May FGe

Agia Varvara 5 5-May CR

Blue Sea Hotel - Golden Beach 3 at least
one adult 22-May CR

Lara beach area 3 9-May AG/SR

Minthis Hills 3 18-May CR

Nata Bridge 4 5-May RoB

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος

Agia Varvara 1 6-May AG/SR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Rufous phase flew
over 2-May JS

Androlikou 1 1-May AS

Androlikou 2 2-May MPa

Artemis Trail, Troodos 1 Heard 20-May
IM

Kapedes 1 11-May FGe

Karpasia 2 1-May PLH

Karpasia 3 2-May PLH

Kiti Dam 2 1-May FGe

Kiti Dam 1 4-May AG/SR

Lady's Mile 1 10-May JE

Lara beach area 1 9-May AG/SR

Marathounta 2 2-May CR

Mousere 1 24-May DJW

Neo Horio 1 7-May AG/SR

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
21-May AG

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 at least heard in reeds
on E side of causeway towards Bishop's
Pool 27-May JN

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 calling in reeds 30-
May CR

Paralimni Lake 1 15-May FGe

Phasouri Reed-beds 3 heard 29-May
DJW

Zakaki Marsh 1 calling, 90% sure 14-May
CR

CORNCRAKE *Crex crex* Ορτυκομάνα

Paphos Headland 1 dead 3-May PaB

LITTLE CRAKE *Zapornia parva*

Μικροπουλάδα

Agia Varvara 1 female 6-May AG/SR

Agios Sozomenos 1 Gialias river 2-May
MC

Evretou Dam 1 Female 17-May JS

SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER *Calonectris*

diomedea Πελαγόμυχος

Agios Filonas 1 flying east 22-May CR

Cape Drepanum 4 7-May AG/SR

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea*

leucorodia Κουταλάς

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 heading N 6-May
VT

Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 together,
probably same 3 as recorded at Lady's Mile
yesterday 3-May MGr

Galateia Wetland 4 17-May

AG/SR/MC/CC et al

Galateia Wetland 1 19 & 22-May

AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al/CR

Lady Mile 3 2, 3 & 4-May

MGr/JS/CR/LAC

Paralimni Lake 3 16-May AG/SR

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 135+
6-May AG/SR

Akrotiri Salt Lake c200 Various flocks in
area 2-May JS

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 200+ 17-May
AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al

EURASIAN BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*
Βουρωδιός



Eurasian Bittern, Evretou Dam, 9th May.
Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Agia Varvara 1 flushed from river bank
17-May CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Seen flying near
church 1-May MPa
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 5,
8 & 14-May AG/SR/TR
Evretou Dam 1 9 & 11-May
MCa/AG/SR/Ra/CR

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus*
minutus Νανορωδιός



Common Little Bittern (male), Zakaki Marsh,
10th May. Photograph by John East.

Max count per location:
Acheleia Bridge 1 f 5-May CR
Acheleia Dam 1 m 10-May CR
Agia Varvara 1 6, 7, 11 & 15-May
AG/SR/VT/DJW
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1,
4 & 6-May MGr/LAC/VT
Evretou Dam 3 1m 11-May CR
Kiti Dam 2 m and f 4-May AG/SR
Lara beach area 1 male 3-May VT
Lower Ezousas 1 m 5-May CR

Paralimni Lake 1 12, 14, 15 & 16-May
AG/SR/FGe
Zakaki Marsh 2 3, 15 & 17-May CR/JE

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας

Largest counts:

Bishop's Pool 9 4-May LAC/MCa
Galateia Wetland 8 all subadults 21-May
CR
Lara beach area 16 heading N 3-May VT
Zakaki Marsh 19 mostly ads, 2+ subads,
several carrying nest material (sticks) into
site in reeds and to a location in eucalyptus
forest 30-May CR

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 Zakaki run off area
11-May AG/SR
Evretou Dam 10 at least, around shoreline
in singles 9-May CR
Larnaca Airport Pools South 10 4-May
FGe
Lower Ezousas 12 10-May CR
Spiros Pool area 13 4-May AG/SR

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυροψαροφάς

Singles reported at suitable wetlands
throughout May. Reports of two or more
below:

Acheleia Dam 2 1ad, 1 subad 17-May CR
Asprokremmos Dam 2 7-May VT
Evretou Dam 2 3 & 11-May Ra/CR
Galateia Wetland 2 21-May CR
Kiti Dam 2+ 4-May AG/SR
Lara beach area 2 Heading N 3-May VT
Lower Ezousas 2 5-May CR
Paralimni Lake 2 1ad and one first
summer 29-May AG
Polemida Dam 2 pair 15-May ADT

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

Χανούμισσα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 8-
May TR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 11 Zakaki run off area
11-May AG/SR
Lower Ezousas 1 on shoreline at mouth
13-May CR
Meneou Beach 7 In off sea and heading N
17:45 1-May JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 1-May JE

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus onocrotalus* Ροδοπτελεκάνος
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 Sub adult.
Seen 8:00am - gone on return at 9:15am
20-May JS

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo* Κορμοράνος
Argaka 1 1-May RAT
Evretou Dam 2 9-May AG/SR
Kouris Dam 1 15-May ADT

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE *Burhinus oedicnemus* Τρουλλουρία
Akaki 2 4-May AG/SR
Asprokremmos Dam 1 seen calling 1-May CR
Athalassa Park 1 19-May SC
Cape Andreas, Karpasia 1 heard 18-May AG/SR/MC/CC et al
Fota Dam 2 calling after dark 22-May CR
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 in cut hay field 21-May CR
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 17-May AG/SR/MC/CC et al
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21-May JS
Lower Ezousas 2 pair 6-May CR
Lower Ezousas 1 calling at dusk 31-May CR
Mandria 1 2 & 26-May IM/CR
Meneou Pool 4 Night survey 20-May JS
Nata Bridge 2 pair 1 & 28-May CR
Paralimni Lake 2 15-May FGe
Pervolia fields 1 Heard. Night survey 20-May JS
Thalassines Spilies, Cape Greco 1 8-May FGe

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta* Αβοκέτα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 11-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 Zakaki run off area 27-May TRe

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς



Black-winged Stilt, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 29th May. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and interesting reports:
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 30+ 17 & 21-May AG/SR/MC/CC et al/CR
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 68 Plus 8 chicks 23-May AG
Paralimni Lake 162 40 on nest 15-May FGe
Spiros Pool 22 Plus five small chicks (3 + 2) 20-May JS

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* Στακτοπλουμίδι



Grey Plover, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 23rd May. Photograph by Tony Reeves

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 11 & 23-May AG/SR/TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 one breeding plumage. Zakaki run off area 14-May TRe

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι



Common Ringed Plover, Lady's Mile, May 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 45 Sylvana restaurant side 3-May CR

Lady's Mile 21 14-May CR

Paralimni Lake 25+ 12-May AG/SR

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 in flight 4-May JN

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pool near old rabbit farm sheds 7-May TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 8-May TRe

Fasouri West 1 1-May MGr

Paralimni Lake 1 12 & 21-May AG/SR/CR

Paralimni Lake 4 29-May AG

Spiros Pool area 1 4-May AG/SR

Timi Beach 1 1 & 2-May LAC/CR

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι

Spiros Beach 1 4-May AG/SR

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Φαιομπεκάτσα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 2-May

JS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 6-May VT

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica* Θαλασσολιμόζα



Bar-tailed Godwit, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 2nd May. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 2 & 6-May JS/VT

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa* Λιμόζα



Black-tailed Godwit, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 23rd May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 Pool near old rabbit farm sheds 3-May CR/TRe/ABW

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 20-May AG/SR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 21 & 23-May AG/SR/TRe

Spiros Pool area 1 4-May AG/SR /IM

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*
Χαλίκονεραλλίδι



*Ruddy Turnstone, Lady's Mile, 7th May.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 5-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off area
11-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 14-May CR
Lady's Mile 1 7-May TRe
Mandria 5 7-May VT
Spiros Pool area 1 3 & 4-May AG/SR

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 70+ Zakaki run off area
10-May LAC
Kouklia Dam 60 17-May AG/SR/MC/CC
et al
Paralimni Lake 25+ 12-May AG/SR

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Calidris falcinellus* Παβδονεραλλίδι



*Broad-billed Sandpiper, 4th May. Photograph
by John East.*

Lady's Mile 1 2-May JS/ME/MGr
Lady's Mile 3 3-May CDL
Lady's Mile 2 4, 9, 13, 15 & 17-May
JE/TRe/ABW/AG/SR
Lady's Mile 4 5 & 7-May AG/SR/TRe
Lady's Mile 16 maybe more 6-May VT
Lady's Mile 7 8-May TRe
Lady's Mile 5+ 10-May IM
Lady's Mile 6 11-May AG/SR

Lady's Mile 8 14-May TRe

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*
Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:
Lady's Mile 40+ 6-May VT
Paralimni Lake 28 12-May AG/SR

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*
Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 Pool near old rabbit
farm sheds 11-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 Zakaki run off area 8-
May TRe
Karpasia 1 2 & 3-May PLH
Lady's Mile 2 4-May LAC
Lower Ezousas 1 7-May NA
Spiros Pool area 4+ 4-May AG/SR

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι



*Dunlin, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 23rd May.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
23-May TRe
Lady's Mile 2 3-May TRe
Lady's Mile 1 5 & 14-May AG/SR/TRe
Spiros Pool area 1 3-May AG/SR

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*
Νανονεραλλίδι



*Little Stint, Lady's Mile, May 2019. Photograph
by Andy Waller.*

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 139 3-May CR

Lady's Mile c120 2-May JS

Spiros Pool area 100+ 4-May AG/SR

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικατσόνι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Pool near old rabbit farm sheds 3-May TRe

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 heard 5-May AG/SR

Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2-May MGr

Evretou Dam 1 9-May RAT

Evretou Dam 3 11-May CR

Tekke area Larnaca Salt Lake 1 4-May FGe

TEREK SANDPIPER* *Xenus cinereus*

Ρωσσονεραλλίδι



Terek Sandpiper, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 22nd May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Flew off N. Zakaki run off area 22-May TRe (Rare bird report required)

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 20-May AG/SR

Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 1-May MGr

Kivisili 1 1-May FGe

Paralimni Lake 1 15-May FGe

Tekke area Larnaka Salt Lake 6 4-May FGe

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 5-May AG/SR

Galateia Wetland 1 Breeding plumage 17-May AG/SR/MC/CC et al

Lady's Mile 1 2-May JS/JE

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 2 Gialias river 2-May MC

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6 & 11-May

VT/AG/SR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 3-May CR

Paralimni Lake 2 12-May AG/SR

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 14-May CR/TRe

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι



Wood Sandpiper, Evretou Dam, 3rd May. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 10+ 5-May AG/SR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 16+ Zakaki run off area 5-May AG/SR

Lower Ezousas 11 15-May CR

Paralimni Lake 51+ 12-May AG/SR

Rabbit Shed Pools 12 3-May CR

Tekke area Larnaka Salt Lake 10 4-May FGe

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 feeding 4-May JN

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola*

pratincola Νεροχελίδονο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 20+ Pool near old rabbit farm shed 1-May MPa

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 in flight 4-May JN

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 5 & 14-May AG/SR/CR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 8 6-May AG/SR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 11-May AG/SR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 8
& 15-May TRe/AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 10-
May LAC
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 21-May CR
Lady's Mile 10 10-May IM
Mandria Beach 2 18-May LAC
Paralimni Lake 2 12-May AG/SR
Spiros Beach 4 1-May JS
Spiros Pool area 1 3-May AG/SR
Spiros Pool area 2 4-May AG/SR

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτόρραμος Γλάρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 5 & 30-May
AG/SR/CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 ads 14-May CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 12 distant small gull spp
probably this species 15-May AG/SR
Lady's Mile 1 9-May TRe
Lady's Mile 3 14-May TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools South 5 20-May JS
Spiros Beach 4 1-May JS
Spiros Pool 5 4-May AG/SR
Spiros Pool 4 21-May CR/JS
Timi Beach 2 ads, east 6-May CR

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Χωραδόγλαρος
Lady's Mile 1 imm 3, 7, 9, 14, 21, 25 &
30-May CR/TRe/AG/SC/LS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος
Agios Filonas 2 22-May CR

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 2 surprise, 1 ad,
1 imm 21-May CR

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος

Κασπίας
Lady's Mile 1 4, 7, 9, 11, 14 & 21-May
LAC/TRe/AG/SR

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι



Little Tern, Akrotiri, May 2019. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Max count per location and interesting reports:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 flooded areas 14-
May CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 19 many distant 30-May
CR
Lady's Mile 23 14-May CR
Larnaca Airport Pools South 7 Incl one
poss incubating and a pair food sharing 20
& 21-May JS/CR
Spiros Pool area 29+ 4-May AG/SR

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN

Gelochelidon nilotica Γελογλάρονο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 6-May VT
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off area
20-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 Zakaki run off area
27-May TRe
Lady's Mile 3 3 & 10-May CR/LAC
Spiros Pool 1 1-May JS

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrid*

Λιμνογλάρονο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
20-May AG/SR
Galateia Wetland 1 19-May
AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 4 21-May CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 17-May JS
Paralimni Lake 1 12 & 21-May AG/SR/CR

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias*

leucopterus Αργυρογλάρονο

Akhna Dam 2 1-May JE
Akrotiri Salt Lake circa 60 Zakaki run off
area 10-May LAC
Kouklia Dam 5 21-May CR
Lady's Mile 10 Flew out to sea 5-May
AG/SR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 28-May JS
Paralimni Lake 17 14-May AG/SR

Spiros Pool 2 1-May JE/JS

BLACK TERN *Chlidonias niger*

Μαυρογλάρονο

Paralimni Lake 2 12-May AG/SR

Paralimni Lake 1 14-May AG/SR

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Θαλασσογλάρονο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 5-May AG/SR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area

27-May TRe

Mavro Dam 1 14-May LAC

COMMON BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

Αθρωποπούλλι

Agia Varvara 1 Road kill. Not ringed 7-

May NA

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*

Θουπί

Goudi 1 25-May RAT

Gourri 1 2-May AG/SR

Kritou Terra 1 heard 8-May AG/SR

Mavrokolymbos Dam 14 17-May DJW

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 20 & 21-May

RoB/LAC

Nicosia, English School Park 1 heard only

27-May SC with P & D Narin

Nicosia, Pedagogical Institute Park 1 19-

May SC

Nicosia, Pedagogical Institute Park 2 1

seen, 1 heard only 27-May SC with P & D

Narin

Panagia Stazousa SPA 1 calling a few

times in day 4-May FGe

Panagia, Agios Therapon 13 heard 2-May

JN

Souni 3 1-May JN

Souni 1 10, 18, 22 & 24-May JN

Tala 1 Heard 21-May RoB

Troodos - Atalante Nature Trail 2 Calling

19-May DS

Vretsia 1 heard 20-May VT

NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL *Asio*

otus Αρκόθουπος

Athalassa Park 3 1 + chick (begging), 2

adults heard only (making different calls)

19-May SC

Athalassa Park 2 1 adult seen, 1 juvenile

heard only 27-May SC with P & D Narin

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 heard 17-May

DJW

Panagia, Agios Therapon 1 heard calling,
possibly a second bird responding 2-May
JN

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis*

apivorus Μελισσοσιάχινο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-May DJW

Ineia 1 11-May AG/SR

Karpasia 1 2-May PLH

Lara Beach area 1 9-May AG/SR

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας

Kensington Cliffs 2 4-May RAT

Kensington Cliffs 1 10-May IM

Kensington Cliffs 4 15-May AG/SR

Kensington Cliffs 7 24-May JS

nr Archimandrita 1 11-May LAC

Paramali 2 20-May AG/SR

Vretsia 1 15-May LAC

LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE *Clanga*

pomarina Κραυγαετός

Karpasia 1 3-May PLH

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*

Σπιζαετός – Περτικοσιάχινο



Bonelli's Eagle, Evretou Dam, 16th May.

Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area. On

ground and in flight 10-May LAC

Anarita Park 1 7-May VT

Androlikou 3 13-May DJW

Androlikou 4 27-May DJW

Evretou Dam 2 9 & 11-May CR

Evretou Dam 1 16-May DJW

Karpasia 1 19-May AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et

al

Minthis Hills 2 distant, prob adults 18-May

CR

Phinikas 1 8 & 29-May DJW

Phinikas 2 15-May DJW

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus**aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχينو

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 4
& 6-May JN/AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 3,
6 & 9-May TRe/VT
Anarita Park 1 female 5-May RoB
Asprokremmos Dam pools 2 f 2-May CR
Cape Andreas pump house clearing 1
subad 22-May CR
Cape Andreas, Karpasia 5+ 18-May
AG/SR/MC/CC et al
Eastern Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 3-May MGR
Ineia 1 11-May AG/SR
Kamares (Tala) 1 5-May DJW
Karpasia 1 2 & 3-May PLH
Karpasia 3 19-May AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et
al
Kiti Dam 1 4-May AG/SR
Kouklia Dam 1 subad 21-May CR
Lara Beach area 1 9-May AG/SR

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus**Καμποσιάχينو*

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 ring tail 11-May
AG/SR

Ring-tailed harrier Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri
Reed-beds) 1 distant ring-tail 5-May
AG/SR

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter**nisus* Ξεφτέρι

Karpasia 2 1-May PLH
Karpasia 1 2 & 19-May
PLH/AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis**Διπλοσιάχينو*

Mandra tou Kampiou East 2 female on
nest, male nearby 11-May FGe
Vretsia 1 7-May VT

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυτογεράκα

Karpasia 2 3-May PLH

EURASIAN BUZZARD *Buteo buteo**Γερακίνα*

Kalo Chorio – Zoopigi 1 circling, chased
by Hooded crow 12-May CR

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

Στεπογερακίνα

Episkopi, Ezousas Valley 1 1-May CR
Karpasia 4 3-May PLH

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus**Διπλογέρακο*

Agios Sozomenos 1 chick in nest 2-May
MC
Agios Sozomenos 5 adult on nest with 4
fluffy chicks 4-May FGe
Agios Sozomenos 6 Two adults around
nest and four almost ready to fly young in
nest 31-May FGe
Anarita Park 2 2-May CR
Armou Hills 1 25-May CR
Arodes 1 7-May AG/SR
Evretou Dam 1 3, 9 & 11-May RAT/CR
Germasogeia Dam 1 15-May ADT
Kambi 3 2-May AG/SR
Kathikas 1 27-May DJW
Marathounta 2 ad, juv 27-May CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 8-May IM
Panagia, Agios Therapon 1 adult perched
on top of a large bush for most of the
survey, not seen it depart 2-May JN
Pentascoinos 2 15-May AG/SR
Stroumbi 1 10-May CR
Vouno 1 23-May AG/MC/MaC/AC

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops**Πουπούξιος*

Largest counts:

Dekeleia 3 two adults of which the one
feeding a large chick in hole of stone wall of
old building 15-May FGe
Fyti, Paphos 3 16-May DJW
Minthis Hills 6 on golf course, singing and
carrying food 18-May CR
Souni 5 14-May JN

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

*Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Lady's Mile, 8th May.
Photograph by John East.*

Asprokremmos Dam 1 10-May RAT
Fasli 1 heard only 11-May AG/SR
Lady's Mile 1 8-May JE/ABW/TRe

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος



European Bee-eater, Cape Kormakitis, 7th May. Photograph by Dave Walker.

110 reports of this species for May. Largest counts:

Kamarea (Tala) c230 Flocks of c30 c40 c60 c20 c30 c50 passing all afternoon until late 1-May DJW

Kritou Terra 150+ 9-May AG/SR

Lara Beach area 566 tally of birds seen 6:30 - 10:30. Many more heard, all heading N 9-May AG/SR

Paphos Headland 1000+ Flocks seen arriving all afternoon, stopping to feed for a few minutes and then off inland 4-May NA

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα



European Roller, Androlikou, 13th May. Photograph by Nick Plumb.

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 7 plus two more on road to Nata 5-May RoB

Androlikou 8 27-May DJW

Karpasia 10+ 19-May AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al

Paramali 8 20-May AG/SR

Pittokopos 7 five birds in a group displaying 7-May AG/SR

PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος

Evretou Dam 1 9 & 10-May

MCa/RAT/AG/SR

Zakaki Marsh 1 1-May MPa

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι

Pera Orienis 1 Calling on and off for 10 mins at 5.30 am 29-May AG

Troodos 1 heard singing near Artemis trail 9-May PSt

Troodos 1 heard and seen (Prodromos) 13, 15 & 20-May PSt

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*

Κιρκινέζι

Agia Varvara 4+ 11-May AG/SR

Anarita Park 2+ 21-May AG

Androlikou 1 13-May DJW

Terra 1 7-May AG/SR

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

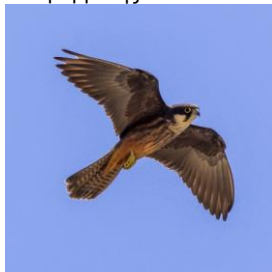
Μαυροφάλκονο

Anarita Park 2 7-May NA

Anarita Park 1 m 10-May CR

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora*

Μαυρομμάτης



Eleonora's Falcon, Kensington Cliffs, 4th May. Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Largest counts:

Kensington Cliffs 14+ 24-May JS

Mousere 18 24-May DJW

Vretsia 12 20-May VT

MERLIN *Falco columbarius* Ναυοφάλκονο

Anarita Park 1 24-Apr DHa

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Δεντροφάλκονο

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6-May AG/SR

Diarizos Valley, Xtreme View Café 1 23-May CR

Fota Dam 1 sunset visit, hunting 22-May CR
 Kamares (Tala) 2 1, 5, 22, 27 & 29-May DJW
 Kamares (Tala) 1 20 & 31-May DJW
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew over 21-May JS
 Phasouri Reed-beds 1 hawking insects 4-May JN
 Zanađja 1 juvenile(s) heard calling 20-May JN

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*
 Ζάβος



Peregrine Falcon, Paphos, 15th May.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Cape Drepanum 1 7-May AG/SR
 Paphos 2 2 juveniles 15-May DJW
 Germasogeia Dam 1 15-May ADT
 Kensington Cliffs 1 15 & 24-May AG/SR/JS

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός



Eurasian Golden Oriole, Arodes, 13th May.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:
 Androlίκου 14 13-May DJW
 Kapedes 5 11-May FGe
 Vretsia 7 7-May VT

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*
 Κεφαλάς



Red-backed Shrike, Arodes, 13th May.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Agios Filonas 8 4m, 4 fem 22-May CR
 Cape Andreas 10 4 fems 22-May CR
 Karpasia 10 2-May PLH
 Vretsia 7 7-May VT

RED-TAILED (TURKESTAN) SHRIKE
Lanius phoenicuriodes Κεφαλάς του
 Τουρκεστάν



Red-tailed Shrike, Larnaca Sewage Works, 22nd May.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male on bush
 on approach track 22-May
 JS/SC/FGe/AG/VT

ISABELLINE SHRIKE *Lanius isabellinus*
 Ξανθοκεφαλάς
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5 & 6-May AG/SR/JE

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*
 Σταχτοκεφαλάς
 Apostolos Andreas 1 22-May CR
 Blue Sea Hotel - Golden Beach 4 22-May CR
 Karpasia 2 2-May PLH
 Karpasia 1 3 & 19-May
 PLH/AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al

Larnaca Desalination Fields 1 ad male
21-May CR/JS
Paphos Headland 1 Male 6-May NA

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*
Κοκκινοκεφαλάς
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 1, 6, 8 & 15-May
MGr/AG/SR/JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 5 & 11-May
JE/AG/SR
Anarita Park 1 15-May PeA
Androlikou 1 1 & 13-May AS/NKP
Cape Andreas, Karpasia 1 17-May
AG/SR/MC/CC et al
Karpasia 1 2 & 3-May PLH
Kensington Cliffs 1 10-May LAC
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Singing 1-May
JS
Nata Bridge 1 1-May CR
Paphos Headland 1 Male 6-May NA
Polis Reed-beds 1 8-May AG/SR
Smygies 1 27-May DJW
Terra 1 7-May AG/SR

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*
Δακκαννούρα



Masked Shrike, Filousa, 7th May. Photograph
by Ray Atkinson.

Largest counts:
Gourri 4 2-May AG/SR
Kambi 8+ 2-May AG/SR
Mandra tou Kampiou East 6 11-May FGe
Troodos - Atalante Nature Trail 4 19-May
DS
Vretsia 6 15-May LAC

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα
Kannaviou Dam 1 16-May DJW
Kapedes 1 11-May FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 2 8 & 23-May DJW/CR
Potamatissa 2 12-May CR
Troodos Village 1 23-May CR
Troodos, Almirolivado 1 27-May SC with
P & D Narin

Troodos, Livadi tou Pashia 1 27-May SC
with P & D Narin
Tzelefos Bridge 1 5-May MGr

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*
Κλόκκαρος
Artemis Trail 1 31-May PST

COAL TIT *Periparus ater* *Cypriotes*
Πέμπτεσος
Kannaviou Dam 6 16-May DJW
Kapedes 16 including 1 family 11-May
FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 3 1 carrying food 23-
May CR
Lysos 1 21-May RAT
Mount Olympus 4 23-May CR
Troodos - Atalante Nature Trail 1 19-May
DS
Troodos Meteorological area 1 + 27-May
SC with P & D Narin
Troodos, Almirolivado c3 heard only 27-
May SC with P & D Narin
Troodos, Livadi tou Pashia 1 27-May SC
with P & D Narin
Tzelefos Bridge 1 5-May MGr

BIMACULATED LARK *Melanocorypha*
bimaculata Στεποτράσιηλος
Cape Andreas 1 18-May CC/MC

GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK
Calandrella brachydactyla Τρασιηλούδα
Cape Andreas 1 18-May CC/MC
Lara Beach area 1+ heard 9-May AG/SR
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 19-May JS
Mandria 20 7-May VT

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*
Πευκοτρασιήλα
Troodos Village 1 singing, near
Persephone Trail 23-May CR

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Iduna pallida*
Τρυβητούρα
Largest counts:
Achna Dam 4 15-May FGe
Evretou Dam 4 11-May CR
Kambi 8 2-May AG/SR
Lower Xeros Potamos 6 h 19-May CR
Panagia Stazousa 5 Singing 21-May JS
Souni 7 12-May JN

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*
Κιτρινοτρυβητούρα
Karpasia 1 2-May PLH

Lara Beach area 1 9-May AG/SR

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιαννούδι

Akaki 1 4-May AG/SR

Asprokremmos Dam, Phinikas 1 1-May CR

Fasli 2 singing 11-May AG/SR

Lara Beach area 1 3-May VT

Zakaki 1 17-May JE

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιαννούδι



Great Reed Warbler, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 9th May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 1 feeding and 2 others heard singing 4-May JN

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 9-May TRe

Asprokremmos Dam 1 song 2-May CR

Evretou Dam 1 9-May AG/SR/RAT

Evretou Dam 2 11-May CR

Meneou 1 singing 14-May AG/SR

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Evretou Dam 4 3 & 16-May RAT/DJW

Kambi 5 2-May AG/SR

Kelokedara Ford 6 28-May CR

Salamiou 6 4-May NA

Vretsia 5 20-May VT

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδονο

Amiantos Botanical Garden 1 23-May CR

Kannaviou Dam 2 1 adult on nest 16-May DJW

(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* Οχθοχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Lower Ezousas 49 10-May CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 30+ 9-May LAC
Tekke area Larnaca Salt Lake c30 4-May FGe

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογιαννούδι

Baths of Aphrodite 2 8-May AG/SR

Bishop's Pool 1 6-May VT

Karpasia 1 1-May PLH

Neo Horio 1 7-May AG/SR

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι

Androlikou 1 13-May DJW

Karpasia 2 1 & 2-May PLH

Lower Ezousas 1 quite late 17-May CR

Paphos lighthouse 1 1-May ABW

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla* Αμπελοπούλλι

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 6-May AG/SR

Androlikou 1 female 13-May DJW

Karpasia 64 2-May PLH

Karpasia 12 3-May PLH

Kiti Dam 2 1-May FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 1 4-May FGe

Mandria Beach 1 3-May LAC

Nata Bridge 1 song 1-May CR

Neo Horio 1 7-May AG/SR

Panagia Stazousa 2 4-May FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 m 3-May CR

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin* Κηποσουκαλλίδι

Androlikou 1 13-May DJW

Karpasia 2 1-May PLH

Karpasia 5+ 2-May PLH

Karpasia 9 3-May PLH

Paphos Headland 2 3-May PaB

Spiros Pool area 1 4-May AG/SR

Zakaki 1 17-May JE

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria* Γιαλλούρα

Karpasia 2 2-May PLH

Karpasia c6 1-May PLH

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 First summer or female. In vegetation on approach track 17:30pm 21-May JS

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia crassirostris* Θαμνογιαλλούρα

Karpasia 1 1-May PLH

Souni 1 13-May JN

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Συκαλλίδι

Karpasia 10 1-May PLH

Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 1 4-May

FGe

St. George Chapel Akrotiri 1 12-May DS

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης

Largest counts:

Akoursos 5 8-May AG/SR

Mennogeia 5 Singing males 19-May JS

Mosfiloti, Pipis Forest c20 incl c5 juveniles

27-May SC with P & D Narin

Panagia Stazousa 10 21-May JS

Souni 7 14-May JN

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT

Sylvia communis Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5 & 10-May

AG/SR/ABW

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 6-May AG/SR

Karpasia 3 1-May PLH

Karpasia 6 2-May PLH

Karpasia 4 3-May PLH

Spiros Pool 1 1-May JS

Vretsia 1 female 20-May VT

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia*

brachydactyla Δενδροβάτης

Livadi tou Pashia 3 23-May CR

Mount Olympus 5 23-May CR

Platania Forest Stn 1 feeding on branch of oak bush 23-May CR

Troodos Square 1 27-May SC with P & D Narin

Troodos, Livadi tou Pashia 1 + heard only

27-May SC with P & D Narin

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes*

troglodytes Τρυποκάρυδο

Kamares (Tala) 1 1, 5, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18,

19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29 & 31-May DJW

Kannaviou Dam 3 heard 16-May DJW

Livadi tou Pashia 2 singing 23-May CR

Mandra tou Kampiou East 2 11-May FGe

Mount Olympus 4 singing 23-May CR

Tsada North Valley 3 singing, 1 seen 18-May CR

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 6-May

AG/SR

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Pastor*

roseus Ακριδοπούλλι



Rose-coloured Starling, Androlikou, 13th May.
Photograph by Nick Plumb

Agios Filonas 1 singing ad, perched near Oasis Rooms 22-May CR

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Adult in church yard 24-May JS/VT

Androlikou Village 3 13-May NKP

Cape Andreas, Karpasia 1 18-May

AG/SR/MC/CC et al

Karpasia 7 19-May AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζίκα)

Livadi tou Pashia 1 8-May DJW

Livadi tou Pashia 4 23-May CR

Mount Olympus 6 attending nest in juniper bush, 3m off ground. Twigs, leaves and straw. Juvs not seen 23-May CR

Platania Forest Stn 2 seen and heard 23-May CR

Troodos - Atalante Nature Trail 3 19-May DS

Troodos Village 2 23-May CR

Troodos, Almirolivado 2 1 female seen, 1 heard only 27-May SC with P & D Narin

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa*

striata Μουγινοφάς



Spotted Flycatcher, Goudi, 9th May.
Photograph by Ray Atkinson.

Largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 7+ 12-May AG/SR
AG/SR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 15+ 11-May AG/SR
Lara Beach area 5 9-May AG/SR

THRUSH NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia luscinia*
Τζικλαηδόνι

Agios Filonas 1 singing deep in bush 22-May CR
Karpasia 1 1, 2 & 19-May
PLH/AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al
Karpasia 3 3-May PLH
Larnaca Airport 1 Heard singing in car park 5:00am 4-May JS

COMMON NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos* Αηδώνι

Agros 1 song 12-May CR
Kambi 1 heard 2-May AG/SR
Karpasia 1 2-May PLH
Kato Platres 1 in song 23-May CR

RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER* *Ficedula parva* Κοκκινομουσιοχάφτης

Karpasia 1 19-May AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al (Rare Bird Report requested)

EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομουσιοχάφτης

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6-May JE
Neo Horio 2 one male 7-May AG/SR
Timi Beach 1 5-May LAC

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis* Κρικομουσιοχάφτης



Collared Flycatcher, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 7th May. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 female 6 & 7-May VT/TRe
Kamares (Tala) 1 12-May DJW
Karpasia 1 2-May PLH

Neo Horio 1 male 7-May AG/SR
Panagia Stazousa 1 female 4-May FGe

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus*

phoenicurus Κοτσινονούρης
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-May AG/SR
Cape Greco 1 female 12-May AG/SR
Cape Greco 1 male 15-May FGe
Karpasia 3 1-May PLH
Karpasia 1 2 & 3-May PLH
Paphos Headland 1 Female 4-May NA
St. George Chapel Akrotiri 1 12-May DS
Timi Beach 2 1-May LAC

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσουφος
Amiantos Botanical Garden 2 m,f 23-May CR

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι

Largest counts and last reports:
Agia Varvara 1 f 17-May CR
Arodes 1 17-May JS
Karpasia 3 2-May PLH
Karpasia 1 19-May AG/VT/SR/MC/CC et al
Polis Reed-beds 4 8-May AG/SR

EASTERN (SIBERIAN) STONECHAT*

Saxicola torquatus maurus Σιβηρική Παπαθικά



Eastern Siberian Stonechat, Paphos Headland, 1st May. Photograph by Andy Weller.

Paphos lighthouse 1 Female 1-May ABW (Rare Bird Report required)

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

oenanthe Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4-May JE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 11-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 3-May TRe
Paphos Headland 1 3-May PaB
Spiros Pool area 1 3-May AG/SR

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα
Phassouri Reed Beds Lower Hide 1
12-May DS (Very late record for this species.)

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe hispanica* Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα
Kritou Terra 1 9-May DC
Mandria 1 f 2-May CR

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cyprica*
Σκαλιφούρτα
112 reports received for this species for May. Largest counts and interesting reports:
Akoursos to Kathikas 8+ 7-May LAC
Androlikou 10 27-May DJW
Cape Andreas 5 incl one tailless juv 22-May CR
Gourri 6 2-May AG/SR
Ha Potami 4 with one juvenile 25-May FGe
Kambi 8 2-May AG/SR
Kouklia to Lania 13 11-May LAC
Salamiou 8 4-May NA

PALE SPARROW* *Carpospiza brachydactyla* Λοφόστρουθος
Cape Greco 9+ 7-May BS Rare Bird
Report required. Possible 14th Cyprus record. Last one in 2008.
Cape Greco 9 8-May FGe
Cape Greco 27 at least 12-May AG/SR

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι
Agia Varvara 1 7-May VT
Aradippou 1 3-May AG/SR
Karpasia 4 1 & 3-May PLH
Karpasia 30+ 2-May PLH

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* Κορσινογαλούδι
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 5-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 6-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Zakaki run off area 5-May AG/SR
Karpasia 6+ 2-May PLH
Spiros Pool 1 1-May JS
Timi Beach 2 2-May CR

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris* Ωχρογαλούδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 6-May VT

Cape Greco 1 14-May AG/SR
Karpasia 1 2-May PLH
Kiti Dam 1 4-May AG/SR
Lady's Mile 1 3-May TRé
Lady's Mile 2 8 & 9-May TRé
Mandria Beach 2 3-May LAC

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 15 5-May AG/SR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 10+ Zakaki run off area 5-May AG/SR
Karpasia 90+ 2-May PLH
Mandria 45 mostly flava & feldegg 2-May CR

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava flava*
Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Phasouri Reed-beds 1 3-May CR
Timi Beach 1 f 6-May CR
Grey-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava thunbergi* Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Timi Beach 1 5-May LAC

Sykes's Wagtail *Motacilla flava beema*
Στεποζευκαλάτης
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 9-May TRé

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava feldegg* Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1+ Zakaki run off area 14-May TRé
Cape Greco 1 male 15-May FGe
Evretou Dam 1 16-May DJW
Lady's Mile 1 3-May TRé
Lower Ezousas 1 fem type, breeding? 31-May CR
Paphos Headland 8 4-May NA
Spiros Pool 2 3 & 4-May AG/SR/FGe
Tekke area Larnaca Salt Lake 4 two males, two females 4-May FGe
Zakaki Marsh 1 2-May JS

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea* Σταχτοζευκαλάτης
Kelokedara Ford 1 feeding in river, not full adult with black throat 28-May CR
Tzelefos Bridge 2 probable breeding pair; male seen feeding along water edge caught a beetle and the flew off with beetle in beak; about an hour later a female feeding along same stretch of river 5-May MGR

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κιτροζευκαλάτης

Lower Ezousas 1 male at river mouth 10-May CR

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης

Acheleia Bridge 1 5-May CR

Asprokremmos Dam, Finikas 1 1-May CR

Karpasia 6 2-May PLH

Spiros Pool area 1 4-May AG/SR

Timi Beach 1 1-May LAC

Xeros Potamos Pools 1 15-May DJW

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττης

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 2 8-May DJW

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza*

melanocephala Τυρίλινγκος



Black-headed Bunting, Kathikas, 26th May.

Photograph by Andy Waller.

Largest counts:

Androlikou 10+ 2-May MPa

Kambi 10 males 2-May AG/SR

Kathikas 7 all singing males 26-May

ABW

Vretsia 8 20-May VT

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

Τσακροπιτίλλα

Karpasia 1 2 & 3-May PLH

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza*

caesia Σιταροπούλλι

Largest counts:

Kambi 10 2-May AG/SR

Kapedes 32 11-May FGe

Mandra tou Kampiou East 5 11-May FGe

Panagia, Agios Therapon 5 2-May JN

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

May 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 May, 20 recorders covered 43 wetlands across the island where 4490 birds, of 54 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 1844 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Common Coot with 586 individuals followed by the Black-Winged Stilt with 445 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Akrotiri Salt Lake with 1475 individuals. Akrotiri Salt Lake was also the most species abundant site with 22 different species being recorded there. Paralimni Lake was second in terms of both individuals recorded as well as species abundance with 758 individuals from 20 different species being recorded there.

Argaka Dam, Kannaviou Dam, Arokremmos-Geroskipou Canal, Agia Varvara reservoir, Kouklia soakaways, and Farmakas Pools had no waterbirds present when they were surveyed.

Site coverage for the May 2019 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	24-05-19	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	24-05-19	
Akrotiri Salt Lake	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	24-05-19	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	24-05-19	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	24-05-19	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	24-05-19	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	20-05-19	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	20-05-19	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	26-05-19	
Achna Dam	Nikolas Papanikolas	18-05-19	
Paralimni Lake	Filippos Georgiades	15-05-19	
Mia Milia Sewage Works	Melis Charalambides, Markos Charalambides, Andreas Charalambides, Anders Grey	23-05-19	
Ayios Loukas Lake South	Melis, Christakis, Markos, and Andreas Charalambides, Romina Constantinou, Elena Markitani, Anders Grey, Simon Roberts, Annie Papadopoulou	17-05-19	
Ayios Loukas Lake North	Melis, Christakis, Markos, and Andreas Charalambides, Romina Constantinou, Elena Markitani, Anders Grey, Simon Roberts, Annie Papadopoulou	17-05-19	
Evretou Dam	Dave and Jan Walker	16-05-19	100%
Asprokremmos Dam & Pools	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	
Acheleia Dam	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	100%
Athalassa Lake	Elena Markitani	25-05-19	
Kiti Dam	Jane Stylianou	20-05-19	
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam	Stavros Christodoulides	18-05-19	
Aradippou Slurry Pits	Stavros Christodoulides	18-05-19	
Kouklia Dam	Melis, Christakis, Markos, and Andreas Charalambides, Romina Constantinou, Elena Markitani, Anders Grey, Simon Roberts, Annie Papadopoulou	17-05-19	
Galatia Marsh	Melis, Christakis, Markos, and Andreas Charalambides, Romina Constantinou, Elena Markitani, Anders Grey, Simon Roberts, Annie Papadopoulou	17-05-19	
Kalo Chorio Orinis dam	Markos Charalambides	12-05-19	
Mavrokolymbos Dam	Dave and Jan Walker	16-05-19	98%
Argaka dam	Ray Atkinson	14-05-19	No Waterbirds
Kannaviou Dam	Dave and Jan Walker	16-05-19	No Waterbirds
Lower Ezousas Soakaways	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	
Aprokremmos –	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	No

Geroskipou Canal			Waterbirds
Ezousas Motorway	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	
Soakaways			

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Agia Varvara soakaways	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	
Agia Varvara reservoir	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	No Waterbirds
Kouklia soakaways	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	No Waterbirds
Lower Xeros Potamos Pools	Dave and Jan Walker	15-05-19	
Polemidia Dam	Alan Turtle	15-05-19	97%
Kourris Dam	Alan Turtle	15-05-19	93%
Germasogeia Dam	Alan Turtle	15-05-19	100%
Lymbia Dam	Martin Hellicar	26-05-19	
Palaichori Dam	Markos Charalambides	12-05-19	
Farmakas Pools	Markos Charalambides	12-05-19	
Klirou Dam	Markos Charalambides	12-05-19	
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	16-05-19	
Larnaka Airport Pools	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	30-05-19	

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WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2019	Little Grebe
	Great Crested Grebe
	Black-necked Grebe
	White Pelican
	Cormorant
	Little Bittern
	Night Heron
	Cattle Egret
	Squacco Heron
	Little Egret
	Grey Heron

Akrotiri Marsh	Little Grebe	Great Crested Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	White Pelican	Cormorant	Little Bittern	αNight Heron	ωCattle Egret	ωSquacco Heron	ωLittle Egret	ωGrey Heron
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake											
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool											
Zakaki Pond											
Larnaka Salt Lake											
Larnaka Sewage Works											
Oroklini Marsh	2										
Achna Dam		2								1	
Paralimni Lake	4					1			5	6	
Mia Milia Sewage Works	13							13	5		
Ayios Loukas Lake South							1	25		1	
Ayios Loukas Lake North									2	1	
Evretou Dam	1					2			1	1	7
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Acheleia Dam	2								1		1
Athalassa Lake	2				1			167			1
Kiti dam											
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam											
Aradippou slurry pits								8			
Kouklia Dam	10	3	6					6	2		9
Galatia Lake							5		1	12	10
Kalo Chorio Orinis Dam							2				
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Lower Ezousas soakaways									1		
Ezousas motorway soakaways											
Agia Varvara soakaways						1				2	

Lower Xeros Potamos Pools										1	1
Polemídia Dam							1				
Kourris Dam		2			1						
Germasogeia Dam									2	2	3
Lymbia Dam											
Palaichori Dam											
Klirou Dam											
Strakka Pools	1										
Larnaka Airport Pools											
TOTAL	38	7	6	1	2	4	17	226	23	33	34

WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2019	Purple Heron	Glossy Ibis	Spoonbill	Greater Flamingo	Mallard	Gadwall	Pintail	Garganey	Shoveler	Pochard	Ferruginous Duck
Akrotiri Marsh											
Akrotiri Meras											
Akrotiri Salt lake		12		###			1		15		

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Bishop's Pool

Zakaki Pond

Larnaka Salt Lake

Larnaka Sewage Works

Oroklini Marsh

Achna Dam

Paralimni Lake

Mia Milia Sewage Works

Avios Loukas Lake South

Avios Loukas Lake North

Evretou Dam

Asprokremnos Dam & pools

Acheleia Dam

Athalassa Lake

Kiti dam

Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam

Aradippou slurry pits

Kouklia Dam

Galatia Lake

Kalo Chorio Orinis Dam

Mayrokolymbos Dam

Lower Ezeusas soakaways

Ezousas motorway

soakaways

Agia Varvara soakaways

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Purple Heron

Glossy Ibis

Spoonbill

Greater Flamingo

Mallard

Gadwall

Pintail

Garganey

Shoveler

Pochard

Ferruginous Duck

Lower Xeros Potamos
Pools

Polemídia Dam

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WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2019	Eleonora's Falcon	Long-Legged Buzzard	Pergine Falcon	Osprey	Water Rail	Moorhen	Coot	Black-winged Stilt	Avocet	Stone-curlew	Spur-winged Lapwing
Akrotiri Marsh							1	1			1
Akrotiri Meras	1							2			1
Akrotiri Salt lake	3			1			1	64	1		2
Akrotiri Lady's Mile											
Bishop's Pool						2	5				
Zakaki Pond						1					
Larnaka Salt Lake							9	63			15
Larnaka Sewage Works								3			6
Oroklini Marsh							77	17			16
Achna Dam							3				
Paralimni Lake					1	30	160	162			26
Mia Milia Sewage Works					1	35	49	76			48
Ayios Loukas Lake South						2	2				
Ayios Loukas Lake North							10				
Evretou Dam						2					
Asprokremnos Dam & pools											
Acheleia Dam											
Athalassa Lake						7	32				
Kiti dam							13				
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam						4	14				
Aradippou slurry pits											1
Kouklia Dam							200	24		1	
Galatia Lake							3	13			
Kalo Chorio Orinis Dam											
Mavrokolymbos Dam											
Lower Ezousas soakaways											10
Ezousas motorway soakaways											1
Agia Varvara soakaways						1					1

WETLAND BIRD COUNT
MAY 2019

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WETLAND BIRD COUNT MAY 2019	Ruddy Turnstone	Black-headed Gull	Slender-billed Gull	Yellow-legged Gull	White-winged Black Tern	Common Tern	Little Tern	Yellow Wagtail	Reed Warbler	TOTAL	SPECIES COUNT
Akrotiri Marsh									4	10	6
Akrotiri Meras				1						9	5
Akrotiri Salt lake	1			5		3	2			1475	22
Akrotiri Lady's Mile		1		5			7			25	8
Bishop's Pool				1						46	6
Zakaki Pond									5	19	6
Larnaka Salt Lake			5	2			8		6	277	15
Larnaka Sewage Works							4			117	5
Oroklini Marsh									2	125	7
Achna Dam										7	4
Paralimni Lake					4					758	20
Mia Milia Sewage Works									3	329	14
Ayios Loukas Lake South										31	5
Ayios Loukas Lake North										14	4
Evretou Dam								1		23	11
Asprokremnos Dam & pools				140						140	1
Acheleia Dam										5	4
Athalassa Lake										219	7
Kiti dam										13	1
Aradippou (Partenitis) Dam									2	20	3
Aradippou slurry pits										9	2
Kouklia Dam										605	18
Galatia Lake				30						94	11
Kalo Chorio Orinis Dam										2	1
Mavrokolymbos Dam				2						2	1
Lower Ezousas soakaways										15	4
Ezousas motorway soakaways										1	1
Agia Varvara soakaways				3						8	5

WETLAND BIRD COUNT
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