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Cover photo: *After a wet winter conditions were right for Little Terns Sternula albifrons to breed successfully on the island this summer. Fledged young were seen at Larnaca and Oroklini and the individual in the photo was seen incubating at Akrotiri during June and photographed by Tony Reeves on 18th June.*

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.

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.

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• August 2019

Saturday 31st August: Akrotiri Salt Lake

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893.

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/H1nZijmFyVt>

• 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 # 74



June/July's mystery bird is what birders refer to as a little brown job (LBJ); a small, brown, often hard to identify passerine, with no particularly striking characteristics.

Our LBJ has a relatively thin bill, a slim body, medium long legs and a medium length tail. The drab brown, buff and white plumage, triangular head, peaked crown and short undertail coverts point towards it being a member of the family Acrocephalidae or acrocephalid warblers. Most acrocephalid warblers are rather plain olivaceous brown above and beige white below. In Cyprus, three genera, Acrocephalus, Hippolais and Iduna, are represented. We can immediately rule out a number of species from the first two genera; Moustached and Sedge Warblers both show extensive streaking while Icterine Warbler is yellowish-green above. We are left with Olive-tree, Eastern Olivaceous, Paddyfield, Blyth's Reed, Basra Reed, Common Reed, Marsh and Great Reed Warblers. Olive-tree Warbler, the remaining member of the genus Hippolais is generally greyer above, shows a short supercilium barely extending behind the eye and a contrasting white wing panel. Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, the only member of the genus Iduna, has a very long thin bill and a short supercilium and can also be excluded. We are left with the six Acrocephalus sp., all quite similar but differ in size, structure as well as other subtle differences. Basra Reed Warbler, Blyth's Reed and Paddyfield Warblers are very rare vagrants. A combination of our mystery bird's diffuse broad supercilium extending behind the eye, chunky bill, long primary projection and yellowish-brown tinged flanks exclude all three unlikely species. In fact these characteristics can also rule out the two commoner species, Marsh and Common Reed Warblers which both show a smaller, slighter bill and a narrower, cleaner supercilium. Our mystery bird is a **Great Reed Warbler**, a rather common spring and autumn passage migrant. In the field, size alone is often enough to identify it, as this is a much larger species than all its congeners and other similar species but identifying photographed birds requires some care, noting overall structure, colouration and the shape/size of the bird's supercilium.

A - Z of Bird Watching – Antagonistic Behaviour - Apodiformes

By June Neil

Antagonistic behaviour

Some bird species become noticeably antagonistic towards their own species on their breeding territories and feeding grounds. Common Coots, Καραπαττάς, *Fulica atra* display strong aggression towards other Coots and also intruders, sometimes even attacking ducks, geese and Common Moorhen. Loud metallic sounding calls, much splashing and chasing are common.

Common Curlew, Νερομπλεκάτσα, *Numenius arquata* pair before arrival on their breeding grounds and may occasionally be seen fighting.



Antagonistic behaviour may also be noted in feeding birds, with dominance usually shown by whichever individual makes the most use, for feeding purposes, of the encounter zone. Below are two photographs taken by Tony Reeves of Curlew Sandpipers, Δρεπανονεραλλίδι, *Calidris ferruginea* fighting in a feeding area Akrotiri Salt Lake on 4 July 2018. Neither bird was killed but the fight lasted for quite a while.

References:

Hayman, P. & Burton, P. (1986) The Birdlife of Britain and Europe

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Anting

Passerines are seen to squat on the ground and allow ants to move freely through their plumage and over the skin. Some species adopt a preening posture and pick up ants which they rub across the plumage or are placed in specific areas. Although the reason for this is not known it is believed it may help maintain healthy feathers and skin by removing stale preening oil from the feathers. Birds can also use millipedes and even worms. More than 200 species of bird are known to ant.

References:

Brooke, M. & Birkhead (eds.) (1991) The Cambridge Encyclopedia Ornithology, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anting_\(bird_activity\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anting_(bird_activity))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bDvopzSQms>

Aphrodite's Bath, Paphos District

GPS 35.056063, 32.345565

On the edge of the Akamas this historical site is often full of tourists. In the early morning or towards dusk, when it is quieter, during spring migrant birds may be found in the area including the nearby caravan camp site.

Spring sightings during March 2009 in the Caravan Park include:

Collared Flycatcher, Κρικουμουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula albicollis*

European Pied Flycatcher, Μαυρομουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Eastern Bonelli's Warbler, Βουνογιαννούδι, *Phylloscopus orientalis* were noted on 28 and 29 March with five and seven respectively

At Aphrodite's Bath's Pool: Six Wood Warbler, Δασογιαννούδι, *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* were noted 18 April and 50+ Common Chiffchaff, Μουγιαννούδι, *Phylloscopus collybita* were recorded on 29 March 2009

In 2011 an unusual sighting of one Yellowhammer, Χρυσοπιτίλλα, *Emberiza citronella* was on 8 March

In 2017 ten Eurasian Pied Flycatcher Κρικουμουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula albicollis* were seen at the Baths on 10 April, one of the largest counts of the season in Cyprus. Twelve Collared Flycatcher, Κρικουμουγιοχάφτης, *Ficedula albicollis* were present the next day.

One Wallcreeper, Τοιχοδόρμος, *Tichodroma muraria* was observed here on 26 and 28 March 2017, being the first report for this area since singles were noted there in April 2003 and March 2005.

Ten (Collared) Sand Martin, Οχθοχελίδονο, *Riparia riparia* was the first double-figure count for spring 2017.

One Ehrenberg's Redstart, Ασιατικός Κοτσινονούρης, *Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisticus* was present 5 April 2017.

References:

Richardson, C. (ed.) (2010) Cyprus Bird Report 2009, BirdLife Cyprus

Stylianou, J. (ed.) (2019) Cyprus Bird Report 2017, BirdLife Cyprus

Aphrodite's Hills, Paphos District

Nearby Kouklia GPS 34.692, 32.608

Although not a well-watched area some good species have been observed here. Sightings may include:

Eurasian Woodcock, Πικάτσα, *Scolopax rusticola* – one was noted on the golf course 2 November 2009

Ehrenberg's Redstart, Ασιατικός Κοτσινονούρης, *Phoenicurus phoenicurus samamisticus* – one was present at the golf course 26 March 2009

Rose-coloured Starling, Ακριδοπούλλι, *Pastor roseus* – one was recorded on 24 May 2011

At the nearby beach a Bluethroat, Γαλαζολαίμης, *Cyanecula svecica* – either wintering or on passage, was seen 1 April 2009

References:

Richardson, C. (ed.) (2010) Cyprus Bird Report 2009, BirdLife Cyprus

Richardson, C. (ed.) (2012) Cyprus Bird Report 2011, BirdLife Cyprus

Stylianou, J. (ed.) (2019) Cyprus Bird Report 2017, BirdLife Cyprus

Apodiformes

Swifts are in this order of birds. The species seen in Cyprus are –

Common Swift, Ασπροπετροχελίδονο, *Apus apus* – a passage migrant and breeding summer visitor

Alpine Swift, Ασπροπετροχελίδονο, *Tachymarpis melba* - a passage migrant and breeding summer visitor

Pallid Swift, Στακτοπετροχελίδονο, *Apus pallidus* - a passage migrant and breeding summer visitor

Little Swift, Μικροπετροχελίδονο, *Apus affinis* – unlike the others in Cyprus this species is an accidental vagrant, mostly recorded during April, June and July

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR JUNE & JULY 2019

Jane Stylianou

3479 bird records received

146 species and forms recorded June & July 2019, compared to 147 in June & July 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 June & July 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, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Common Kestrel, Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow (**105** records), Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow (**220** records), Cetti's Warbler, Sardinian Warbler Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, European Serin, Corn Bunting.

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 4-Jun AG

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 13, 24 & 30-Jun, 3 & 5-Jul JS/Cr

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Evretou Dam 1 male 3-Jun AG

Kouklia Dam 4 2m and 2f 8-Jun JS/MC

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια

Agios Loukas Marsh 6 21-Jun MC/AnC

Akrotiri Marsh 2 4-Jun ABW

Bishop's Pool 4 6 & 19-Jun ABW/CR

Bishop's Pool 8 28-Jun CR

Bishop's Pool 10 4-Jul ABW

Karaolos Pond 2 with ducklings 22-Jun MC/AnC

Kouklia Dam c34+ plus three broods of small ducklings 8-Jun JS/MC

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2m and 1f 11-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 12-Jun & 19-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 3 1 female & 2 ducklings 22-Jun MH

Paralimni Lake 7 7 ads and 16 young (two broods) 13-Jun AG

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής

Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 20 & 30-Jul CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 2 30-Jul CR

Polis Bay 47 2 groups 16-Jul CR

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*

Σαζάνα

Kouklia Dam 2 males - one in eclipse 8-Jun JS/MC

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2m,f 2-Jun CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1m and 1f 5-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 11, 13 & 25-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 males - one in eclipse 15-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 3+ 2m and 1f with five small ducklings 18-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Female with four ducklings 26-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Duckling. No ads seen 5-Jul JS

Spiros Pool 2 1m and 1f 3-Jun JS

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Kouklia Dam 1 male 8-Jun JS/MC

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope*

Αρμαπάσσης

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male. Surprise find 5-Jul JS

COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Kouklia Dam 3 8-Jun JS/MC

Oroklini Marsh 3 eclipse 30-Jul CR

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus* Σκουφοβούττης



Great Crested Grebe family, Akhna Dam, 10th June. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Akhna Dam 3+ Three ads with five small young 10 & 11-Jun JS/FGE

Akhna Dam 11 two adults with 5 chicks, 1 adult alone, & 2 adults with at least 1 chick 16-Jun FGe

Akhna Dam 7 1 adult with 4 chicks & 1 adult with 1 chick 22-Jun FGe

Akhna Dam 6 1 ad feeding three large chicks and another feeding one large chick 5-Jul JS

Akhna Dam 6 3 ads and 3 large juvs 25-Jul JS

Kouklia Dam 6+ Six ads; two pairs and another pair with two chicks 8-Jun JS/MC first breeding record since 1982

Kouklia Dam 5 15-Jun DK

Kouklia Dam 2+ Pair with five chicks 11-Jul AnG Photos posted on BC FB group

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

Kouris Dam 2 pair - nest with eggs seen 14-Jun ADT

Kouris Dam 1 pair - area seen on 14 Jun now submerged but new nest with four eggs seen elsewhere. Adult on nest. 29-Jun ADT

BLACK-NECKED GREBE *Podiceps nigricollis* Μαυροβούττης



Black-necked Grebe, Kouklia Dam, 8th June. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Kouklia Dam 8 8-Jun JS/MC (chicks found 28th June by Kuskor)

Paralimni Lake 1 13-Jun AG

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1670 mostly ads. 19-Jun CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1180 200+ immatures, group of 100s of adults displaying and grouped solidly on north west side 28-Jun CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 700 est. 2-Jul CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1440 incl. c700 tightly grouped on west side, displaying 20-Jul CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1650 3 colonies active, nest building, at least two sitting; about 1000 adults total, noisy and displaying. c100 young birds not taking part 30-Jul CR

Kouklia Dam c200 Appeared to be sitting on nesting mounds although distant 8-Jun JS/MC

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 2 & 15-Jun CR/JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 33 1 & 5-Jun JN/JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 55 2-Jun CR

Larnaca Airport Pools South 52 3-Jun JS

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 18-Jun JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 30 2-Jun CR

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur* Τρυγόνι

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 5 13-Jul CR

Bishop's Pool 4 28-Jun CR

Lower Ezousas 4 8-Jul CR

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis* Φοινικοτρυγόνο

Largest counts:

Aradippou 3 16-Jun FGe

Mandria 3 in village 28-Jul CR

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι

Anavargos Hills 1 calling, 9.30pm 9-Jun CR

Armou - Mesa Horio 1 calling, 8.30pm 9-Jun CR

Koili 1 heard only 15-Jul ABW

Lysos 3 Two heard and one seen 2-Jun RAT

Lythrodontas 1 22-Jun FGe
 Machairas Forest 10 4-Jun MH
 Mandra tou Kampiou 1 14-Jun FGe
 Maroni 1 heard 8-Jun AnS
 Maroni 3 two males displaying with female
 over villa pool 9-Jun AnS
 Minthis Hills 8 on lampposts 8-Jul CR
 Minthis Hills 14 13 on lampposts, one
 flying across road en route 31-Jul CR
 Panagia Stazousa 1 Heard churring for a
 few minutes 4-Jun JS
 Pattichio Park, Larnaca 1+ Heard 17-Jun
 Ilo

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*

Ασπροπετροχειλίδονο
 Agia Varvara 1 4-Jun CR
 Anarita Park 1 4-Jun CR
 Eptakomi Cliffs 160 going in and out of
 caves 22-Jun MC/AnC
 Kensington Cliffs 6 12-Jun AnS
 Kensington Cliffs 10+ 18-Jun AG
 Marathounta 4 distant 22-Jul CR
 Phasouri Reed-beds 2 28-Jun CR

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχειλίδονο
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1+ 24-Jun JS
 Mount Olymbos 4 5-Jun AG
 Paphos 3 in off sea and headed N 2-Jun
 AG
 Paphos Town 14 all wheeling around,
 some entering nest holes in remnants of
 demolished police strn, at Kennedy Square.
 1 fledged juv. left nest. Gone by 10am 29-
 Jul CR
 Troodos Forest c20 At least in with
 Common Swift 21-Jun JS

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά

Agia Varvara 1 h 4-Jun CR
 Kivisili 2 two juvs being fed by a Magpie
 6-Jun JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1, 18, 25 & 26-
 Jun and 21-Jul JN/JS/GuR
 Marathounta Hills 2 juvs 22-Jun CR
 Marathounta 2 juvs 12-Jul CR
 Marathounta 1 juv 15-Jul CR
 Mavrokolymbos 1 29-Jun DJW
 Pervolia fields 1 Adult in flight 4-Jun JS
 Souni 1 in flight in opposite direct to where
 seen earlier on the CBMS - possibly the
 same bird but no host parents close by 20-
 Jun JN

Souni 1 juvenile (first heard calling) then
 seen in flight (one Magpie may have been a
 host parents as seen in flight nearby) 20-
 Jun JN

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος
 Mount Olymbos 2 5-Jun AG
 Phinokli, north of Stavros tis Psokas 0 no
 sign of any nor breeding evidence despite 7
 birds incl a mating pair seen on early visit
 9-Jun AG
 Stavrokonnou 1 ad 29-Jul RoB
 Troodos 1 8-Jun AG

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα



Western Water Rail, Zakaki Marsh, 15th July.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 heard. Zakaki run off
 area 4-Jun AG
 Oroklini Marsh 1 ad bathing 30-Jul CR
 Zakaki Marsh 1 15 & 20-Jul TRe/CR

SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER *Calonectris diomedea* Πελαγόμευχος

Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 flying west 6-Jul
 CR
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 west 16-Jul CR
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 7 west, 14.00h,
 about 3km offshore 22-Jul CR
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 6 very hazy, quite
 close feeding offshore 26-Jul CR

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus yelkouan* Μύχος της Μεσογείου

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 west, close to
 water, 9:45, about 1km away 22-Jul CR

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* Κουταλάς

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 12-Jun & 2-Jul
 TRe/CR

Kouklia Dam 7 19 & 21-Jul ASav/AnG
(Photos posted on BC FB group)

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Akhna Dam 3 22-Jun FGe

Kouklia Dam c60+ 8-Jun JS/MC

Kouklia Dam 9 15-Jun DK

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

Oroklini Marsh 1 25-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 52 originally 2 feeding, rest arrived about 18.00h 30-Jul CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 24-Jul CR

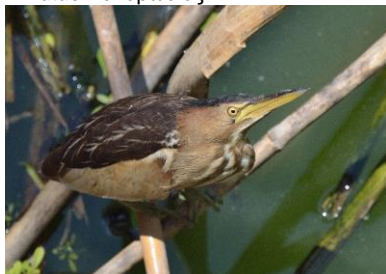
Paralimni Lake 1 13-Jun AG

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flying west 6-Jul CR

Polis Bay Chrysochou 6 13.30h, high circling over sea 16-Jul CR

Zakaki Marsh 1 28-Jun CR

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus* Ναυορωδιός



Common Little Bittern, Bishop's Pool, 12th June. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Athalassa Park 2 Pair seen flying several times into same stand of reeds 20-Jun JS

Bishop's Pool 1 fem 12-Jun ABW

Kouklia Dam 1 heard 8-Jun JS/MC

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας

Max count per location:

Acheleia Bridge 1 subad 8-Jul CR

Akhna Dam 3 11-Jun FGe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 18 Zakaki run off area 4-Jun AG

Evretou Dam 2 subads 21-Jun CR

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

Lower Ezousas 2 heard after dark 11-Jul CR

Lower Xeros Potamos 2 nest prospecting, 1 ad, 1 subad 6-Jun CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 2 heard after dark, east of works on access road 11-Jul CR

Phasouri Reed-beds 4 1ad, 3 subads 28-Jun CR

Zakaki Marsh 31 flying in and out of reeds carrying twigs, incl several subads, and 3 juvs 28-Jun CR

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides* Βορτακοφάς



Squacco Heron, Oroklini Marsh, 10th June. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Acheleia Dam 1 11-Jun CR

Agios Loukas Marsh 2 21-Jun MC/AnC

Akhna Dam 2 10-Jun JS

Akhna Dam 4 11-Jun FGe

Asprokremmos Dam 1 east end of dam wall 6-Jun CR

Athalassa Park 1 breeding plumage 20-Jun JS

Evretou Dam 1 21-Jun CR

Farmakas 4 resting in an irrigation pond 28-Jul FGe

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

Lady's Mile 3 in off sea; 1 14:35 and 2 15:45 6-Jun AG

Oroklini Marsh 1 10 & 14-Jun JS/AnS

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea* Πορφυροπαροφάς



Purple Heron, Akrotiri Marsh, 1st July. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Akhna Dam 1 10 & 11-Jun JS/FGe

Akrotiri Marsh 1 1-Jul ABW

Kouklia Dam 1 8-Jun JS/MC

Paphos 2 in off sea in last minutes of daylight and headed north over town 3-Jun AG

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

Χανούμισσα

Kouklia Dam 3 8-Jun JS/MC

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus*

onocrotalus Ροδοπελεκάνος

Kouklia Dam 2 8 & 19-Jul AnG/ASav

GREAT CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax*

carbo Κορμοράνος

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 19-Jul JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 27-Jul JS

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE *Burhinus*

oedinenus Τρουλλουρία

Largest counts:

Anthoupolis Sewage Works Fields 5 28-Jul FGe

Dromolaxia 5 Heard. Night survey 15-Jun JS

Mandria 22 in ploughed field 28-Jul CR

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus*

himantopus Καλαμοκαννάς

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 150 along edges and all round east side of lake 20-Jul CR

Kouklia Dam 150+ 8-Jun JS/MC

Paralimni Lake 73+ 73 ads, 31 young (3 newly hatched, 30 at fledging stage) 13-Jun AG

Larnaca Salt Lake 40+ 40 ads and 8 juvs 15-Jun JS

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμίδι

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Over W to E.

Black underwing patches seen 30-Jul JS

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis*

apricaria Χρυσοπλουμίδι

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Moulting ads flew over area. White underwings seen well 23-Jul JS

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

hiaticula Αμμοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 10 Zakaki run off area 4-Jun AG

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 6 & 18-Jun AG/TRE

Meneou Pool 2 31-Jul JS

Paphos 1 flew east along coast 2-Jun AG

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius*

dubius Λιμνοπλουμίδι



Little Ringed Plover, Evretou Dam, 20th July. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 6-Jun AG

Evretou Dam 2 20-Jul DJW

Kouklia Dam Present 19-Jul ASav

Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 Flew off towards sea 24-Jun JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 7 26-Jul JS

Meneou Pool 6 3 juvs 31-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 2 25 & 30-Jul JS/CR

Paphos Headland 1 23-Jul CR

Paralimni Lake 1 agitated adult 14-Jun AG

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 in flight 90% sure 16-Jul CR

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius*

leschenaultii Βραχτοπλουμίδι



Greater Sandplover, Paphos Headland, 21st July. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Paphos Headland 1 moulting ad. 26-Jun CR

Paphos Headland 2 1 & 26-Jul CR/PR

Paphos Headland 3 21, 23 & 29-Jul
DJW/CR

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής
Akhna Dam 2 10-Jun JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 4-
Jun AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 in breeding plumage
1-Jul TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 30-Jul CR
Evretou Dam 1 summer plumaged male
3-Jun AG
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta Present 19-Jul
ASav
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Jul JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 30-Jul CR
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 24-Jul CR

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Calidris
falcinellus* Παβδονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
12-Jun TRe

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*
Δρεπανονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
12-Jun TRe

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*
Νανονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 12-Jun TRe
Meneou Pool 1 23-Jul JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 30-Jul CR
Spiros Beach 3 3-Jun JS

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*
Δασονεραλλίδι
Akhna Dam 1 11-Jun FGe
Agia Varvara 1 h 16-Jun CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24-Jun TRe
Androlikou 2 On pool near goat farm 22 &
29-Jun JS
Evretou Dam 1 Heard 30-Jun JS
Evretou Dam 2 16-Jul CR
Kouklia Dam, Famagusta Present 19-Jul
ASav
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 23-Jul JS
Lythrodontas dam 1 22-Jun FGe
Minthis Hills 1 in irrigation lined tank 12-
Jun CR
Paphos Headland 1 26-Jul PSt
Secret Valley Golf Course 1 on course
lake 28-Jul CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 28-Jun CR

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*
Μαυρονεραλλίδι
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 6-Jul JS

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa
nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι



*Common Greenshank, Akrotiri Gravel Pits,
24th June. Photograph by Tony Reeves.*

Akhna Dam 3 Flew over calling 5-Jul JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 24-Jun TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 6-
Jun AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 Zakaki run off area 12
& 19-Jun AG/CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area
16-Jun & 1-Jul AG/TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off area 18-
Jun TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 2-Jul TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 11 feeding together 30-
Jul CR
Spiros Pool 1 feeding 1-Jun JN

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*
Κοκκινονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
24-Jun & 1-Jul TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 28-Jun & 20-Jul CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 25-Jul JS
Oroklini Marsh 3 at least, possibly 4 30-
Jul CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 over sea, close
26-Jul CR

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι



Wood Sandpiper, Evretou Dam, 20th July.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 10-Jun & 1-Jul
AG/TRe
Asprokremmos Dam 5 14-Jul DJW
Diarizos River Valley, Kouklia 1 damaged
leg 14-Jul CR
Evretou Dam 1 16-Jul CR
Evretou Dam 2 31-Jul DJW
Meneou Pool 2 30 & 31-Jul CR/JS
Nata, Paphos 1 14-Jul DJW
Oroklini Marsh 1 14-Jun & 25 & 30-Jul
AnS/AG/JS/CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 22 in flight over sea
90% sure 16-Jul CR

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
18-Jun TRe

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola*

pratincola Νεροχελίδονο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 10-Jun & 30-Jul
AG/CR
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 Flying over,
rapid flight heading W 3-Jun JS
Spiros Pool 1 18-Jun JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτιόραμφος Γλάρος

Largest counts per month:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20+ Zakaki run off area
24-Jun TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 32 ads, plus 1 juv 30-Jul
CR

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Χωραφόγλαρος

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 1-Jul TRe
Lady's Mile 1 6-Jun AG

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 Still in breeding
plumage 3-Jul JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 ads. West 16-Jul
CR

CASPIAN GULL *Larus cachinnans* Γλάρος

Κασπίας

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 24-
Jun TRe
Spiros Beach 1 Immature bird 3-Jun JS

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι



Little Tern, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 24th June.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location and interesting
reports:

Akhna Dam 1 Fishing 10-Jun JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 on nest 18-Jun TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 24-Jun TRe
Larnaca Airport Pools South 18 All in air
together over probable breeding location 5-
Jun JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2+ Two very
small chicks seen late afternoon 5-Jun JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 12 plus two
chicks 12-Jun JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 14 Incl a pair
mating 15-Jun JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South c12 One
seen flying in with small fish in bill 18-Jun
JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 7 5 ads and 2
juvs 19-Jul JS
Larnaca Airport Pools South 18 22 & 26-
Jul JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 10+ Two fishing and 8
on an island with poss 6 incubating 15-Jun
JS
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 2 ads and 2 juvs in
flight together 19-Jul JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 11+ Incl at least
five juvs calling, flying and diving 6-Jul
JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 3 ads and 3
juvs 26-Jul JS

Oroklini Marsh 9 Incl at least four juvs 25-Jul JS
 Spiros Beach 1 Fishing offshore 24-Jun & 5-Jul JS
 Spiros Pool 4 25-Jun & 6-Jul JS

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN
Gelochelidon nilotica Γελογλάρωνο



Common Gull-billed Tern, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 2nd July. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 14 & 16-Jun, 2, 8 & 20-Jul ABW/AG/TRe/CR
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 1-Jul TRe
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 distant, adult 30-Jul CR
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 3 & 6-Jul JS

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrid*
 Λιμνογλάρωνο
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv 20-Jul CR

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρωνο
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2-Jul TRe/CR
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 ad over water 14-Jul CR
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 1 ad and 1 juv 15-Jun JS
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 12-Jun JS
 Spiros Pool 1 1 & 3-Jun JN/JS

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus sandvicensis* Χειμυνογλάρωνο
 Larnaca Bay 2 fishing close inshore 17-Jun AG

COMMON BARN OWL *Tyto alba*
 Αθρωποπούλλι
 Erimi 1 12-Jul ABW
 Kinousa 1 Sat on wires 2-Jun RAT
 Lower Xeros Potamos 1 under motorway bridge 23-Jun CR
 Politiko 1 juvenile standing in nest entrance 24-Jul FGe

EURASIAN SCOPS OWL *Otus scops*
 Θούπι



Scops Owl, Koili, 15th July. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Armou - Mesa Horio 5 9-Jun CR
 Koili 4 1 seen 3 heard 15-Jul ABW
 Machairas Forest 13 4-Jun MH

NORTHERN LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus* Αρκόθουπος
 Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 Catching bat in mid-air! 28-Jul MH

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis apivorus* Μελισσοσιάχνο
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 moulting ads, heading slowly south 9.30h 28-Jun CR
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 2-Jul TRe
 Prodromos 1 Male flying from tree to tree before being eventually lost in valley, presumably hunting 5-Jun AG
 Prodromos 1 presumably same individual as 2 days ago, exact same area 7-Jun AG

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας
 Kensington Cliffs 1 16-Jun AG
 Kensington Cliffs 2 28-Jun CR

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciatus*
 Σπιτζαετός – Περτικοσιάχνο
 Miliou-Akourdaleia 1 juv 21-Jun CR
 Pittokopos 2 adult pair 11-Jun DJW
 Secret Valley Golf Course 1 juv, over ravine, near dam 28-Jul CR

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχνο
 Kouklia Dam, Famagusta 1 8-Jun JS/MC

EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* Ξεφτέρι
 Prodromos 1 one seen taking a young swallow 25-Jun PST

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσίχινo

Mandra tou Kampiou East 2 female in nest with very large chick 1-Jun FGe
Mandra tou Kampiou East 2 Very large chick in nest. Female flying in area of nest. 6-Jun FGe

Mandra tou Kampiou East 3 The young bird in nest looking ready to fly off, the two parents were vigilant in the vicinity of the nest 8-Jun FGe

Mandra tou Kampiou East 1 14-Jun FGe
Platres 2 flying over forest 18-Jul CR

Prodromos 1 young bird trying to predate Cyprus Wheatear 26-Jun PSt

Prodromos 1 male in flight 30-Jul PSt
Troodos 1 near Atalante Trail 22-Jul PSt

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

Στεπογερακίνα

Marathounta 1 small buzzard species flew over south, chased by crows 22-Jun CR

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο



Long-legged Buzzard, Stroumbi, 11th June.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agios Sozomenos 3 Two ads encouraging last chick to leave nest. Flew after about an hour 7-Jun JS

Marathounta 3 pair, with juv, village valley 7-Jun CR

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπούξιος

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 7 family of 6 13-Jul CR

Mandra tou Kampiou East 6 four together of which at least 2 probably juvenile 1-Jun FGe

Minthis Hills 7 on golf course 12-Jun CR

Troodos 9 5 + 2 + 2 8-Jun AG

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 ad 24-Jul CR

Agios Sozomenos 2 At possible nesting site 7-Jun JS

Asprokremmos Dam 1 ad, in wood, feeding on cicadas 23-Jun CR

Dipotamos Dam 1 14-Jun AG

Kamares (Tala) 1 17-Jun DJW

Kanli Dam 20 29-Jun DK

Kouklia Dam, Famagusta Present 19-Jul ASav

Mia Milia area c20 sunbathing 21-Jul AnG

Paphos 10 in off sea 15:45 and flew north inland 2-Jun AG

Paphos Airport 2 13-Jul RoB

Pera Orinis, Nicosia Present 28-Jul MH

Strakka, Nicosia 3 2-Jul MH

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα



European Roller, Anarita Park, 29th July.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 8 5 adults 3 juveniles 29-Jul DJW

Androlίκου 9 11 & 22-Jun DJW/JS

Karpasia, Rizokarpasos to Ap. Andreas Road 7 7-Jul DK

Marathounta 6 3 prs, all ads 12-Jul CR

COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη

Evretou Dam 1 31-Jul DJW

Paphos Harbour 1 28-Jul RoB

Paphos Headland 1 on rocks, NW of headland towards tourist beach 29-Jul CR

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι

Prodromos 1 heard singing and then seen 26-Jul PSt

Troodos 1 Identified by song. No other bird in area makes similar song 14-Jun PSt
Xilodrikas, north of Stavros tis Psokas 1
Heard calling and singing for 10 mins 9-Jun AG

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonorae*

Μαυρομμάτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 2 over eucalyptus, 3 over lake 20-Jul CR

Bishop's Pool 6 18-Jul ABW

Kensington Cliffs c20 12-Jun AnS

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Δεντροφάλκονο



Eurasian Hobby, Akrotiri Salt Lake, 24th June. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 24-Jun TRe

Davlos 2 chasing a Common Kestrel 22-Jun MC/AnC

Kamares (Tala) 3 24-Jul DJW

Phasouri Reed-beds 1 hunting between cypress trees 19-Jun CR

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάβος

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 6-Jun AG

Troodos 1 male hunting to north of Atalante Trail 22-Jul PSt

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus*

oriolus Κλωρκός

Fasouri Forest Nursery 3 both sides of track and up to 200m along track, seemed like 3 birds 19-Jun CR

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

Σταχτοκεφαλάς



Lesser Grey Shrike, Pervolia, 4th June. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Pervolia fields 1 4-Jun JS

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοκκινοκεφαλάς

Neo Horio to Androlikou track 2 pair behaving as if young or nest nearby 29-Jun JS

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκαννούρα



Masked Shrike juv, Livadi tou Pashia, 2nd July. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Largest counts:

Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 8 1 ad and 3 juvs, 1 ad and 1 ad and 2 juvs 2-Jul JS
Mandra tou Kampiou East 11 including 1 family 14-Jun FGe

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα



Eurasian Jay, Troodos, 11th June. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Kannoures trail 10 several juveniles. One bird was mimicking a raptor, probably the goshawk call 29-Jun FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 10 18-Jul JS

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Bellapais 4 6-Jun GN

Kantara Castle 5 family group 22-Jun MC/AnC

COAL TIT *Periparus ater* Κυπριotes

Πέμπτεσος



Coal Tit, Troodos, 4th June. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Kannoures trail c35 29-Jun FGe
Lagoudera c20 29-Jun FGe
Machairas Forest c45 8-Jun FGe
Mandra tou Kampiou East c30 including 2 family parties 6-Jun FGe

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

calandra Μαυροπράσιηλος

Pervolia fields c6 singing and flying 4 & 5-Jun JS

Pervolia fields 8+ 6 & 12-Jun JS

Pervolia fields 7+ 11-Jun JS

Pervolia fields 5+ 13-Jun JS

Pervolia fields 3 in flight calling 14-Jun MGr

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Livadi tou Pashia 1 singing 11-Jun AnS

Mount Olymbos 1 5-Jun AG

Troodos 2 8-Jun AG

OLIVACEOUS WARBLER *Iduna pallida*

Τρυβητούρα



Eastern Olivaceous Warbler, Troodos, 28th June. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Almyrolivado 7+ 5 heard only and two others seen 2-Jul JS

Fasouri Forest Nursery 10 calling 28-Jun CR

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area, Nicosia 8 three probable juveniles 10-Jun FGe

EURASIAN REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus

Καλαμομουγιανούδι



Eurasian Reed Warbler, Zakaki Marsh, 2nd June. Photograph by John East.

Largest counts and interesting record:

Akrotiri Marsh 9 inc. 2 fledglings taking food 4-Jun ABW

Phasouri Reed-beds 30 song 28-Jun CR

Zakaki Marsh 12 many in song 28-Jun
CR

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιανούδι
Oroklini Marsh 1 heard only. Loud Krrack calls and brief burst of song beyond car park at hide just off motorway 12-Jun AnS

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο
Largest counts:
Kampi 12 28-Jul FGe
Pano Amiantos 12 including pair tending nest 29-Jun FGe

EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδονο
Amiantos 2 flying with House Martins along bare cliffs, 2km above Leventis Gardens 18-Jul CR
Leventis Botanical Gardens 1 flying around entrance 14-Jun CR
Pera Pedi Dam 3+ High over area 2-Jul JS

(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* Οχθοχελίδονο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 19-Jun CR

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax* Τρυπομάζης
Max count per location:
Dyo Moutes trail 3 23-Jun MH
Kensington Cliffs 6 two families 12-Jun AnS
Kionia Present 23-Jun MH
Machairas Forest 3 8-Jun FGe
Panagia Stazousa 5 4 heard only and 1 f seen well 18-Jun JS
Pera Orinis 3 17-Jun MH
Souni 3 heard - 1 singing male and 2 calling 8-Jun JN
Tseri 1 22-Jun MH

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης
Almyrolivado 1 2 & 18-Jul JS/CR
Livadi tou Pashia 2 h 14-Jun CR
Livadi tou Pashia 1+ 18-Jul JS/CR
Psilo Dendron Trout Farm 1 18-Jul CR
Troodos Village 1 14-Jun CR

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο



Northern Wren, Avakas Gorge, 14th June.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts and interesting records:
Almyrolivado 3+ Family group 2-Jul JS
Avakas Gorge, Paphos 1 carrying food to occupied nest 14-Jun DJW
Ezousas Valley, Pitargou Forest 2 1 singing, and flying around me anxious 17-Jun CR
Kannoures trail 4 29-Jun FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 3+ 2-Jul JS

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)



Eurasian Blackbird, Troodos, 28th June.
Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:
Dyo Moutes trail 9 23-Jun MH
Kannoures trail 4 29-Jun FGe
Livadi tou Pashia 4 singing 11-Jun AnS
Machairas Forest 4 8-Jun FGe

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata* Μουγιοφάς



Spotted Flycatcher, Troodos, 30th July.
Photograph by John East.

Largest counts:

Kannoures trail 4 29-Jun FGe

Livadi tou Pashia 4+ Family group 18-Jul JS

Mandra tou Kampiou East 6 6-Jun FGe

COMMON NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia*

megarhynchos Αηδώνι

Milomeris Waterfall trail 2 singing 15-Jun AnS

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσουφος

Amiantos Botanical Garden 1 Heard 21-Jun JS

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

isabellina Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Troodos 1 25-Jul RPa (very early record of returning migrant).

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cypriaca*

Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Tala, 7th June. Photograph by Dave Walker.

110 reports received for this species for June & July. Largest counts and interesting reports:

Agios Nikolaos – Omodos 9 3 ads. 18-Jul CR

Arodes 9 Only juvs seen. From at least three broods 22-Jun JS

Kapedes 8 1-Jun FGe

Mousere – Archimandrita 11 10 ads 18-Jul CR

Omodos 8 incl family of four 15-Jun AnS

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla*

flava Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area

12, 18 & 19-Jun TR/CR

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

feldegg Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area 6-Jun AG

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area

10-Jun & 1-Jul AG/TR/CR

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 Heard in area where have bred previously 15-Jun JS

Spiros Pool 1 Heard only 3-Jun JS

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Kafizides 2 one female type and one heard only 6-Jul FGe

Kakopetria 1 in river 14-Jun CR

Kampi 2 seen briefly flying along river;

impossible to age or sex 28-Jul FGe

Kannoures trail 2 flying over; not possible to age or sex 29-Jun FGe

Lagoudera 2 Male constantly alarm

calling; 2nd bird heard only 29-Jun FGe

Leventis Botanical Gardens 1 at entrance bridge 18-Jul CR

Pera Pedi Dam 2 2-Jul JS

Psilo Dendron Trout Farm 2 ad, recently-fledged juv 18-Jul CR

Troodos Old Road 1 2km upstream from Caledonian Falls 18-Jul CR

Tzelefos Bridge 3+ Pair seen collecting insects and feeding to at least one unseen juvenile which were heard calling. 21-Jun JS

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης

Acheleia Bridge 1 ad 16-Jun CR

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττης



Red Crossbill, Troodos, 12th June. Photograph by John East.

Almirolivado Picnic area 1 heard 18-Jul
CR

Livadi tou Pashia 1 14 & 21-Jun CR/JS

Livadi tou Pashia 2 in flight 18-Jul CR

Troodos 2 feeding on cone seeds high in
tree 18-Jul CR

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza*

melanocephala Τίρλινγκος



*Black-headed Bunting, Smygies, 29th June.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Arodes 1 singing male 22-Jun JS

Galataria - Xeros Potamos Valley 1
singing male 13-Jun CR

Kathikas 3 11-Jun DJW

Kionia Present 23-Jun MH

Koiliniea – Vretsia 2 males in song 13-Jun
CR

Lagoudera 3 29-Jun FGe

Machairas Forest Present 4-Jun MH

Mandra tou Kampiou 2 male looking after
fledgling 8-Jun FGe

Mandra tou Kampiou 2 singing males 14-
Jun FGe

Neo Horio/Agios Minas 1 Female coming
down to stream 22-Jun JS

Neo Horio/Agios Minas 2 1m and 1f
coming to stream to bathe and drink 29-
Jun JS

Omodos to Agios Nikolaos road 4+
singing 15-Jun AnS

Pittokopos 1 11-Jun DJW

Pittokopos to Androlikou road 3 2 fems
with food in bill and one singing male 22-
Jun JS

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza*

caesia Σταυροπούλλι

Largest counts:

Kapedes 10 1-Jun FGe

Machairas Forest 24 8-Jun FGe

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

June 2019

Markos Charalambides

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For June, 9 recorders covered 14 wetlands across the island where 1865 birds, of 28 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 619 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Black-Winged Stilt with 220 individuals followed by the Common Coot with 340 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Akrotiri Salt Lake with 743 individuals. Paralimni Lake is second in number of individuals with 264 followed closely by Larnaca Salt Lake with 214 individuals.

The wetland with the most number of species was Paralimni Lake with 11 followed by Akrotiri Salt Lake and Larnaca Salt Lake with 10 individuals.

Site coverage for the June 2019 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	27-06-19	
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	27-06-19	
Akrotiri Salt lake	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	27-06-19	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	27-06-19	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	27-06-19	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	27-06-19	
Larnaca Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15-06-19	
Larnaca Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15-06-19	
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	22-06-19	
Paralimni Lake	Anders Grey	13-06-19	
Ayios Loukas Lake North	Melis Charalambides, Andreas Charalambides, Eva Kovago	21-06-19	
Galatia Marsh	Melis Charalambides, Andreas Charalambides, Eva Kovago	21-06-19	
Klapsides Pool	Melis Charalambides, Andreas Charalambides, Eva Kovago	22-06-19	
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	19-06-19	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JUNE 2019	Akrotiri Marsh	Akrotiri Meras	Akrotiri Salt lake	Akrotiri Lady's Mille	Bishop's Pool	Zakaki Pond	LCA Salt Lake	LCA Sewage Works	Oroklini Marsh	Paralimni Lake	Ay. Loukas Lake N	Galatia Marsh	Klapsesides Pool	Strakka Pools	TOTAL
Little Grebe					10			1	3	5	8				27
Black-necked Grebe										1					1
Night Heron				6		24									30
Cattle Egret	1								1						2
Squacco Heron											2				2
Little Egret			6							9	10				25
Glossy Ibis										1					1
Greater Flamingo			618				1								619
Teal					1										1
Mallard					7			113	6	2					128
Shoveler								2							2
Ferruginous Duck					8				3	23	6		7		47
Eleonora's Falcon			4	1	3										8
Moorhen					3	1			6	9			12	2	33
Coot					8		2	11	76	96	80		65	2	340
Black-winged Stilt			75				117		16	104		22	25		359
Spur-winged Lapwing	4						33	13	17	13					80
Kentish Plover			7	34			7								48
Little Ringed Plover										1					1
Redshank			1												1
Marsh Sandpiper					1										1
Slender-billed Gull			6												6
Yellow-legged Gull		1	5				16	16							38
White-winged Black Tern							2								2
Common Tern			15												15
Little Tern			6				29	3							38
Yellow Wagtail							1								1
Reed Warbler						3	6								9
TOTAL	5	1	743	41	41	28	214	159	128	264	106	22	109	4	1865
SPECIES COUNT	2	1	10	3	8	3	10	7	8	11	5	1	4	2	28

MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

JULY 2019

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For July, 4 recorders covered 9 wetlands across the island where 2202 birds, of 21 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 1706 individuals. The second most abundant species being the Mallard with 112 individuals followed by the Black-Winged Stilt with just over 101 individuals.

The wetland holding the most birds was the Akrotiri Salt Lake with 1819 individuals. On the other hand Larnaka Sewage Works was first in species abundance with 12 recorded species.

Akrotiri Meras had no waterbirds present.

Site coverage for the July 2019 Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date	Water level
Akrotiri Marsh	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	26-07-19	NO WATER BIRDS
Akrotiri Meras	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	26-07-19	
Akrotiri Salt lake	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	26-07-19	
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	26-07-19	
Bishop's Pool	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	26-07-19	
Zakaki Pond	Christina Ieronymidou, Nikos Kassinis	26-07-19	
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou,	19-07-19	
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	19-07-19	
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	15-07-19	

WETLAND BIRD COUNT JULY 2019	Akrotiri Marsh	Akrotiri Salt lake	Akrotiri Lady's Mile	Bishop's Pool	Zakaki Pond	Larnaka Salt Lake	Larnaka Sewage Works	Strakka Pools	TOTAL
Little Grebe				18			3		21
Cormorant							2		2
Night Heron			1		23				24
Cattle Egret	12								12
Little Egret		1							1
Grey Heron							1		1
Glossy Ibis	10								10
Greater Flamingo		1706							1706
Mallard				4			108		112
Ferruginous Duck				4			1		5
Moorhen	2			3	2	1		3	11
Coot				6			13	1	20
Black-winged Stilt		70				30	1		101
Spur-winged Lapwing	6					4	10		20
Kentish Plover			53			2	2		57
Common Sandpiper							2		2
Slender-billed Gull		16							16
Yellow-legged Gull		26				34	2		62
Little Tern						11	2		13
Reed Warbler	1				2	1			4
UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES	2								2
TOTAL	33	1819	54	35	27	83	147	4	2202
SPECIES COUNT	6	5	2	5	3	7	12	2	21



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