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Cover photo: This African Desert Warbler *Sylvia deserti* was a surprise find at Akrotiri for Thomas Hadjikyriacou on 19th April when he was out doing survey work. A would-be first for Cyprus and unexpected this far east. Photograph (c) Thomas Hadjikyriacou.

COMPILATION OF MONTHLY CHECKLIST

The Monthly Checklist and Society News is compiled by Dave 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

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 2021 Schedule

*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.

PLEASE NOTE DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID 19 OUTBREAK ALL FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE OPEN TO BIRDLIFE CYPRUS MEMBERS ONLY AND PRE BOOKING WITH THE APPROPRIATE LEADER IS ESSENTIAL.

THOSE MEMBERS ATTENDING MUST HAVE THEIR OWN OPTICAL EQUIPEMENT (there will be no sharing of binoculars or spotting scopes).

Please check the BirdLife Cyprus Website for any late changes or cancellations due to Government Covid restrictions applying at the time.

<https://birdlifecyprus.org/events-listing>

August 2021

Saturday 28th August: Akrotiri Salt Lake

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Anders Gray. Mobile: 96434577

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/H1nZjimFyVt>

September 2021

Saturday 11th September: Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam & Anarita Park

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker. Mobile: 99915907

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>

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 24th 25th 26th September: 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..**

October 2021

Sunday 3rd October: EuroBirdwatch Weekend

Athalassa Park, Nicosia 09:30 - 12:00 Leader: Martin Hellicar, Mobile: 99907893

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol. 09:00 - 12:00, Leader: Anders Gray. Mobile: 96434577

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Paphos Plain, Paphos. 09:00 - 12:00 Leader: Dave and Jan Walker. Mobile: 99915907

Saturday 9th 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 16th October: Paphos Lighthouse

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Dave and Jan Walker. Mobile: 99915907

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>

Saturday 30st October: Akrotiri Peninsula

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Anders Gray. Mobile: 96434577

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>

November 2021

Saturday 13th November: Agios Sozomenos and Athalassa Park

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

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/YL1R2U1nSH25>

Saturday 20th November: Troodos

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

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>

December 2021

Saturday 4th December: Kidasi

PLEASE PRE BOOK WITH LEADER

Leader: Dave and Jan 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>

Saturday 11th 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 # 93



Long legs and bill as well as overall shape identify last month's mystery bird as a species of wader. Spring, especially late spring, is peak passage period for waders and a good variety of species can be observed in suitable habitat. Identification can be tricky, especially for beginners, but looking at a variety of features together should reveal a bird's identity.

Size is often the most important feature as this will immediately exclude a number of species. Unfortunately, in our case, this is not easy to judge as there are no nearby size comparisons. General colouration is also important but our mystery bird's brown upperparts and white underparts are not particularly useful as these are the colours of many wader species. Bare part colouration can also be important and the flesh-coloured legs exclude the two species of Redshank. Finally, shape and jizz can help identify waders and the long, thin bill excludes all Plover species (much shorter, stubbier bill) and both stints (shorter bill). The legs look rather short in comparison to the body length so more elegant wader species such as Marsh Sandpiper and Greenshank can be excluded. Careful observation of overall shape reveals a distinct feature of this species, a rather long tail. This, together with barred plumage, white shoulder tab (just visible) and flesh-coloured legs identify our mystery bird as a **Common Sandpiper**, a common passage migrant in both the spring and autumn passage periods.

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR APRIL 2021

Jane Stylianou

6065 bird records received

222 species and forms recorded April 2021, compared to 196 in April 2020.

[Please note, the list has been edited for the purposes of this newsletter and contains records that have not been corrected or corroborated.]

To the best of the Recorder's knowledge this list has been compiled from sightings submitted by observers obtained from: their gardens, local areas during permitted exercise, approved survey work (with a relevant permit), such as Waterbird Counts, or while carrying out their own employment, during the period of Covid-19 movement restrictions in Cyprus. During the period of Covid movement restrictions in April, reports of rarer species were not circulated at the time of discovery with regard to everyone's safety in view of the above mentioned movement restrictions.

The following species were also recorded in April 2021: Chukar, Black Francolin (105 reports), Northern Shoveler, Mallard, Common Teal, Little Grebe, Common Woodpigeon, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Swift, Common Moorhen, Common Coot, Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Great Cormorant, European Shag, Kentish Plover, Spur-winged Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Western Marsh Harrier, Common Kingfisher, Common Kestrel (142 reports), Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit (103 reports), Crested Lark (104 reports), Zitting Cisticola, Northern House Martin, Barn Swallow (203 reports), Cetti's Warbler Eurasian Blackcap, Sardinian Warbler (135 reports), Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow (110 reports) Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch (119 reports), Common Linnet, European Goldfinch (110 reports), Corn Bunting.

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* Ορτύκι

Agia Varvara 1 calling 4-Apr CR
Androlikou, Paphos 1 Heard 6-Apr DJW
Cape Greco 2 heard only 1-Apr SC
Cape Greco 1 13 & 27-Apr AG/JS
Kallepia, Paphos 5 Heard calling in different locations 5-Apr DJW
Mandria 1 flushed from field 6-Apr CR
Pervolia fields 1 Seen running into crops 17-Apr JS

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουρτος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 22-Apr GS
Lady's Mile 3 9-Apr TRE
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 5 2 & 4-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 1 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18 & 21-Apr JS/FGe/MC/AnC/ABW

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια
Evretou Dam 1 present for several weeks 13-Apr CR

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Male 15-Apr JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 1m and 1f 17-Apr JS

Oroklini Marsh 5 4m and 1f 9-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 18 & 23-Apr MH/JS
Oroklini Marsh 5 6 small ducklings 24-Apr AG
Paralimni Lake 5 three males 28-Apr AG/AC

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια
Agios Sozomenos 1 Gialias river flood 3-Apr MC/CC
Oroklini Marsh 1 7 & 18-Apr ABW/MH
Paralimni lake 2 6-Apr JS
Paralimni lake 1 9-Apr JS
Paralimni Lake 6 28-Apr AG/AC

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής
Largest counts:
Akrotiri fish farm 47 4-Apr AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 41 16-Apr AG
Paralimni lake 38 6-Apr JS

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* Κανναούρα

Oroklini Marsh 5 14-Mar MH

EURASIAN WIGEON *Mareca penelope*
Αρματιάσσης
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2m and 1f 25-
Apr JS
Oroklini lake 2 24-Apr AG

NORTHERN PINTAIL *Anas acuta*
Σουβλονούρα
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 40+ Zakaki run off area
20-Apr TRe
Cape Drepanum 32 flying low over sea,
NW, m,f 25-Apr CR
Cape Greco 49 Flock heading east with 8
Garganey 23-Apr JS
Paralimni lake 78 single flock dropped in
28-Apr AG/AC

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps
cristatus* Σκουφοβούττης
Achna Dam 2 pair 23-Apr MC/MaC
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 in middle 21-Apr CR

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus
roseus* Φλαμίνγκο
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1500 21-Apr CR
Larnaca Airport Pools south 250+ 3-Apr
MC/CC
Meneou Pool c200 20-Apr SC
Paralimni lake 332 28-Apr AG/AC

ROCK DOVE *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο
Baths of Aphrodite - Blue Lagoon 2
13-Apr CR
Cape Drepanum 3 at least, on island 25-
Apr CR
Cape Greco 1 15-Apr PBr
Pyla Range, Larnaca 3 11-Apr MH

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*
Φασσοπέζουνο
Cape Greco 1 23-Apr PBr Needs
confirmation

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia
turtur* Τρυγόνι
Largest counts:
Agia Varvara 23 in one tree, migrants 24-
Apr CR
Akrotiri 43+ In trees along road between
akrotiri village and lady's mile 18-Apr AG
Kivisili Fields c30 20-Apr SC

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Φοινικотρύγανο
Largest counts:
Cape Greco Pines opposite Environmental
Centre c4 15-Apr SC
Meneou Beach 4 5, 6, 11 & 30-Apr JS
Pervolia beach 6 30-Apr JS
Pervolia fields 6 5-Apr JS
Petounta Point 6 5, 22 & 26-Apr FGe/JS

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus
europaeus* Νυκτοπούλλι
Polystipos 1 30-Apr TK

ALPINE SWIFT *Tachymarptis melba*
Ασπροπετροχειλίδο
Largest counts:
Baths of Aphrodite - Blue Lagoon 12
appeared to be swooping around high cliff
face 13-Apr CR
Cape Aspro 20 27-Apr TK
Kensington Cliffs 10 24-Apr
MC/CC/MaC/MH

LITTLE SWIFT *Apus affinis*
Μικροπετροχειλίδο
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 11-
Apr DS

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*
Στακτοπετροχειλίδο
Baths of Aphrodite 4 at least 29 & 30-Apr
CR
Lady's Mile 2 17-Apr AG
Zakaki Marsh 2 21-Apr CR

GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO *Clamator
glandarius* Καλοχρονιά



*Great Spotted Cuckoo, Kathikas, 21st April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.*

Ones and twos recorded from suitable
habitat all month. Reports of three or more:
Agia Varvara 4 flying around calling 3-Apr
CR

Armou Hills 6 several territories 8-Apr CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 4-Apr AG
Kathikas 4 24-Apr DJW
Pittokopos 4 24-Apr DJW

COMMON CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Κούκος
Armou Hills 1 13 & 16-Apr CR
Baths of Aphrodite 1 flying along
escarpment, probably this sp 30-Apr CR
Karpasia 1 13-Apr KPr
Marathounta lower 1 15-Apr CR
Pittokopos 1 24-Apr DJW
Troodos 1 calling 17 & 29-Apr AKir/GS

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Μαυροπουλάδα
Kiti Dam 1 7-Apr MC/AnC

SPOTTED CRAKE *Porzana porzana*

ΣΤΙΚΤΟΠΟΥΛΑΔΑ



Spotted Crake, Zakaki Marsh, 18th April.
Photograph by Anna and Brian Lewis.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 16-Apr AL

Geroskipou 1 found dead 17-Apr GS
Lady's Mile 4 2 seen at front and 2 at back
of water at same time behind Lady's Mile
hide. At one point 2 (1 from front and 1 from
back of pool) met in middle, squared off and
one chased off the other 18-Apr AL
Lady's Mile 1 20-Apr AL
Paralimni Lake 1 28-Apr AG/AC
Petounta Point 1 Seen in afternoon
coming out of reeds next to large puddle on
track 10-Apr JS

LITTLE CRAKE *Zapornia parva*

Μικροπουλάδα
Agia Varvara 1 5, 9, 11 & 24-Apr
DJW/GS/CR
Agia Varvara 2 18, 19 & 22-Apr GS/CR
Kouklia Dam 1 6-Apr KPr

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* Γερανός

Souni heard groups heard calling
migrating over our home from SW to E
2021-23 22-Apr JN

SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER *Calonectris*

diomedea Πελαγόμυχος
Cape Drepanum 14 mainly singles
proceeding NW, 600m from shore 16.00-
18.05h 26-Apr CR

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus*

yelkouan Μύχος της Μεσογείου
Cape Drepanum 1 25 & 26-Apr CR

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea*

leucorodia Κουταλάς



Eurasian Spoonbill, Akrotiri Marsh, 1st April.
Photograph by Anna and Brian Lewis.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1 &
19-Apr AL/JS

Kouklia Dam 1+ 6-Apr KPr
Oroklini Marsh 2 23 & 24-Apr JS/AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off 17-Apr
AG

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*

Χαλκόκοτα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 151 16-Apr AG
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) c490
c90 feeding on ground; two flocks over
c200 in air over area heading N 15:50; c180
heading N 16:35 19-Apr JS
Cape Drepanum 302 8 groups high and
low level all heading NW, from 7.45h -
11.05h 25-Apr CR

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus*

minutus Ναυρωδιός
Agia Varvara 1 24-Apr CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15-Apr AG
Asprokremmos Dam 1 17-Apr DJW

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron, Pervolia, 14th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Largest counts:

Baths of Aphrodite 15 ads, flying along coast 30-Apr CR
Pervolia fields 26 Flock in flight over area 14-Apr JS
Petounta Point 37 Flock flew along coast heading E 3-Apr JS

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*

Βορτακοφάς



Squacco Heron, Asprokremmos Dam, 17th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Achna Dam 2 23-Apr MC/MaC
Agia Varvara 1 22-Apr CR
Akrotiri Fish Farm coast 6 in off 30-Apr AG
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 16 11-Apr DS
Asprokremmos Dam 1 17, 20 & 24-Apr DJW/CR/MH
Cape Greco 4 13-Apr AG
Lady's Mile 3 23-Apr AL
Manglis Lake 1 28-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 1 22-Apr JS
Paralimni lake 1 6-Apr JS
Paralimni rubbish tip 4 23-Apr MC/MaC
Petounta Point 1 24 & 30-Apr JS
Timi Beach 1 7-Apr CR

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*

Πορφυροπαροφάς



Purple Heron, Paphos Headland, 12th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Akamas 34 Flying over sea heading NW 4-Apr GS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) c30 19-Apr GS
Cape Drepanum 28 NW, 16.25h, with flock of Glossy Ibis 25-Apr CR
Cape Greco 67 13-Apr AG
Kensington Cliffs 33 08:45 - 09:00 from Akrotiri towards Episkopi crossing towards mainland at Kourion area 29-Apr NK
Mandria 22 heading east, inland 6-Apr CR

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*

Χανούμισσα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1, 2, 3, 12 & 18-Apr AL/TRe
Asprokremmos Dam 1 2-Apr CR
Asprokremmos Dam 2 17-Apr DJW
Cape Greco 1 Heading N offshore 2-Apr JS
Kensington Cliffs 6 On rocks at 07:00. Probably roosted overnight 29-Apr NK
Oroklini Marsh 2 7-Apr ABW
Petounta Point 3 Left marsh area and headed out to sea and then E along coast 9:00 am 24-Apr JS
Softades beach area 1 Offshore heading E 10:45 17-Apr JS

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE *Burhinus**oedicnemus* Τρουλλουριά

Eurasian Thick-knee, Paphos Sewage Works, 25th April. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 23-Apr JS
 Agia Varvara 1 5-Apr DJW
 Dekeleia 2 4-Apr MH
 Dekeleia 1 11-Apr MH
 Geri 3 3-Apr FGe
 Kiti to Petounta Road 3 One in flight and
 two other in field - probably pair 30-Apr JS
 Kivisili Fields c8 20-Apr SC
 Kivisili Fields 2 24 & 30-Apr SC/JS
 Mandria 29 2-Apr CR
 Mandria 1 7 & 11-Apr CR
 Paphos Headland 1 12-Apr DJW
 Paphos sewage works 1 25-Apr ABW

EURASIAN OYSTERCATCHER*Haematopus ostralegus* Στρειδοφάγος

Eurasian Oystercatcher, Spiros Beach, 11th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Lady's Mile 1 17-Apr AG
 Spiros Beach 1 Flew in off sea about
 11:30 and then along beach, settling every
 few yards. Then flew onto Spiros Pool and
 fed for about ten minutes before returning
 to beach and then flying E as disturbed by
 people were walking on beach 11-Apr JS

PIED AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta*

Αβοκέτα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 30-Apr AG

Meneou Pool 8 5 & 19-Apr JS/FGe

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus**himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 70+ 3-Apr AL
 Meneou Pool 60 4-Apr JS
 Paralimni Lake 141+ 28-Apr AG/AC

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 7-Apr AL
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 1-
 Apr AL
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area
 20-Apr TRE
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 21-Apr CR
 Lady's Mile 2 3-Apr AL
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22-Apr JS
 Meneou Pool 1 4, 14 & 15-Apr JS
 Meneou Pool 2 12, 15 & 17-Apr JS

EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis**apricaria* Χρυσοπλουμίδι

Akrotiri Marsh 2 1-Apr AG

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius**hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20+ Zakaki run off area
 30-Apr AG
 Lady's Mile 2 17 & 30-Apr AG/AL
 Larnaca Airport Old Terminal pools 1 15-
 Apr JS
 Larnaca Airport Pools North 9 15-Apr JS
 Meneou Pool 13 15-Apr JS
 Paralimni lake c10 9-Apr JS
 Petounta point 1 24-Apr AG

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius**dubius* Λιμνοπλουμίδι

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 7-Apr AL
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 13
 12-Apr AL
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 Zakaki run off area
 30-Apr AG
 Asprokremmos Dam 2 17-Apr DJW
 Lady's Mile 5 16, 24 & 30-Apr AL
 Paralimni Lake 4 28-Apr AG/AC
 Timi Beach 1 off sea 7-Apr CR

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμίδι



Greater Sandplover, Lady's Mile, 16th April.
Photograph by Anna and Brian Lewis.

Akrotiri Shipwreck Coast 1 17-Apr SC
Lady's Mile 2 16-Apr AL/TRE
Mandria 1 scythicus, nearly in breeding plum 20-Apr CR

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*
Φαιομπεκάτσα



Whimbrel, Lady's Mile, 9th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 On scrubland at back of marsh towards Ariel farm 30-Apr AL
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 20-Apr TRE
Lady's Mile 1 9-Apr TRE
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Briefly on rocks then flew west 30-Apr JS

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*
Νερομπεκάτσα
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 20-Apr TRE
Spiros Pool 1 Heard 11-Apr JS

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*
Λιμόζα
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1, 2, 23, 24 & 25-Apr AL
Meneou pool 8 13-Apr ABW

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής
Largest counts:
Kouklia Dam 1500 14-Apr KPr
Larnaca Airport Old Terminal pools 250+ 15-Apr JS
Paralimni Lake 300+ 28-Apr AG/AC

BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER *Calidris falcinellus* Ραβδονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 19-Apr AG
Lady's Mile 1 19-Apr JS

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*
Δρεπτανονεραλλίδι



Curlew Sandpiper, Lady's Mile, 9th April.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

First reports and max count per location:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off area 30-Apr AG
Lady's Mile 1 9-Apr TRE
Lady's Mile 17+ 17-Apr AG
Meneou Pool 1 16-Apr JS
Paralimni Lake 6 28-Apr AG/AC

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*
Σταχτονεραλλίδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area 20-Apr TRE
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2+ maybe three 22-Apr GS
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-Apr JS

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*
Λευκονεραλλίδι
Lady's Mile 3 3-Apr AL

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 Zakaki run off 19-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 6 21-Apr CR
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 14 11 & 15-Apr JS

Paralimni lake 5 6-Apr JS

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 170 21-Apr CR

Lady's Mile 170 21-Apr CR

Meneou Pool 46 15-Apr JS

GREAT SNIPE *Gallinago media*

Διπλοτικόνισσο

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 12,
16 & 17-Apr AL

Androlίκου - Neo Chorio 1 flushed from
stream border, near goat farm 13-Apr CR

COMMON SNIPE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόνι

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 7 3-Apr CR

Petounta Point 13 5-Apr JS

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE *Phalaropus*

lobatus Ερυθρόλαιμος Φαλαρόποδας

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 non-breeding

plumage, traveling with stints 21-Apr CR

Lady's Mile 1 16 & 17-Apr TRe/SC

Lady's Mile 2 non-breeding plum. (same
birds as on salt lake?) 21-Apr CR

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 4 3-Apr CR

Agios Sozomenos 20+ 2-Apr AG

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 7-

Apr AL

Potamia Riverbed 6 3-Apr FGe

Vathia Gonia treated water old pool,

Nicosia 6 3-Apr FGe

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 1,
2, 11, 12, 16, 21, 22 & 24-Apr

AL/TRe/DS/CR/AG

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 3,
14, 15 & 18-Apr AL/AG

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 19,
23, 25, 26, 27, 29 & 30-Apr GS/AL

Lady's Mile 1 15-Apr AL

Meneou Pool 1 5-Apr FGe

Paralimni Lake 1 28-Apr AG/AC

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa*

nebularia Πρασινονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 5 17-Apr AG

Meneou Pools c5 10-Apr SC

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Κοκκινονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 5 21-Apr CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 4-Apr JS

Meneou Pool 1 12-Apr JS

Nata Xeros Crossing 1 17-Apr DJW

Paralimni lake 1 6-Apr JS

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*

Λάσπονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) c30
19-Apr GS

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40+ near antennas 22-
Apr GS

Manglis Lake 28+ 28-Apr JS

Paralimni lake 200+ 200 at the very least

28-Apr AG/AC

Petounta Point 23 22 & 24-Apr JS

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*

Βαλτονεραλλίδι

Max count per location:

Agios Sozomenos 1 2-Apr AG

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 7-Apr AL

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 3-
Apr AL

Lady's Mile 3 14-Apr TRe

Larnaca Airport Old Terminal pools 1 15-
Apr JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-Apr JS

Meneou Pool 30 Incls a group of 22
feeding together 17-Apr JS

CREAM-COLOURED COURSER

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Cream-coloured Courser, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 9th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5, 9 & 12-Apr
TRe/AG/AL
Larnaca Airport Pools south 1 2, 3 & 4-Apr
AG/MC/CC/MH

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola*

pratincola Νεροχελίδονο
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 44 In
off sea and over area heading E 19-Apr
JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 8
Several buzzed a Marsh Harrier who got a
bit too close 29-Apr AL
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 6 30-
Apr AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off 19-Apr
JS/AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off area
20-Apr TRe
Kouklia Dam 1 14-Apr KPr
Larnaca Desalination Plant fields 4 23-Apr
JS
Paralimni lake 1 28-Apr AG

LITTLE GULL *Hydrocoloeus minutus*

Νανόγλαρος
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 First spring 22,
24 & 25-Apr GS/JS
Meneou Pool 1 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22 & 24-
Apr FGe/JS
Meneou Pool 2 12\7 17-Apr JS

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*

Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Marsh 1 1-Apr AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 38 21-Apr CR
Meneou Beach 16 Flying W 18:10 18-Apr
JS
Meneou Pool 55 3-Apr JS

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Χωραφόγλαρος
Lady's Mile 1 9-Apr TRe
Meneou Pool 17 4-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 10 5-Apr FGe

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus*

melanocephalus Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος
Meneou Pool 2 Breeding plumage on far
edge with slender-billed gulls 4-Apr JS

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*

Νησόγλαρος
Audouin's Gull Cape Greco 2 2 & 6-Apr
JS/SC

Audouin's Gull Cape Greco 1 11, 12, 13,
15 & 27-Apr JS/SC/AG
Audouin's Gull Larnaca airport pools south
1 2-Apr AG
Audouin's Gull Meneou Pool 2 3-Apr JS

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Asprokremmos Dam 2 ads 20-Apr CR
Cape Drepanum 15 NW 25-Apr CR
Cape Drepanum 7 NW 26-Apr CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Ad 15 & 22-Apr
JS
Mandria 9 ads. West 2-Apr CR
Meneou Beach 2 Flying W 18:20 18-Apr
JS
Paralimni Lake 1 Ad floating on water on
Sotira side of lake 9-Apr JS
Timi Beach 2 ad, sub ad 7-Apr CR
Timi Beach 3 2nd winter types 9-Apr CR

Heuglin's Gull *Larus fuscus heuglini*

Μελανόγλαρος Σιβηρίας
Lady's Mile 1 9-Apr TRe
Larnaca airport 1 2-Apr AG
Timi Beach 5 migrating low over water,
west, medium dark-backed, possible only
9-Apr CR

Unidentified large gull flocks:

Asprokremmos Dam 50 20-Apr CR

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι

First reports and max count per location:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 64 Zakaki run off 19-Apr
AG
Lady's Mile 2 ads 21-Apr CR
Larnaca Airport Coast 1 Fishing offshore
11-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 11-Apr JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 5 22 & 24-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 4 22-Apr JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 18 & 24-Apr MH/AG
Paralimni Lake 3+ 28-Apr AG/AC
Spiros Beach 2 Flying W 18:15 10-Apr
JS

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN

Gelochelidon nilotica Γελοχλάρονο

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 64 Zakaki run off area
17-Apr AG
Larnaca Sewage Works 18 Flock flew
over heading E 11-Apr JS
Meneou Pool 1 10-Apr JS
Paralimni lake 3 28-Apr AG/AC

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia*

Γιγαντογλάρνο

Kouklia Dam 1 7-Apr KPr

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida*

Λιμνογλάρνο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 Zakaki run off area

20-Apr TRe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 possibly more, feeding with Common Terns into wind on east side 21-Apr CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 25-Apr JS

Oroklini Marsh 1 Breeding plumage 23-Apr JS

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias**leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρνο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 104 Zakaki run off area

19-Apr AG

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 Zakaki run off area

20-Apr TRe

Timi Beach 3 probable, far out 20-Apr

CR

COMMON TERN *Sterna hirundo*

Θαλασσογλάρνο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 15 5 on east side, 10 hovering and dipping on west side 21-Apr

CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 Zakaki run off area 30-Apr AG

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 22 & 25-Apr GS/JS

SANDWICH TERN *Thalasseus**sandvicensis* Χειμωνογλάρνο

Lady's Mile 2 16-Apr AL

Mandria 1 2, 7 & 20-Apr CR

CYPRUS SCOPS OWL *Otus cypria* ΘουπίCyprus Scops Owl, Episkopi (Paphos), 17th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akamas Peninsula 1 25-Apr MH

Dyo Moutes trail 1 29-Apr MH

Episkopi, Paphos 1 17-Apr DJW

Kalo Horio Orinis 3 heard calling most nights 7-Apr MC

Kamares (Tala) 1 4, 23 & 30-Apr DJW

Marathounta 3 calling, heard from 3 directions in garden 22.30h 15-Apr CR

Pittokopos 1 Calling 24-Apr DJW

Polystipos 1 30-Apr TK

Prastio Avdimou 1 Heard 1 & 20-Apr AL

Souni 1 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 & 30-Apr JN

Souni 2 14 & 19-Apr JN

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Βαλιόθουπος

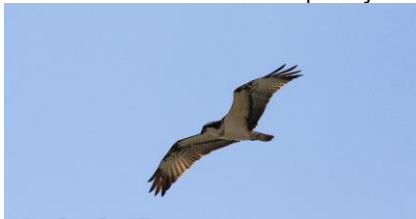
Akrotiri fish farm 1 in off 4-Apr AG

Cape Greco 1 In off sea and headed E at Sea Caves area 16-Apr JS

Mandria 1 flying close to shore, westwards, on coastal track to Timi 7-Apr CR

Petounta Point 1 5-Apr FGe

Timi Beach 1 off sea, 12.20h and roosted deep in bushes 7-Apr CR

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* ΨαραετόςOsprey, Petounta Point, 26th April. Photograph by Jan Stylianou.

Kouklia Dam 1 7-Apr KPr

Petounta Point 1 Flying E along coast 8:50 26-Apr JS

Souni 1 migrating over from S to NNE 0640, quite low 8-Apr JN

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis**apivorus* Μελισσοσίχινο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 21-Apr CR

Baths of Aphrodite 1 dark phase 28-Apr CR

SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE *Circaetus**gallicus* Φιδαιτός

Kouklia Dam 2 at least one photographed and is not Vougies bird but not sure re second 14-Apr KPr

Vougies 1 same bird as in March 8 & 10-Apr FGe/SC

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύψας
Pentalia, Paphos 1 17-Apr DJW

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciata*

Σπιζαιετός - Περιοσιάχινο

Akamas 2 Adult Pair 21-Apr DJW
Anarita Park 1 Immature 9-Apr DJW
Anarita Park 2 24-Apr MC/CC/MaC/MH
Androlίκου 1 Being Mobbed by 2 Raven
6-Apr DJW
Androlίκου 2 21 & 24-Apr DJW
Baths of Aphrodite 1 ad 30-Apr CR
Cape Greco 1 Sub adult flew from E over
Cava view point then flew back E chased
by Peregrine Falcon! 2-Apr JS
Kivisili 1 Immature 30-Apr JS
Lysos 2 20-Apr RoB
Pittokopos 2 Adult Pair 29-Apr DJW
Prastio Kellakiou, Kyparissia Trail 1 25-
Apr ADT
Smygies - Fontana track (part) 1 ad. over
ridge above picnic site 29-Apr CR

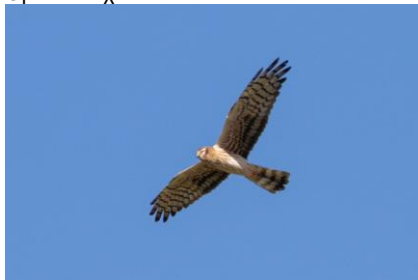
BOOTED EAGLE *Hieraetus pennata*

Γερακαετός

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 Pale morph 19-Apr
AL
Akrotiri Marsh 1 16, 18 & 19-Apr AG/JS

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Ορνιθοσιάχινο



Hen Harrier, Kathikas, 24th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Kathikas, Paphos 1 24-Apr DJW

PALLID HARRIER *Circus macrourus*

Ασπροσιάχινο

Agios Sozomenos 1 3-Apr MC/CC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Ring tail 19-Apr JS
Akrotiri Marsh 1 18 & 19-Apr AG/AL
Cape Greco 3 6 & 7-Apr JS
Cape Greco 1 9, 15 & 16-Apr JS/SC
Drouseia – Androlίκου 1 female 19-Apr
GS

Kivisili 3 All females 22-Apr JS
Mandria 1 17 & 20-Apr CR
Petounta Point 1 Female flying E along
coast 22-Apr JS
Prastio Kellakiou, Kyparissia Trail 1 male
25-Apr ADT

MONTAGU'S HARRIER *Circus pygargus*

Καμποσιάχινο



Montagu's Harrier, Anarita Park, 20th April. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 Female 18 & 19-Apr
AG/AL
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 20-Apr TRe
Alaminos 2 A female over fields near
coast and a male over fields inland 18-Apr
JS
Anarita Park 2 male & female adults 18-
Apr ABW
Anarita Park 1 20, 24 & 25-Apr
ABW/MC/CC/MaC/MH
Cape Greco 1 female 23-Apr JS
Cape Greco 2 7 & 27-Apr AG/JS
Cape Greco 3 females. two heading N
along coast and one over pines later in day
16-Apr JS
Deryneia 1 22-Apr PBr
Drouseia - Androlίκου 3 1m
and 2f 19-Apr GS
Kivisili 2 Males 17-Apr JS
Kivisili 1 20, 22 & 25-Apr JS/SC
Kivisili Fields c8 various ages including
adults of both sexes 24-Apr SC
Lady's Mile 1 male 25-Apr KyK
Mandria 1 fem 11-Apr CR
Paramali 1 male 16-Apr GS
Pervolia fields 1 26-Apr JS

Unidentified ring-tailed harrier:

Cape Greco 1 27-Apr JS
Marathounta 1 passed over high at cloud
level, heading north, with Marsh harrier 1-
Apr CR
Pervolia fields 1 26-Apr JS

Pittokopos – Androlikou 1 13-Apr CR

NORTHERN GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Διπλοσίχινο

Agiasma Trail (Kykkos forest) 2 Pair seen and heard for several minutes around the same group of pine trees. 4-Apr FGe

Agios Minas 1 ad, missing inner primaries 13-Apr CR

Baths of Aphrodite 1 28 & 29-Apr CR

Neo Chorio – Androlikou 1 near Neo

Chorio, circled and flew north 28-Apr CR

Smygies, Paphos 1 6-Apr DJW

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυτογεράκα

Kensington Cliffs 1 In from east flying along cliffs going west 29-Apr NK

EURASIAN BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Γερακίνα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 3-Apr AL

Petounta Point 1 Chased by one of the female Marsh Harrier 3-Apr JS

Phasouri Bee-hives 1 11-Apr DS

Steppe Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus*

Στεππογερακίνα

Baths of Aphrodite 1 sub, damaged flight feathers 29-Apr CR

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο

Largest counts:

Akamas Peninsula 4 25-Apr MH

Kathikas 3 29-Apr DJW

Vougies 3 8-Apr FGe

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπουΐσιος

123 reports received for this species during April. Largest counts:

Asprokremmos Dam Carpark 6 5-Apr DJW

Cape Greco 7 2-Apr JS

Kalo Horio Orinis 5 incl a pair seen mating 7-Apr MC

Paphos headland 5 4 & 5-Apr ABW/CR

Petounta Point 5 7-Apr MC/AnC

Souni 5 14, 15 & 19-Apr JN

BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATER *Merops*

persicus Πράσινος Μελισσοφάγος



Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Meneou Pool, 13th April. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Akrotiri chapel 1 heard only 4-Apr AG

Cape Greco 3 4 & 27-Apr SC/JS

Lady's Mile 2 20-Apr AL

Meneou pool 2 13-Apr ABW

Prastio Avdimou 4 Seen flying over garden, then across valley 26-Apr AL

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*

Μελισσοφάγος

First reports and largest counts:

Aglantzia, Nicosia c10 3-Apr NS

Androlikou c80 29-Apr DJW

Armou Hills 30 on wires, just arrived 29-Apr CR

Baths of Aphrodite 73 5 flocks, continuous all morning 29-Apr CR

Germasogeia village 28 N over village

14:00 29-Apr AG

Paralimni Lake 28+ others heard 28-Apr AG/AC

Pera Orinis, Nicosia c1+ 1-Apr MH

Strakka, Nicosia 1 Over BC office 5-Apr RC

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*

Κράγκα



European Roller, 25th April. Photograph by Andy Waller.

First reports and largest counts:

Akamas Peninsula 15 25-Apr MH
Androlikou 12 5 pairs in suitable habitat
29-Apr DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 17-Apr DJW
Drouseia – Androlikou 12+ 19-Apr GS
Episkopi, Paphos 4 17-Apr DJW
Lady's Mile 1 16-Apr TRe
Pittokopos 11 2 pairs in suitable habitat
displaying 29-Apr DJW
Souni 1 flew from carob tree opposite
heading N up the hill to probable nesting
area 11-Apr JN

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι



Eurasian Wryneck, Anarita Park, 13th April.
Photograph by Trevor Fordham.

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4, 5 & 18-Apr
AG/TRe
Anarita Park 1 5 & 12-Apr DJW/CR
Androlikou - Neo Chorio 1 13-Apr CR
Cape Greco 2 12-Apr JS
Cape Greco 1 13-Apr AG
Latsi, Paphos 1 6-Apr DJW
Paralimni Lake 1 28-Apr AG/AC
Troodos 1 singing very actively 29-Apr
GS

LESSER KESTREL *Falco naumanni*

Κιρκινέζι



*Lesser Kestrel, 18th April. Photograph by Andy
Waller.*

Max count per location:

Akamas 3 21-Apr DJW
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 18-
Apr AL
Anarita Park 16 24-Apr MC/CC/MaC/MH
Cape Greco 2 Males in flight over area 6-
Apr JS
Drouseia – Androlikou 4+ 19-Apr GS
Kivisili Fields c30 20-Apr SC
Petounta Point 1 In off sea and headed
inland 09:15 26-Apr JS

RED-FOOTED FALCON *Falco vespertinus*

Μαυροφάλκονο



Red-footed Falcon, Lady's Mile, 9th April.
Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 male 28-Apr
SC
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
Female 10-Apr AL
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
Male 11-Apr AL
Akrotiri Marsh 2 18-Apr AG
Kivisili 1 Male on wires 24-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 1 9-Apr TRe

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora*

Μαυρομμάτης
Akrotiri Fish farm coast 1 30-Apr AG
Akrotiri Fishing shelter area 1 19-Apr JS
Akrotiri Junipers 1 dark phase 19-Apr SC
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4
Another 4 seen on way home flying over
Happy Valley 27-Apr AL
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 30-
Apr AL
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 21-Apr CR
Baths of Aphrodite 1 dark phase 28-Apr
CR
Baths of Aphrodite 2 very high 30-Apr
CR
Cape Aspro 4 27-Apr TK
Kensington Cliffs 6 24-Apr
MC/CC/MaC/MH

Lady's Mile 1 dark 21-Apr CR
Neo Chorio – Androlikou 2 29-Apr CR
Pissouri 9 30-Apr GJ
Pittokopos 1 29-Apr DJW
Smygies 1 29-Apr DJW
Softades beach area 1 Flying E along
coast 18-Apr JS

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Δεντροφάλκονο

Akrotiri Marsh 1 18-Apr AG
Asprokremmos Dam 2 probable 20-Apr
CR
Cape Greco 1 Male sitting in field before
aerials 12-Apr JS
Kamarea (Tala) 2 23 & 30-Apr DJW

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*

Ζάνος

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 16-Apr AG
Asprokremmos Dam 1 20-Apr CR
Cape Drepanum 1 hunting over island 26-
Apr CR
Cape Greco 1 2 & 13-Apr JS/AG
Episkopi, Paphos 2 17-Apr DJW
Lady's Mile 1 9 & 23-Apr TRe/AL
Phasouri Bee-hives 1 11-Apr DS

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus*

oriolus Κλωρκός

Akamas Peninsula 3 25-Apr MH
Androlikou 2 24-Apr DJW
Androlikou 3 1 male 3 fem type 29-Apr
DJW
Asprokremmos Dam 1 m 20-Apr CR
Baths of Aphrodite 1 fem. at entrance to
village 28-Apr CR
Cape Greco Pines opposite Environmental
Centre 1 male 20-Apr SC
CyKing Village Paphos 1 16-Apr SM
Ineia 3 25-Apr MC/CC/MaC/MH
Lady's Mile 2 Flew over road from Lady's
Mile to Akrotiri 30-Apr AL
Lysos 2 male and female 28-Apr RoB
Neo Horio – Androlikou 2 incl 1 male 28-
Apr CR
Pera Orinis 1 26-Apr MH
Pittokopos 7 24-Apr DJW
Pittokopos 3 29-Apr DJW
Prastio Avdimou 1 19 & 20-Apr AL
Tala 1 24-Apr DJW

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*

Κεφαλάς

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 male 17 & 18-Apr
SC/AG

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 18-
Apr AL
Androlikou 1 Female 29-Apr DJW
Argaka 1 male 25-Apr GS
Cape Greco Park 1 male 28-Apr SC
Cape Greco Park 4 3 male, 1 female 30-
Apr SC
Kiti to Petounta Road 1 Male 30-Apr JS
Lady's Mile 2 24-Apr AL

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

Σταχτοκεφαλάς

Cape Greco Park 1 30-Apr SC
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 15-Apr ABW
Petounta Point 1 30-Apr JS

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοκκινοκεφαλάς



Woodchat Shrike, Androlikou, 29th April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Max count per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 male 4-Apr
SC
Agia Varvara 1 5, 7 & 19-Apr DJW/CR
Akrotiri Fishing shelter area 1 19-Apr JS
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5, 15, 16 & 17-Apr
TRe/AG/SC
Akrotiri Junipers 1 female 19-Apr SC
Anarita Park 1 12-Apr CR
Androlikou 2 6 & 29-Apr DJW
Baths of Aphrodite road 1 29-Apr CR
Cape Greco 5 7-Apr AG
Kiti to Petounta Road 1 Male 5-Apr JS
Kivisili 1 Male 5-Apr JS
Kouklia Dam 1 6-Apr KPr
Lady's Mile 2 21-Apr CR
Mandria 1 race not known 15-Apr CR
Marathounta lower 1 poor light, no race
determined 15-Apr CR
Pissouri 1 14-Apr GJ
Paphos Headland 1 12-Apr DJW
Smygies 1 6-Apr DJW
Spiros Beach 1 10-Apr JS

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκανούρα



Masked Shrike, Latchi, 6th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Akamas 3 21-Apr DJW

Baths of Aphrodite 4 6-Apr DJW

Cape Greco 3 2m and 1f 16-Apr JS

Dyo Moutes trail 3 29-Apr MH

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσαα

Agiasma Trail (Kykkos forest) 6 4-Apr

FGe

Kalo Horio Orinis 2 7-Apr MC

Kionia 1 29-Apr MH

COMMON RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Κλόκκαρος

Baths of Aphrodite – Fontana Amarosa 2
same location as in March 4-Apr GS

Baths of Aphrodite - Blue Lagoon 2

holding territory, flying and landing, near
suitable cave nest site 13-Apr CRBaths of Aphrodite 1 distance flying over
ridge 28-Apr CR

Baths of Aphrodite 1 + one seen twice

during the day 29 & 30-Apr CR

Androlίκου 2 Mobbing Bonelli's Eagle 6-
Apr DJW**COAL TIT** *Periparus ater* Cypriotes

Πέμπετσος

Agiasma Trail (Kykkos forest) c45 4-Apr
FGe

Dyo Moutes trail 19 29-Apr MH

Kalo Horio Orinis 1 heard 7-Apr MC

Kionia 3 29-Apr MH

BIMACULATED LARK *Melanocorypha**bimaculata* ΣτεποτράσιηλοςCape Greco 1 Feeding on track. Flew up
calling. Grey underwing seen 23-Apr JSPetounta Point 1 Sitting alone in recently
harvested field next to shore 3-Apr
JS/MC/CC**CALANDRA LARK** *Melanocorypha**calandra* Μαυροτράσιηλος

Kouklia Dam 1 6-Apr KPr

Pervolia fields 4 3 & 14-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 5 4 & 25-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 7 7-Apr MC/AnC

Pervolia fields 1 In flight 17-Apr JS

Pervolia fields 3+ Heard only 22 & 30-Apr
JS

Pervolia fields 2 23 & 24-Apr ABWJS

Pervolia fields 6 Three heard only and
another three seen on ground 26-Apr JS**GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK***Calandrella brachydactyla* Τρασιηλούδα

Largest counts:

Larnaca Desalination Plant fields 24 2-Apr
JS

Mandria 33 2-Apr CR

Petounta Point 24 5-Apr FGe

Timi Beach 21 in fields on coastal track
11-Apr CR**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Dyo Moutes trail 2 29-Apr MH

(EASTERN) OLIVACEOUS WARBLER*Iduna pallida* Τρυβητούρα

First reports and largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 8 Six heard
singing only and two seen 23-Apr JS

Kalo Horio Orinis 1 Heard 7-Apr MC

Kivisili, Larnaca 1 Heard singing and then

seen in carob grove 5-Apr JS

Lythrodontas 6+ heard singing 15-Apr
GS

Marathounta 5 singing 27-Apr CR

Pera Orinis 1 6-Apr MH

OLIVE-TREE WARBLER* *Hippolais**olivetorum* ΕλιοτρυβητούραCape Greco Park 1 30-Apr SC (Rare Bird
Report received)**MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus**melanopogon* ΜουστακομουγιανούδιAkrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 2-
Apr TRe

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus**schoenobaenus* Σχοινομουγιαννούδι

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 4 12-Apr CR

Agios Sozomenos 5 2-Apr AG

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 15
& 17-Apr AL/SC

Episkopi, Paphos 2 5-Apr DJW

Lady's Mile 1 25-Apr AL

Mandria 3 6-Apr CR

Potamia Riverbed 5 3-Apr FGe

Zakaki Marsh 1 21-Apr CR

MARSH WARBLER* *Acrocephalus**palustris* Βαλτομουγιαννούδι

Agios sozomenos 1 Probable seen and

heard briefly 2-Apr AG

(Rare Bird Report required)

EURASIAN REED WARBLER*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Καλαμομουγιαννούδι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh c5 mostly heard 17-Apr
SC

Larnaca Salt Lake 8 15-Apr JS

Oroklini Marsh 10 18-Apr MH

Zakaki Marsh 13 21-Apr CR

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus**arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιαννούδι

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 2 7 & 12-Apr CR

Akrotiri Marsh 6 3 seen together from
tower hide and another 3 heard further
along the marsh 18-Apr AG

Anarita Park 1 25-Apr ABW

Lady's Mile 2 18 & 23-Apr AL

Larnaca Salt Lake 3 8-Apr ABW

Mandria 1 croaking 6-Apr CR

Oroklini Marsh 1 heard 7-Apr ABW

SAVI'S WARBLER *Locustella luscinioides*

Καλαμοτριλιστής

Cape Greco Park, Picnic Site area 1 4-Apr

SC

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis**daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο

Red-rumped Swallow, Androlikou, 29th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 18 passage 4-Apr CR

Mandria 35 11-Apr CR

Petounta Point 13 In off sea ahead of
storm 10-Apr JS**(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN** *Riparia**riparia* Οχθοχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Akamas c20 21-Apr DJW

Akrotiri Marsh 5 15-Apr AG

Mandria 10 11-Apr CR

EASTERN BONELLI'S WARBLER*Phylloscopus orientalis* Βουνογιαννούδι

Agia Varvara 1 singing 4-Apr CR

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 2 & 5-Apr TRe

Androlikou - Neo Chorio 1 13-Apr CR

Armou Hills 1 16-Apr CR

Cape Greco 1 2 & 6-Apr JS/SC

Kamares (Tala), Paphos 3 4-Apr DJW

Kiti Dam 3 3-Apr JS

Kiti Dam 1 Heard calling 5-Apr JS

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Δασογιαννούδι

Agia Varvara 1 15-Apr CR

Akamas Peninsula 1 25-Apr MH

Androlikou 1 21 & 25-Apr

DJW/MC/CC/MaC/MH

Asprokremmos Dam Carpark 1 9-Apr

DJW

Cape Greco 2 Feeding in pine tree 27-Apr
JS

Karpasia 1 13-Apr KPr

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus**trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 12 & 15-Apr CR

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 23-Apr JS
 Akrotiri chapel 3 4-Apr AG
 Cape Greco 7 Incl one seen fly in off sea
 and straight into bush near aerials 16-Apr
 JS
 Deryneia Present 19-Apr PBr (number of
 birds not recorded)
 Meneou Pool 1 Heard calling 15-Apr JS
 Paphos Headland 1 12-Apr DJW
 Souni 1 heard calling 13, 15 & 19-Apr
 JN

COMMON CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita* Μουγιαννούδι

Largest counts and latest reports:
 Cape Greco 67 They were everywhere.
 Likely undercount 2-Apr JS
 Deryneia Present 22-Apr PBr (Number of
 birds not recorded)
 Petounta Point 1 24-Apr JS
 Spiros Pool 12+ 2-Apr JS

AFRICAN DESERT WARBLER *Sylvia deserti*



*African Desert Warbler, Akrotiri 19th April.
 Photograph by Jane Stylianou.*

Akrotiri Fishing shelter area 1 First for
 Cyprus. Missing tail 19-Apr
 TH/SC/AG/GS/JS (First record for Cyprus if
 accepted. Rare Bird received)

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria*

Γιαλλούρα
 Anarita Park 1 male 19-Apr CR
 Cape Greco Park 1 female 30-Apr SC
 Livera 1 24-Apr KPr

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia*

crassirostris Θαμνογιαλλούρα
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2-Apr TRe
 Cape Greco 1 1, 7, 8 & 23-Apr SC/AG/JS
 Cape Greco Park 3 1 male, 2 female 4-
 Apr SC
 Lady's Mile 1 16-Apr AL
 Paphos Lighthouse 1 5-Apr CR

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Συκαλλίδι



*Lesser Whitethroat, Baths of Aphrodite, 6th
 April. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Largest counts:
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 30+ 4-Apr AG
 Cape Greco 40+ 7-Apr AG
 Smygies 12 6-Apr DJW

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης

Largest counts:
 Cape Greco 7 Singing males. One in new
 location to previous years 2 & 9-Apr JS
 Mosfiloti, Pípis Forest c8 20-Apr SC
 Souni 7 7-Apr JN

SUBALPINE WARBLER *Sylvia cantillans*

Γκριζοπέτρι



*Subalpine Warbler, Anarita Park, 4th April.
 Photograph by Trevor Fordham.*

Agia Varvara 3 2m, f 3-Apr CR
 Agia Varvara 1 m 4-Apr CR
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 4-Apr AG
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 5-Apr TRe
 Asprokremmos Dam 1 m 2-Apr CR
 Baths of Aphrodite 1 6-Apr DJW
 Pissouri 1 Only briefly seen 5-Apr GJ
 Paphos headland 1 4 & 5-Apr ABW/CR
 Smygies 1 10-Apr GJ

RÜPPELL'S WARBLER *Sylvia rueppelli*

Εληοβάτης

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2, 5 & 15-Apr

TRe/AG

Armou Hills 1 fem 1 & 16-Apr CR

Baths of Aphrodite - Blue Lagoon 1 m 13-Apr CR

Cape Greco 1 2, 11 & 15-Apr JS/SC

Cape Greco 2 8, 12 & 16-Apr SC/JS

Mandria 1 m 11-Apr CR

Marathounta lower 1 m 15-Apr CR

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT*Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι

Common Whitethroat, Anarita Park, 5th April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Largest counts:

Anarita Park 4 5-Apr DJW

Baths of Aphrodite 3 6-Apr DJW

Cape Greco Park 3 4-Apr SC

Smygies 5 6-Apr DJW

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes**troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο

Agiasma Trail (Kykkos forest) 2 4-Apr

FGe

Dyo Moutes trail 3 29-Apr MH

Kamares (Tala) 2 Calling and singing 4-Apr DJW

Kamares (Tala) 1 11, 15, 23 & 30-Apr DJW

Kionia 3 29-Apr MH

COMMON STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 5-Apr TRe

Akrotiri Marsh 1 17-Apr SC

Cape Greco 1 sitting on wires near aerials 9-Apr JS

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

Τζίηκλα

Marathounta lower 1 4-Apr CR

Souni 1 in flight 2 & 3-Apr JN

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂

Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)

Agiasma Trail (Kykkos forest) 1 4-Apr

FGe

Dyo Moutes trail 6 29-Apr MH

Kionia 1 29-Apr MH

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa**striata* Μουγιοφάς

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 30-Apr SC

Cape Greco 1 27-Apr JS

Kiti to Petounta Road 1 30-Apr JS

Paphos Headland 1 12-Apr DJW

RUFIOUS-TAILED SCRUB-ROBIN*Cercotrichas galactotes* Κουφαηδόνι

Cape Greco 1 99.9% certain this species flew from the side of the track into a bush (never to be seen again). The tail was the most obvious feature i saw and as its pretty distinct, i dont think it could have been any other species? we never did see it again despite searching the area 7-Apr AG

THRUSH NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia luscinia*

Τζικλαηδόνι

Akrotiri fish farm coast 1 in off then

feeding on beach 30-Apr AG

Cape Greco Park 1 heard only 30-Apr SC

COMMON NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia**megarhynchos* Αηδόνι

Max count per location:

Achna Dam 1 4-Apr MH

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 2, 4 & 16-Apr

TRe/AG

Cape Greco 12 Nine heard only. Three seen 2-Apr JS

Larnaca Desalination Plant Fields 1 5-Apr FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works Fields 1 5-Apr FGe

Marathounta 2 1 in song 14-Apr CR

Pissouri 1 8-Apr GJ

Paphos Lighthouse 4 1 seen, 3 singing 5-Apr CR

Pediaios river, Yiorkio area 1 singing 12-Apr FGe

Pera Orinis, Nicosia 1 6-Apr MH

Pervolia fields 1 Heard 25-Apr JS

Petounta Point 2 Heard 5-Apr JS

Polystipos 1 30-Apr TK

Pyla Range, Larnaca 1 11-Apr MH

SEMI-COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula semitorquata* Δρυομουσιοχάφης



Semi-collared Flycatcher, Tala, 18th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Kamares (Tala) 1 18-Apr DJW
Paralimni 1 1 & 18-Apr TP

EUROPEAN PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* Μαυρομουσιοχάφης

Agia Varvara 1 young male 12-Apr CR
Armou Hills 1 very brown young male?
10-Apr CR
Asprokremmos Dam Carpark 1 5 & 9-Apr
DJW
Cape Greco 2 12 & 23-Apr JS
Kiti Dam 1 Female 7-Apr MC/AnC
Paphos Headland 1 12-Apr DJW
Pittokopos 1 24-Apr DJW
Smygies trail 2 10-Apr GJ

COLLARED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula albicollis* Κρικομουσιοχάφης



Collared Flycatcher, Tala, 4th April.
Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:

Agia Varvara 1 5-Apr DJW
Akamas Peninsula 2 25-Apr MH
Akrotiri chapel 1 female 4-Apr AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 5-Apr TRe
Androlikou - Neo Chorio 2 males, in picnic
wood 13-Apr CR
Asprokremmos Dam 3 5-Apr DJW

Baths of Aphrodite 1 6-Apr DJW
Cape Greco 1 2, 7 & 30-Apr JS/AG/SC
Loutra tou Adoni, Paphos 2 1m and 1f 6-
Apr GS
Pissouri 1 8-Apr GJ
Smygies 2 6-Apr DJW
Souni 3 males flying over valley road - 2
together and 1 other 2-Apr JN
Spiros Pool 1 Male 5-Apr JS

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros* Καρβουνιάρης

Meneou Beach 1 Male on back wall of
garden. Made several visits during
afternoon 3-Apr JS

COMMON REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* Κοτσινονούρης

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 9, 15 & 18-Apr AG
Androlikou 1 1 male 24-Apr DJW
Androlikou 2 Male and Female 29-Apr
DJW
Armou Hills 1 m 13-Apr CR
Asprokremmos Dam 2 9-Apr DJW
Cape Greco 5 All males 2-Apr JS
Cape Greco 1 6, 8, 12, 23 & 27-Apr
JS/SC
Cape Greco 3 7-Apr AG
Cape Greco 2 30-Apr SC
Deryneia 1 16-Apr PBr
Mandria 1 m 11-Apr CR
Petounta Point 1 3 & 17-Apr JS
Spiros Pool 1 Male 25-Apr JS
Tala 1 16-Apr ABW

RUFIOUS-TAILED ROCK THRUSH
Monticola saxatilis Πετροκότσυφος



*Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, female, Paphos
Headland, 4th April. Photograph by Andy
Waller.*

Anafotia 1 female 16-Apr MC/MaC
Cape Greco 1 Male 6, 8 & 15-Apr JS/SC
Paphos headland 1 fem 4-Apr ABW

Prastio Kellakiou, Kyparissia Trail 1 Male
18-Apr ADT

BLUE ROCK THRUSH *Monticola solitarius*

Γαλαζοκότσυφος

Cape Greco 1 1, 6, 9 & 12-Apr SC/JS

Cape Greco 3 2m and 1f 2-Apr JS

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι



Whinchat, Androlikou, 24th April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 1 15 & 19-Apr CR
Akamas 1 21-Apr DJW
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 10,
12 & 16-Apr AL
Anarita Park 1 m 12-Apr CR
Androlikou 2 24-Apr DJW
Cape Greco 12 7-Apr AG
Cape Greco 1 male 8-Apr SC
Kathikas 1 24-Apr DJW
Lady's Mile 1 male 25-Apr KyK
Latchi 2 6-Apr DJW
Mandria 1 m 11-Apr CR
Marathounta lower 1 m 15-Apr CR

EUROPEAN STONECHAT *Saxicola torquatus* Παπαθκιά

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 10
& 15-Apr AL
Kivisili 1 Wonder if same as seen earlier at
beach at Softades. Kivisili is directly N of
there 5-Apr JS
Softades beach area 1 Male on rocks on
beach. Probably just arrived as none seen
in area for a while. Not eastern 5-Apr JS

EASTERN (SIBERIAN) STONECHAT*

Saxicola torquatus maurus Σιβηρική

Παπαθκιά

Mandria 1 male, dark end to tail, pinky-red
extended to flanks, unusual, but black
underwing, pure white rump and big white
collar. Rare bird report submitted 7-Apr
CR

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

oenanthe Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα



Northern Wheatear, 4th April. Photograph by Andy Waller.

104 reports of this species received for
April. Largest counts:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 10 7-
Apr AL
Cape Greco 17 One female 2-Apr JS
Mandria 10 m,f 15-Apr CR
Paphos headland 12 4-Apr ABW

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

isabellina Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 7-
Apr AL
Cape Greco 7 6-Apr JS
Kiti 4 5-Apr FGe
Mandria 4 6 & 11-Apr CR
Paphos Lighthouse 4 5-Apr CR

HOODED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe*

monacha Σκουφοσκαλιφούρτα



Hooded Wheatear, Cape Drepanum, 26th
April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Akrotiri fish farm coast 1 female 21-Apr
TH
Avakas Gorge entrance 1 male. Photos
posted on BC FB group 27-Apr PhP
Cape Drepanum 1 25, 26 & 28-Apr
CR/MH/CC/MC/MaC/DJW

Cape Greco 1 male near Blue Lagoon and aerals 10, 11, 12 & 14-Apr
 TP/MaC/RC/AnC/JS/SC/VV
 Cape Greco 2 male and female near aerals 12-Apr FGe
 Cape Greco 2 males – one at Sea Caves and another near aerals 13-Apr AG
 Cape Greco 1 Male at sea caves. Originally seen there on 13th 16-Apr JS
 Cape Greco 1 Male at sea caves 23-Apr PBr
 Cape Greco 2 Females; one seen on coastal track between aerals and army camp; other sea caves area 23-Apr JS
 Cape Greco 1 Male close to fence of old rubbish tip 27-Apr JS

BLACK-EARED WHEATEAR *Oenanthe hispanica* Ισπανική Σκαλιφούρτα



Black-eared Wheatear, Akrotiri 9th April. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Largest counts:
 Agia Varvara 4 2 black-thr males, 1 pale-thr, 1 dark-thr fem 4-Apr CR
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 6 5-Apr TRe/AL
 Cape Greco 8 One female, one male light throat and six males dark throated 16-Apr JS

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cypriaca* Σκαλιφούρτα



Cyprus Wheatear, Akamas, 21st April. Photograph by Dave Walker.

140 reports of this species received for April. Largest counts:
 Akamas 25 5 pairs noted 21-Apr DJW
 Cape Greco 15 11 males and two pairs on known territories 2-Apr JS
 Kionia 7 29-Apr MH
 Panagia Tou Sinti Monastery 6 17-Apr DJW
 Souni 7 1 pair and others all males 2-Apr JN
 Vougies 7 8-Apr FGe

FINSCH'S WHEATEAR *Oenanthe finschii* Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα

Cape Greco 1 Female 11-Apr JS
 Vougies 1 female 10-Apr SC

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος

Largest counts:
 Androlίκου 150+ 21-Apr DJW
 Latchi c70 6-Apr DJW
 Mandria 180 3 colonies 11-Apr CR

TREE PIPIT *Anthus trivialis* Δενδρογαλούδι

Max count per location:
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 23-Apr JS
 Agia Varvara 3 4-Apr CR
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15-Apr AG
 Akrotiri Marsh 1 1-Apr AG
 Cape Greco 4 11-Apr JS
 Kivisili 2 3-Apr JS
 Marathounta lower 1 3-Apr CR
 Pittokopos – Androlίκου 1 13-Apr CR
 Smygies 3 6-Apr DJW
 Vougies 1 11-Apr SC

RED-THROATED PIPIT *Anthus cervinus* Κοτσινογαλούδι

Max count per location:
 Akrotiri Marsh 53+ 18-Apr AG
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2+ Zakaki run off 19-Apr JS
 Cape Drepanum 1 25-Apr CR
 Cape Greco 5 Seen and heard in flight 16-Apr JS
 Mandria 5 17-Apr CR
 Paphos headland 1 4-Apr ABW
 Pervolia fields 6 17-Apr JS
 Petounta point 8 24-Apr AG
 Spiros Pool 1 Heard only 10-Apr JS

MEADOW PIPIT *Anthus pratensis* Λιβαδογαλούδι

Agia Varvara 10 flying around on grassy hillside, prob. this sp. 4-Apr CR

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 29-Apr AL
 Androlikou 4 6-Apr DJW
 Anthonpolis, Nicosia 12 1-Apr FGE
 Cape Greco 10+ 15-Apr PBr
 Deryneia Present 16-Apr PBr No count recorded
 Kallepia, Paphos 3 5-Apr DJW
 Mandria 12 2-Apr CR
 Pervolia fields 1 3-Apr JS
 Petounta Point 1 3-Apr JS
 Souni 1 in an olive bush 3-Apr JN

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 16-Apr AL
 Paralimni lake 4 6-Apr JS

TAWNY PIPIT *Anthus campestris*

Ωχρογαλούδι
 Max count per location:
 Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 23-Apr JS
 Agia Varvara 2 6-Apr CR
 Agios Georgios, Cape Drepanum 2 25-Apr MC/CC/MaC/MH
 Akrotiri fish farm coast 2 30-Apr AG
 Akrotiri Gravel Pits 4 5-Apr TR
 Cape Greco 8 20-Apr SC
 Kivisili, Larnaca 2 3-Apr JS
 Larnaca Desalination Plant fields 1 17-Apr JS
 Mandria 2 6 & 15-Apr CR
 Petounta Point 2 17-Apr JS

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla flava* Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:
 Akrotiri Marsh 200+ 1-Apr AG
 Larnaca airport 60+ 2-Apr AG
 Larnaca Sewage Works c52 11-Apr JS
 Petounta Point 60+ 3-Apr MC/CC

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava flava*
 Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 20+ 29-Apr AL
 Cape Drepanum 9 25-Apr CR

Grey-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava thunbergi* Γκριζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Max count per location:
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5+ 30-Apr AL
 Petounta Point 1 22-Apr JS

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava feldegg* Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης



Black-headed Wagtail, Petounta Point, 24th April. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 20+ 16, 18 & 19-Apr AL
 Cape Drepanum 10 25-Apr CR
 Mandria 16 6-Apr CR
 Paphos headland 15 4-Apr ABW
 Potamia Riverbed 15 3-Apr FGE

dombrowski:

Cape Drepanum 1 25-Apr CR

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης
 Agios Merkourios picnic site 1+ nest 21-Apr GS
 Pedaios river, Yiorkio area 1 8-Apr FGE

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κίτροζευκαλάτης
 Akrotiri Marsh 1 1-Apr AG
 Petounta Point 3 two males & 1 female 5-Apr FGE
 Petounta Point 1 Male 10-Apr JS
 Petounta Point 1 Female 14-Apr JS

WHITE WAGTAIL *Motacilla alba*

Ασπροζευκαλάτης
 Largest counts and latest reports:
 Akrotiri Marsh 100+ 1-Apr AG
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 24-Apr AL
 Baths of Aphrodite 1 30-Apr CR
 Latchi 12 6-Apr DJW
 Neo Chorio – Androlikou 1 in forest area, very odd, lost migrant 30-Apr CR

TRUMPETER FINCH *Bucanetes*
githagineus Ερημόσπινος



Trumpeter Finch, Petounta Point, 24th April.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

Petounta Point 1 On seaward edge of
plateau. Flew E. Not relocated 24-Apr JS

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza*
melanocephala Τηρίλιγκος



Black-headed Bunting, Kathikas, 24th April.
Photograph by Jan Walker.

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Both singing
and on territory 23-Apr JS
Akamas Peninsula 5 25-Apr MH
Androlikou 1 20-Apr GS
Androlikou 2 24 & 29-Apr DJW
Cape Greco 1 23 & 27-Apr JS
Kathikas 4 24-Apr DJW
Kathikas 3 25-Apr MC/CC/MaC/MH
Kathikas 8 7 male 1 female 29-Apr DJW
Prastio Kellakiou, Kyparissia Trail 2 25-
Apr ADT
Smygies 1 29-Apr DJW

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

Τσακροπιτίλλα

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 14 with Cretzschmar's 6-Apr
CR
Akamas 6 21-Apr DJW
Armou Hills 5 16-Apr CR

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza*

caesia Σιταροπούλλι

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 19 4-Apr CR

Kalo Horio Orinis 12 7-Apr MC

Souni 8 3-Apr JN

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

April 2021

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 International Waterbird Count) and every May (breeding season count), while the more important sites are also covered in March, September and November. Key Important Bird Area (IBA) wetlands such as the island's two salt lakes, which attract large numbers of birds, are covered on a monthly basis. The monitoring programme is based on the voluntary work of a team of dedicated and experienced recorders and preliminary results are presented in the Monthly Checklist.

For April, 8 recorders covered 13 wetlands and coastal sites across the island, where a total of 5,621 waterbirds, of 53 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Greater Flamingo with 2,864 individuals. The second most abundant identifiable species was the Ruff with 614 individuals. The third most abundant species was the Little Stint with 405.

The wetland holding the most birds, was Akrotiri Salt Lake with 2,445 individuals. Larnaka Salt Lake was second in terms of number of individuals recorded with 1,001 individuals, followed by Paralimni Lake with 953 individuals.

Larnaka Salt Lake was the most species rich site with 24 different species being recorded there. Paralimni Lake was the second most species abundant site with 19 different species being recorded there. Oroklini marsh was the third most species rich site with 18 different species being recorded there.

Site coverage for the April 2021 International Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date
Akrotiri Marsh	Melpo Apostolidou, Nikos Kassinis	27/4/21
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Melpo Apostolidou, Nikos Kassinis	27/4/21
Bishop's Pool	Melpo Apostolidou, Nikos Kassinis	27/4/21
Zakaki Pond	Melpo Apostolidou, Nikos Kassinis	27/4/21
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	15/4/21
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	15/4/21
Manglis Dam	Jane Stylianou	28/4/21
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides	15/4/21
Asprokremmos Dam	Dave and Jan Walker	17/4/21
Paralimni Lake	Markos Charalambides, Antaia Christou	14/4/21
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	18/4/21

Number of waterbirds recorded across all sites

Family	Species	Scientific name	Number recorded
Flamingos	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	2864
Ducks	Duck Spp.	<i>Aythya spp</i>	300
Ducks	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	156
Ducks	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	61
Ducks	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	42
Ducks	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	7
Ducks	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	5
Ducks	Red-Crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	3
Ducks	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	1
Rails and Crakes	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	162
Rails and Crakes	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	77
Gulls and Terns	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	10
Gulls and Terns	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	10
Gulls and Terns	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	8
Gulls and Terns	Slender-Billed Gull	<i>Chroicephalus genei</i> or <i>Larus genei</i>	5
Gulls and Terns	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i> or <i>Sterna albifrons</i>	4
Gulls and Terns	Baltic Gull	<i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i>	1
Waders	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	614
Waders	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	405
Waders	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus</i> <i>himantopus</i>	281
Waders	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	98
Waders	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	86
Waders	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius</i> <i>alexandrinus</i>	64
Waders	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	45
Waders	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	23
Waders	Sandpiper spp.		20
Waders	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	11
Waders	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	10
Waders	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	4
Waders	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	3
Waders	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	2
Waders	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	2
Waders	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	2
Waders	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	1
Waders	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	1
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	69
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	40
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	29
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	11
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	9
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	8

Family	Species	Scientific name	Number recorded
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Black-Crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	6
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	3
Herons, Storks & Ibisses	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	1
Grebes	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	17
Birds of prey	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	6
Birds of prey	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco Eleonarae</i>	1
Birds of prey	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	1
Cormorants	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	6
Kingfishers	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1
Warblers	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	22
Wagtails	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	2
Wagtails	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1

Total numbers of waterbirds and species recorded at each site

Site	Number of individuals recorded	Number of species recorded
Akrotiri Salt Lake	2445	15
Larnaka Salt Lake	1001	24
Paralimni Lake	953	19
Oroklini Marsh	373	18
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	342	10
Larnaka Sewage Works	206	17
Akrotiri Marsh	166	17
Asprokremmos Dam	46	7
Manglis Dam	31	3
Bishop's Pool	25	5
Strakka Pools	16	7
Zakaki Pond	10	3
Akrotiri Meras	7	3



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