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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 janestyacy@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.*

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.

COVID-19 Safe Pass is required for all field trip participants

Please pre-book with leader.

Check BirdLife Cyprus Web site - Events Page for any last-minute changes.

September 2021

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 24th 25th 26th September: Karpasia Peninsula

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

Autumn migrants, raptors and passerines.

Meet at Agios Dometios checkpoint.

Booking in advance is essential with Melis Charalambides.

October 2021

Sunday 3rd October: BirdLife Cyprus Bird Race for EUROBIRDWATCH Day

Akrotiri Peninsula, Limassol (multiple guides)

Meet at 8.00 am, Oceania Beach Lounge, Lady's Mile

12.00-13.00 Announcement of winners, refreshments.

Please register [here](#) until 29 September (available guides for 2 more teams)

More info: <https://birdlifecyprus.org/event/bird-race-at-akrotiri-peninsula/>

Saturday 9th October: Larnaca Sewage Works

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

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/zHspg3rptv22>

Saturday 30st October: Akrotiri Peninsula

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**

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 20st 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>

December 2021**Saturday 4th December: Kidasi**

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

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/TZ1v4RHgSxQ2>

Akrotiri Peninsular Field Trip Report 28th August 2021

By Anders Gray

12 members met at Sylvana restaurant which included two staff members from BirdLife Cyprus and a first time family with two young children, all in the hope of seeing some Demoiselle cranes but like last year, did not have any luck. Everyone was very happy to see a **Great white pelican** along with at least 4 **Black francolin** and numerous common migrant species such as **Red rumped swallow**, **Hoopoe** and a **Lesser grey shrike**.

We popped into Bishop's pool briefly, but it was very quiet other than the first **Teal** of the autumn but everyone was happy with wonderful views of **European Turtle doves** coming down to drink through the telescope.

Next stop was Akrotiri chapel where we hoped for some interesting passerines, we were not disappointed. A female **Red backed shrike** gave brilliant views for everyone along side a **Wryneck** which popped up along side it and remained on view for 5 minutes allowing everyone to get a great view of this elusive species. A **Barred warbler** showed itself briefly along with good numbers of **Willow warbler**.

As we made our way through the gravel pits towards Akrotiri marsh we came across a flock of 24 **Black kite**, kettling over with the Pelican coming to join them briefly. A juvenile **Black winged stilt** and a **Dunlin** fed on the large pool in the middle of the gravel pits whilst 2 **Spectacled warblers** came down to drink at the water's edge. We saw some more Red backed and Lesser grey shrikes as well as two **Isabelline wheatears** as we made our way through.

We started at the west side of Akrotiri marsh, looking at birds on the flooded meadow. Lots of **Little Egret** and **Cattle egret** were busy feeding, along side 5 **Glossy ibis** and 3 **Squacco herons**. We managed to find 5 **Garganey** hiding in the grass. 2 **Marsh harrier** gave great views as they flew up and down the marsh hunting and a single Black kite flew low over us. As we made our way along the marsh, we saw several wader species alongside the ever-present **Spur winged lapwings**. **Black tailed godwit**, **Marsh sandpiper** and **Greenshank** were nice to see. Two **Common Kingfishers** zipped past us giving everyone a brief view and a **Long-legged buzzard** drifted high over us. We saw lots of **Yellow Wagtails** and **Whinchats** as we slowly made our way along the marsh, and everyone was very happy to see a minimum of 8 **Hoopoe**!

We finished the field trip on a respectable 49 species with everyone's highlights being the Pelican and the Hoopoes.

Mandria, Asprokremmos Dam and Anarita Park Field Trip Report 11th September 2021

By Ian Bloomer

Fortunately, it was a slightly cooler day than of late, with a very pleasant westerly breeze, when seventeen of us met up at 'Larks Corner' Mandria, for what I believe is only the second field trip of the year, due to Covid restrictions.

There was much cloud over the hills to the north, so no views of possible raptors 'kettling-up' over the wind farm to the north-east.

As we scanned the ploughed field in front of the meeting point, we saw many Yellow Wagtail feeding, along with juvenile Lesser Grey Shrike and Red-backed Shrike, perched on the sprinkler heads, pouncing on their prey on the ground. Amongst them was a Northern and a Isabelline Wheatear foraging on the ground on their final feed-up before the next stage of the journey south. Family groups of Crested Larks were chasing each other around amongst the Hooded Crows feeding in the field.

At this point a harrier was spotted, close by to the west as it crossed the track and headed low out to sea, identified from a photo as an adult female Montagu's Harrier. Bee-eaters were then heard passing high overhead as a male Common Kestrel pounced on an unsuspecting lizard.

A lone Shag was spotted on the rocks offshore and a Sardinian Warbler was heard complaining at our presence from a nearby bush. Above us a few Barn Swallow circled, unfortunately not in the numbers we have come to expect. We then observed a couple of Whinchat that were perched on posts at the far side of the field when the call went up, harrier! A juvenile Pallid Harrier appeared, flying low from the west, only 100 or so metres away, turned and headed south out over the sea. At this point the group went for a stroll around the fields but were only rewarded with House Sparrow, Collared Dove and more Crested larks.

At this point we moved on to Asprokremnos Dam, fortunately not losing any of the thirteen strong car convoy on the way, and on arrival had a much-awaited coffee break. Unfortunately, after a walk up through the woods to a vantage point over the reservoir, nothing much of note was spotted either on the water or in the woods except for numerous Goldfinch and a male Blackcap. As time was pressing and my recent trips to Anarita Park, our next stop, had yielded very little I decided to take the group on to Paphos Sewage Plant where there was a better chance of seeing more. As we drove past the plant we had a very brief glimpse of a buzzard, which was quickly lost from view behind the trees. A member of the group who saw it more clearly identified it as Honey Buzzard. Shortly after we saw a falcon, again briefly, which Ray Atkinson managed to get a picture of and we later identified it as a 'light morph' Eleonora's Falcon.

Unfortunately, the semi-resident Cattle Egrets were nowhere to be seen, but the visiting birders were more than happy with good views of Spur-winged Lapwing in the alfalfa fields and we concluded the meeting with the sight and sounds of the local Zitting Cisticolas.

In total twenty-two species were seen, more would have been nice, but that's birding!

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ

By Stavros Christodoulides

PHOTO # 97



Last month's quiz photo shows an arboreal, small-headed, thick-billed passerine species with rather short legs and a medium-long tail. Seen from below, it shows peach-coloured underparts with faint upper breast streaking, a black-and-white tail, pink legs, a blue-grey bill and a distinctive pale eye-ring.

A couple of features strongly suggest the family it belongs to. The prominent pale throat and sub-moustachial stripes; and bill shape (cone-shaped with a deeper lower mandible), characteristics of Old World Buntings or species belonging to the family *Emberizidae*.

In Cyprus, 13 species have been recorded. One is resident, two species are breeding summer visitors, one a regular winter visitor, another a regular passage migrant, while the rest occur irregularly as passage migrants, winter visitors or accidental vagrants. In autumn, 11 species have occurred, and with many being juveniles, identifying them can be tricky. However, the peach-coloured, unstreaked belly and sides, yellow throat and sub-moustachial stripe and greyish bill, exclude all species except two; Black-headed and Cinereous Buntings. Male Black-headed Buntings, a locally common summer visitor, have deep yellow underparts, chestnut-brown upperparts and a black head, but females are far less distinctive and quite similar to our mystery bird. However, they show a heavier bill (usually also darker), less obvious eye-ring, no upper breast streaking, less obvious sub-moustachial and throat stripes and a heavily streaked crown. Our bird is a female type **Cinereous Bunting**, a very rare passage migrant which can best be identified by its greyish bill, peach-coloured underparts, pinkish legs, yellow throat and moustachial stripes and faintly streaked upper belly.

SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR AUGUST 2021

Jane Stylianou

2657 bird records received

165 species and forms recorded August 2021, compared to 161 in August 2020.

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

Species followed by * require Rare Bird Reports in support of their submission and those marked ** require Rare Bird Reports if seen in the autumn. (A full list of such species can be obtained from the Recorder). Additionally out of season reports, unusually large numbers and/or reports of species away from where usually encountered may at times require verification and/or a Rare Bird Report.

The following species were also recorded in August 2021: Chukar, Black Francolin, Mallard, 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, Yellow-legged Gull, Little Owl, Common Kingfisher, Common Kestrel, Eurasian Magpie, Eurasian Jackdaw, Hooded Crow, Great Tit, Crested Lark, Zitting Cisticola, Barn Swallow, Cetti's Warbler, Sardinian Warbler, Spectacled Warbler, House Sparrow, Spanish Sparrow, Common Chaffinch, European Greenfinch, Common Linnet, European Goldfinch, Corn Bunting.

COMMON SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 12, 14, 16, 18 & 19-Aug JS

RUDDY SHELDUCK *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια



Ruddy Shelduck, Larnaca Sewage Works, 16th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 Probably family group. Resting on far shore of east pool. Left to go out to sea when worker's car drove round but then returned 16 & 17-Aug JS/KyK

Larnaca Sewage Works 11 Seemed to be all ads and did not appear to include juvs as group seen earlier in month did 21-Aug JS/MH

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 23 & 28-Aug ABW/SC

Larnaca sewage works 4 26-Aug AG

RED-CRESTED POCHARD *Netta rufina*

Κοτσιηνοτζιέφαλη

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 "Fem/juv type" 1-Aug JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Fem/juv type 16-Aug JS

FERRUGINOUS DUCK *Aythya nyroca*

Βαλτόπαπια

Max count per location:

Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 3 27-Aug FGe/SC

Akrotiri Marsh 1 2 & 24-Aug AG

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 16-Aug JS

GARGANEY *Spatula querquedula*

Μασουρατζιής



Garganey, Agia Varvara, August 2021. Photograph by Andy Waller

Largest counts:

Akrotiri 25 19-Aug AG
Akrotiri Marsh 24 24-Aug AG
Larnaca sewage works 22 26-Aug AG
Polis Chrysochou Bay c1190 In five flocks
in bay totalling c490 07:45 - 11:25 with one
flock of 60 appearing to head inland; then
again three larger flocks totalling at least
700 in bay 16:45 - 17:20 23-Aug JS

NORTHERN SHOVELER *Spatula clypeata*
Σαζάνα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 1 male, 1
female 23-Aug SC
Achna Dam c5 28-Aug SC
Bishop's Pool 4 31-Aug SC with M
Charalambides & A P Leventis
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 21-Aug MH
Larnaca Sewage Works 11 26-Aug AG
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 27-Aug JS

COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι
Max count per location:

Akrotiri Marsh 2 19-Aug AG
Bishops pool area 1 28-Aug AG
Larnaca sewage works 22+ 26-Aug AG
Polis Chrysochou Bay 3 at tail end of
Garganey flock, into bay 30-Aug CR

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps*
cristatus Σκουφοβούπτης

Achna Dam 1 juvenile 7-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 16-Aug KyK

GREATER FLAMINGO *Phoenicopterus*
roseus Φλαμίνγκο



Greater Flamingo, Larnaca Sewage Works,
16th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake c600 2 & 20-Aug CR/JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 94 27-Aug JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 46 8-Aug
AC/ZT
Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 Flying W 09:23.
One ad and three juvs 23-Aug JS

EUROPEAN TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia*
turtur Τρυγόνι



European Turtle Dove, August 2021.
Photograph by Andy Waller.

Largest counts:

Armou Hills 5 13 & 29-Aug CR
Bishops pool area 6+ 28-Aug AG

LAUGHING DOVE *Spilopelia senegalensis*
Φοινικοτρυγόνο

Largest counts and interesting
observations:

Agia Napa 12 16-Aug FGe
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 8 27-Aug
FGe
Latchi 2 One calling 25-Aug JS
Limassol old town 8 29-Aug FGe
Mandria 9 23-Aug CR
Meneou Beach 8 Inc juv 1-Aug JS

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus*

europaeus Νυκτοπούλλι

Akrotiri chapel 2 5-Aug AG
Germasogeia Dam 4 one churring 28-Aug
PeA

Lysos 1 seen swooping down to drink from
pool. Others heard or seen over previous
few days 14-Aug RoB

PALLID SWIFT *Apus pallidus*

Στακτοπετροχελίδονο

Agia Napa Sewage Works 10+ 9-Aug MH
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c3 31-Aug SC with M
Charalambides & A P Leventis
Akrotiri Marsh 2+ 27-Aug AG
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 27-
Aug MSS
Akrotiri Marsh 3+ 29-Aug AG
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 2-Aug JS
Pedoulas 2 15-Aug CC
Pervolia fields 1 2-Aug JS
Spiros Pool 6 10-Aug JS
Spiros Pool 1 13-Aug JS

Zakaki Marsh 1 31-Aug SC with M
Charalambides & A P Leventis

WESTERN WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*
Μαυροπουλάδα

Akrotiri Marsh 1 5 & 20-Aug AG/JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 27-
Aug MSS
Zakaki Marsh 1 calling 2, 24 & 31-Aug
CR/ABW/SC/APL/MC

LITTLE CRAKE *Zapornia parva*
Μικροπουλάδα



Little Crane, Agia Varvara, 8th August.
Photograph by Andy Waller

Agia Varvara pools 1 juv 8-Aug ABW

DEMOISELLE CRANE *Anthropoides virgo*
Νυφογερανός
Akrotiri Salt Lake c100 31-Aug KyK
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 31-Aug MaC
Pomos Point 10 23-Aug CS
Pegeia coast c300 Seen flying along coast
from Pegeia to Paphos 23-Aug NK/GFS
Pegeia coast 100-150 at 21:30 heading
towards Paphos 24-Aug NK/GFS
Droushia Heard Heard passing over after
nightfall. Calling loudly 25-Aug CN

SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER *Calonectris*
diomedea Πελαγόμυχος
Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 distant birds,
flying west, feeding 15-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 very pale grey,
west 12.45h 20-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 heading west
fast, far out, c500m, 14.45h 25-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 west 30-Aug CR

YELKOUAN SHEARWATER *Puffinus*
yelkouan Μύχος της Μεσογείου
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 heading west
fast, far out, c1km, 10.45h 25-Aug CR

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* Λευκός
Πελαργός
Akrotiri 100+ 19-Aug AG
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 120
circling over Phasouri forest 18-Aug CR
Dromolaxia c180 Circling over area near
Kalo Khorio roundabout 21-Aug JS
Karpasia peninsula c60 About 2km before
Big Sand. Photo posted on BC FB group
14-Aug DR
Skarinou area 80 – 100 16:00 heading
towards Agios Theodoros (maybe part of
same flock seen Dromolaxia later) 21-Aug
NK/GFS

EURASIAN SPOONBILL *Platalea*
leucorodia Κουταλάς
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 30
& 31-Aug TRe/SC/MC/APL
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 near Pluto masts 27-
Aug CR

GLOSSY IBIS *Plegadis falcinellus*
Χαλκόκοτα



Glossy Ibis, Achna Dam, 2nd August.
Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Largest counts:
Akrotiri Marsh 40+ 19-Aug AG
Armou Mast 38 heading in formation high
over Tsada and out to sea, 19.00h 24-Aug
CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1330+ 1 NE - SW
08:03; c300 in three flocks heading W
09:00; 37 flying W 10:05; c130 high NE-
SW 10:50; 150 high over heading W 10:53;
30 NE to SW and inland 10:55; 72 E to W
close to shore 11:00; 110 distant E to W
11:20; 120 E to W close to shore 11:23; 35
high offshore heading W 11:35; c100 low
over sea NE - SW 11:45; 45 NE - SW
12:10; 30 NE - SW 12:11; 43 E to W high
12:25; 25 E to W 12:55; 14 E to W 16:45;
c60 E to W 16:55; c40 high distant NE to
SW 17:00; 18 distant E to W 17:35 23-Aug
JS

COMMON LITTLE BITTERN *Ixobrychus minutus* Νανορωδιός
 Athalassa Dam 2 4-Aug L Sa
 Zakaki Marsh 1 female 31-Aug SC with
 M Charalambides & A P Leventis

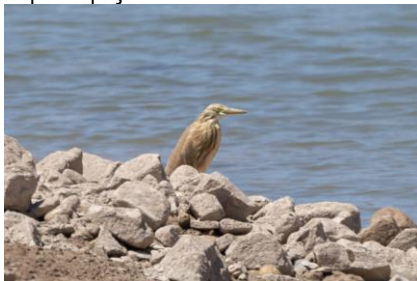
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON
Nycticorax nycticorax Νυχτοκόρακας



Black-crowned Night Heron, Polis Chrysochou Bay, 7th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Max count per location:
 Achna Dam 5 (1 adult, 4 juveniles) 7-Aug FGe
 Akrotiri Marsh 8 5-Aug AG
 Evretou Dam 1 31-Jul MLF
 Klirou Dam 1 14-Aug DK
 Larnaca Sewage Works 2 10-Aug JS
 Oroklini Marsh 1 subad 9-Aug CR/JS
 Phasouri forest nursery track 9 incl 2 juvs
 2-Aug CR
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 Seen flying over
 campsite where maybe had roosted and
 then flew inland 07:15 7-Aug JS
 Zakaki Marsh 50+ 27-Aug MSS

SQUACCO HERON *Ardeola ralloides*
 Βορτακοφάς



Squacco Heron, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 18th August. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Max count per location:
 Achna Dam 6 7-Aug FGe
 Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 2 16 &
 27-Aug FGe/SC

Agia Varvara pools 1 21-Aug ABW
 Akrotiri Marsh 26 15-Aug AG
 Athalassa Dam 2 4-Aug L Sa
 Chrysochou river, Polis campsite 2 5-Aug
 CR
 Klirou Dam 1 14-Aug DK
 Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 18-Aug DJW
 Oroklini Marsh 2 9 & 17-Aug CR/JS
 Paralimni Lake 2 18-Aug DK
 Polis campsite, Chrysochou river 2 11-Aug
 CR
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 95 18 on beach
 when arrived at 6:30 flew off when
 disturbed by dog walker; 36 E to W low
 over water 07:05; 32 E to W 07:18; 9 over
 camp site 7:28 then flew onto rocks to roost
 23-Aug JS

PURPLE HERON *Ardea purpurea*
 Πορφυροπαροφάς



Purple Heron, Polis Chrysochou Bay, 24th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Max count per location:
 Achna Dam 1 juvenile 7-Aug FGe
 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 16-
 Aug TRE
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 139 13 flew into
 roost in eucalyptus trees near camp site;
 126 in one flock close to shore E to W
 11:40 24-Aug JS

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba*
 Χανούμισσα

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 27-
 Aug CR/MSS
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 One at Zakaki run off
 16-Aug KyK
 Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-Aug
 AC/ZT
 Polis Chrysochou Bay 17 Flew W close to
 shore 07:25 23-Aug JS

GREAT WHITE PELICAN *Pelecanus
 onocrotalus* Ροδοπελεκάνος

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Aug AG
 Akrotiri Marsh 1 15, 23 & 24-Aug AG/TRE

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 16, 18, 28 & 30-Aug
KyK/CR/AG/ADT
Bishop's Pool 1 High up heading SW
leading Black Kites 25-Aug ABW
Petounta Point 3 Flew over low c17:00pm
26-Aug AnC

EURASIAN THICK-KNEE *Burhinus oedichneumus* Τρουλλουριά
Max count per location:
Agia Varvara 1 3, 14 & 24-Aug CR
Deryneia 1 29-Aug PBr
Kathikas 2 one a recently fledged juv 1-Aug LSa
Larnaca Airport Pools South 9 27-Aug JS
Mandria 31 Together in one fields 28-Aug NBr
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 23-Aug CR
Pervolia fields 2 14-Aug JS

BLACK-WINGED STILT *Himantopus himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 20 2-Aug CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 170 18-Aug CR
Oroklini Marsh 28 15-Aug MH

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*
Στακτοπλουμιδι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 breeding plumage 18-Aug CR

COMMON RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμιδι
Max count per location:
Achna Dam 3 28-Aug SC
Agios Georgios pond, Akrotiri 2 adults 29-Aug FGe
Akrotiri fishing shelter 1 2-Aug AG
Akrotiri Marsh 2 5 & 23-Aug AG/TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 7 Zakaki run off 15-Aug AG
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2-Aug JS
Meneou Pool 3 8-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay c20 E to W 07:40 24-Aug JS

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius* Λιμνοπλουμιδι
Largest counts:
Achna Dam 10 15-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Marsh 6 21 & 24-Aug AG
Larnaca Sewage Works 6 16-Aug JS
Spiros Pool 13 Area near Sewage Pools fence 10 & 13-Aug JS

GREATER SANDPLOVER *Charadrius leschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμιδι
Akrotiri fishing shelter 1 2-Aug AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Aug AG
Macronissos Beach, Agia Napa 2 9 & 16-Aug JS/FGe
Paphos Headland 2 21 & 27-Aug CR/NBr
Petounta Point 1 Juv on beach. Flew off west 14-Aug JS

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*
Φαιομπεκάτσα
Akrotiri Marsh 1 19-Aug AG
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 In off and then flew W calling 07:30 7-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 off sea 20-Aug CR
Paphos Headland 1 27-Aug NBr

EURASIAN CURLEW *Numenius arquata*
Νερομπεκάτσα
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Aug AG
Larnaca Airport beach 1 9 & 16-Aug CR/JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 On far right edge of right pool 2-Aug JS
Zakaki Marsh 1 heard only 31-Aug SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis

BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*
Θαλασσολιμόζα
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 30-Aug TRe

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*
Λιμόζα
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 3, 5, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 23-Aug TRe/AG/CR/JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 & 31-Aug AG/JS/MSS/CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Sleeping on edge of pool opposite hide 19-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 at head of group of 70 Glossy Ibis, 14.30h 5-Aug CR

RUDDY TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*
Χαλικονεραλλιδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Aug SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis

RED KNOT *Calidris canutus*
Κοκκινονεραλλιδι
Larnaca sewage works 1 26 & 27-Aug AG/JS

RUFF *Calidris pugnax* Μαχητής

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 31-Aug TRe
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 27-Aug CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 16-Aug JS
Oroklini Marsh 6 17-Aug JS

CURLEW SANDPIPER *Calidris ferruginea*

Δρεπανονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 27-Aug CR
Lady's Mile 1 27-Aug PeA
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 8-Aug JS
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-Aug AC/ZT

TEMMINCK'S STINT *Calidris temminckii*

Σταχτονεραλλίδι

Achna Dam 1 15-Aug FGe
Asprokremmos Dam 1 14-Aug CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 8-Aug JS
Oroklini Marsh 2 9-Aug CR

SANDERLING *Calidris alba*

Λευκονεραλλίδι

*Sanderling, Spiros Beach, 10th August.**Photograph by Jane Stylianou*

Spiros Beach 3 10-Aug JS

DUNLIN *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 18, 27, 28 & 29-Aug CR/MSS/AG/FGe
Lady's Mile 6 26-Aug JS
Lady's Mile 3 black bellies, short bill 27-Aug CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16, 21 & 26-Aug JS/AG

LITTLE STINT *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Largest counts:

Lady's Mile 21 26-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works c30 27-Aug JS

COMMON SNIFE *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικασόνι

Achna Dam 1 15-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 16, 19, 24, 27, 30 & 31-Aug TRe/AG/MSS/PeA

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Ακρίτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits c10 31-Aug SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis
Larnaca Sewage Works 16 9-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 18 group of 14 on beach 30-Aug CR
Spiros Pool 12+ In area close to sewage pools fence 12, 13 & 15-Aug JS

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Δασονεραλλίδι

*Green Sandpiper, Agia Varvara, August 2021.**Photograph by Andy Waller.*

Max count per location:

Acheleia dam 1 23-Aug CR
Achna Dam 1 2, 10, 18 & 28-Aug JS/SC
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 9-Aug MH
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 2 16-Aug FGe
Agia Varvara pools 4 1-Aug ABW
Akrotiri Marsh 1 4 & 24-Aug ABW/AG
Asprokremmos Dam 1 7-Aug CR
Athalassa Dam 1 4-Aug LSa
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 9-Aug CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 30-Aug NBR
Minthis Hills 1 6-Aug CR
Oroklini Marsh 1 17-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 Flying W to E calling 5-Aug JS
Spiros Pool 2 In area near Sewage Pools fence 10-Aug JS

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδι

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 breeding plum 2-Aug CR

Akrotiri Marsh 1 27, 30 & 31-Aug
AG/MSS/CR/TRé
Lady's Mile 4 26-Aug JS
Oroklini Marsh 1 South hide 9-Aug JS

COMMON GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* Πρασινονεραλλίδι
Max count per location:
Achna Dam c6 28-Aug SC
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Flew over
heading N calling 9-Aug JS
Agia Paraskevi pond, Agia Napa 2 27-Aug
FGe/SC
Akrotiri Marsh 4 29-Aug AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 14 west side 2-Aug CR
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 2 8-Aug
AC/ZT
Oroklini Marsh 1 15 & 17-Aug MH/JS

COMMON REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*
Κοκκινονεραλλίδι
Largest counts:
Akrotiri Salt Lake 6 19-Aug AG
Oroklini Marsh 6 17-Aug JS

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola*
Λάσπονεραλλίδι
Largest counts:
Achna Dam 11 15-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Marsh 7 24-Aug AG

MARSH SANDPIPER *Tringa stagnatilis*
Βάλτονεραλλίδι
Max count per location:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 3 31-
Aug TRé
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 west side 2-Aug CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1, 8 & 26-Aug
JS/AG
Oroklini Marsh 1 9, 15 & 17-Aug
CR/MH/JS

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glaireola pratincola* Νεροχελίδονο
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
flew in to one of flashes 2-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flying offshore
west 30-Aug CR

SLENDER-BILLED GULL *Larus genei*
Λεπτόραμφος Γλάρος
Akrotiri Salt Lake 13 mostly west side 2-
Aug CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 27 Zakaki run off 15-
Aug AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 183 18-Aug CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40+ 19-Aug AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake c100 20-Aug JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 45 27-Aug CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 Juvenile 27-
Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 200+ Floating
offshore in a large raft 11:25 then flew E
and lost to view 23-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 9 Floating offshore
then flew W 13:50 24-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 9 low over sea,
west 25-Aug CR

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*
Χωραφόγλαρος



Black-headed Gull, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 18th
August. Photograph by Dave Walker

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 3-
Aug TRé
Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 west side, on mast
fence 2-Aug CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 15 & 18-Aug AG/CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 22 juvs 27-Aug CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 12 & 27-Aug
JS
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 18-Aug DJW
Oroklini Marsh 2 eclipse 9-Aug CR
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 24 & 25-Aug JS

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος
Lady's Mile 1 Juv roosting on mud flat 26-
Aug JS
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 possible juv.? rather
distant 27-Aug CR

AUDOUIN'S GULL *Larus audouinii*
Νησόγλαρος
Dhekelia, Larnaca 1 adult 7-Aug FGe

Baltic Gull *Larus fuscus fuscus*
Μελανόγλαρος Βαλτικής
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 Juvenile heading
W 7:00 am 5-Aug JS

Spiros Pool 2 ads roosting with the
Yellow-legged Gulls 18 & 21-Aug JS

LITTLE TERN *Sternula albifrons* Γλαρόνι
Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 west side 2-Aug CR

COMMON GULL-BILLED TERN

Gelochelidon nilotica Γελογλάρονο
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 2ads, 1 juv 2-Aug CR
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 juv 27-Aug CR
Pervolia fields 1 Flew over area 18-Aug
JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 2 Flying W along
shore 18:30 24-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 4 west 25-Aug CR

CASPIAN TERN *Hydroprogne caspia*
Γιγαντογλάρονο
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 ad heading
steadily SW, medium height, 10.20h 5-Aug
CR

WHISKERED TERN *Chlidonias hybrida*
Λιμνογλάρονο
Max count per location:
Achna Dam 1 adult 7-Aug FGe
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 4 31-
Aug TRe
Athalassa Dam 1 4-Aug LSA
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 non-breeding
plum 9-Aug CR

WHITE-WINGED TERN *Chlidonias
leucopterus* Αργυρογλάρονο



*White-winged Tern, Mandria, 2nd August.
Photograph by Trevor Fordham*

Max count per location:
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 2 31-
Aug PeA
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 2 & 18-Aug CR
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 Juvs 10-Aug
JS
Mandria, Paphos 1 2-Aug TF

Polis Chrysochou Bay 15 far out, low over
sea, west 25-Aug CR

Black/White-winged Tern Polis
Chrysochou Bay 1 dark underwings
suggested Black Tern, but at least 300m
offshore 30-Aug CR

COMMON BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

Αθρωποπούλλι
Agia Varvara pools 1 dead on ground 15-
Aug ABW
Meneou Beach 1 Heard calling 1:20 am
10-Aug JS
Meneou Beach 1 Heard calling 3:20 am
12-Aug JS
Meneou Beach 1 Heard 01:25 am 14-Aug
JS

CYPRUS SCOPS OWL *Otus cypria* Θουπί
Artemis Trail, Troodos 1 8-Aug MH
Troodos Forest 1 17-Aug MH

BLACK-WINGED KITE* *Elanus caeruleus*
Έλανος
Karpasia peninsula 1 A juvenile 14-Aug
DR (Rare Bird Report required)
Mandria 1 Photographed 21 & 23-Aug
PD (Rare Bird Report received)

EUROPEAN HONEY BUZZARD *Pernis
apivorus* Μελισσοσίχνο
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Aug AG
Armou Hills 1 soaring over hill near
Minthis 29-Aug CR
Sotira, Paramali c50 Seen circling, over
area heading towards Akrotiri 21-Aug
NK/GFS

GRIFFON VULTURE *Gyps fulvus* Γύπας
Kensington Cliffs 7 27-Aug MSS
Kelokedara 3 gliding over area 13-Aug
CA

BONELLI'S EAGLE *Aquila fasciata*

Σπιζαετός – Περιοσιόχινo



Bonelli's Eagle, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 18th August. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Agia Varvara 2 ad, imm flying together as pair 17-Aug CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 Immature 18-Aug DJW

WESTERN MARSH HARRIER *Circus*

aeruginosus Βαλτοσιόχινo

Max count per location:

Achna Dam 1 7 & 15-Aug FGE
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 28-Aug AG
Akrotiri Marsh 3 2, 15 & 27-Aug AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 2, 16 & 30-Aug CR/KyK/ADT
Mandria, Paphos 1 26-Aug MSS

BLACK KITE *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 24+ 28-Aug AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 50+ 29-Aug AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Aug SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis
Akrotiri Marsh 1 28 & 31-Aug AG/NBr
Akrotiri Salt Lake c84 34 seen roosting in trees along south shore of lake and flew south 08:45; c50 seen circling over area 11:20. Could include the earlier 34 26-Aug JS
Bishop's Pool 42 Kettling over monastery and heading SW high up 25-Aug ABW
Souni 1 migrating from pine woods to SW early morning 29-Aug JN

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Διπλογέρακο

Agia Varvara 2 incl 1 juv 3-Aug CR
Agia Varvara 1 26-Aug MSS
Akrotiri Marsh 1 27 & 28-Aug AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 30-Aug ADT Raptor count
Asprokremmos Dam 3 26-Aug MSS
Germasogeia Dam 1 28-Aug PeA

Germasogeia village 1 6-Aug AG
Kritou Tera 1 2-Aug LSA
Marathounta hills 1 8-Aug CR
Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 30-Aug NBr
Minthis Hills 1 6 & 16-Aug CR
Pissouri motorway 1 27-Aug CR
Pittokopos to Androlikou road 1 6-Aug JS
Secret Valley Golf Club 1 Young very dark coloured bird, on the ground and attempting to walk it appeared to have been shot and lost use of left leg and number of flight feathers were missing. It managed to get airborne but was only flying at max 20ft above the ground down towards the motorway 23-Aug PBr
Zygi turnoff on motorway 2 Flying over 11-Aug

COMMON HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Πουπούξιος



Common Hoopoe, August 2021. Photograph by Andy Waller

Largest counts:

Achna Dam 12 15-Aug FGE
Agia Napa Football Fields 6 17-Aug JS
Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 13 27-Aug CR

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER *Merops apiaster*
Μελισσοφάγος



European Bee-eater, Agia Varvara, August 2021. Photograph by Andy Waller

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 47 ads, juvs 10-Aug CR
Akrotiri 40+ 30-Aug AG
Germasogeia village 40+ 7-Aug AG
Pedoulas 32 15-Aug CC
Polis Chrysochou Bay 32 11-Aug JS

EUROPEAN ROLLER *Coracias garrulus*
Κράγκα

Max count per location:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 29-Aug AG
Akrotiri Marsh 2 2 & 27-Aug AG
Armou Hills 1 4, 5 & 6-Aug CR
Lady's Mile 1 27-Aug MSS
Minthis Hills 1 juv 6-Aug CR
Potamia 2 juveniles 21-Aug FGe

WHITE-BREASTED KINGFISHER *Halcyon smyrnensis* Σμυρναλκυόνα



White-breasted Kingfisher, Akrotiri Marsh, 23rd August. Photograph by Tony Reeves.

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
Photographed 23-Aug TRE

EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλλι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 28 & 29-Aug AG

ELEONORA'S FALCON *Falco eleonora*
Μαυρομμάτης



Eleonora's Falcon, Mavrokolymbos Dam. 18th August. Photograph by Dave Walker

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 8 30-Aug ADT Raptor count
Kensington Cliffs 12+ 27-Aug MSS

EURASIAN HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*
Δεντροφάλκονο

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 27-Aug SC/FGe

Akrotiri Marsh 1 27-Aug AG
Armou Hills 3 soaring together 29-Aug CR

Kamares (Tala) 1 4 & 6-Aug DJW
Kamares (Tala) 2 15 & 17-Aug DJW
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Flew in and put up the waders 12-Aug JS
Marathounta mast 1 seen flying over Armou village at sunset 27-Aug CR
Minthis Hills 2 over pond, pair 6-Aug CR
Minthis Hills 1 16-Aug CR

PEREGRINE FALCON *Falco peregrinus*
Ζάνος

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 23 & 27-Aug ABW/JS

Pervolia fields 1 Flying over area being mobbed by Hooded Crows 14-Aug JS

EURASIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE *Oriolus oriolus* Κλωρκός

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 flew over campsite trees 30-Aug CR

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio*
Κεφαλάς

First reports and largest counts:

Achna Dam 2 15-Aug FGe
Agia Napa Sewage Works c5 23-Aug SC
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 15-Aug AG
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 26 & 28-Aug JS/AG

Kiti to Petounta Road 3 Juvs 27-Aug JS
Larnaca Sewage Works 4 26-Aug AG
Thalassines Spilies, Cape Greco 1 15-Aug
FGe

LESSER GREY SHRIKE *Lanius minor*

Σταχτοκεφαλός



Lesser Grey Shrike, Akrotiri Gravel Pits, 29th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou.

First reports and largest counts:

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 16-Aug FGe
Agia Varvara 2 ad, juv 10-Aug CR
Agia Varvara 9 24-Aug CR
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 12+ 29-Aug AG
Kivisili 1 14-Aug JS
Paphos Sewage Plant 8 26-Aug MSS

WOODCHAT SHRIKE *Lanius senator*

Κοκκινόκεφαλός

Achna Dam 1 15-Aug FGe
Agia Napa Football Fields 1 17-Aug JS
Akrotiri Marsh 1 21-Aug AG
Androlikou 1 Ad 24-Aug JS
Pittokopos to Androlikou road 2 Ads 6-
Aug JS

MASKED SHRIKE *Lanius nubicus*

Δακκαννούρα



Masked Shrike, Mavrokolymbos Dam, 18th August. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 6 ads, juvs 28-Aug CR
Armou Hills 6 19-Aug CR

EURASIAN JAY *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Artemis Trail 6 8-Aug ABW
Cedar Valley 1 13-Aug ABW
Kykkos Monastery 15 13-Aug ABW
Pedoulas 2 15-Aug CC

COAL TIT *Periparus ater cypriotes*

Πέμπετος

Agios Epiphianos 1 22-Aug MH
Artemis Trail, Troodos c35 8-Aug MH
Kardama locality, Amiantos 8 8-Aug CC
Kykkos Monastery 7 13-Aug ABW
Lazanias 3 1-Aug FGe
Pedoulas 10 15-Aug CC
Troodos Forest 8 17-Aug MH

CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

calandra Μαυροτράσιηλος

Pervolia fields 1 Seen feeding in field 8-
Aug JS
Pervolia fields 22 Flock in flight over fields
12-Aug JS

(EASTERN) OLIVACEOUS WARBLER

Iduna pallida Τρυβητούρα



Olivaceous Warbler, August 2021. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Largest counts:

Achna Dam 6 15-Aug FGe
Agia Napa Sewage Works 50+ They were
everywhere! 17-Aug JS
Armou Hills 7 13-Aug CR

ICTERINE WARBLER *Hippolais icterina*

Κίτρινοτρυβητούρα

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Aug PeA/NBr

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus*

schoenobaenus Σχοινομουγιαννούδι

Agia Varvara 1 14-Aug CR
Zakaki Marsh 1 + 31-Aug SC with M
Charalambides & A P Leventis

EURASIAN REED WARBLER*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Καλαμομουγιαννούδι

Agia Varvara pools 2 27-Aug ABW

Agia Varvara 1 28-Aug CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 heard only 31-Aug

SC with M Charalambides & A P Leventis

Oroklini Marsh 1 9 & 15-Aug CR/MH

Zakaki Marsh 8 18-Aug CR

Zakaki Marsh c5 31-Aug SC with M

Charalambides & A P Leventis

GREAT REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* Τζικλομουγιαννούδι

Great Reed Warbler, Agia Varvara, 27th
August. Photograph by Andy Waller.

Agia Varvara pools 1 27 & 28-Aug
ABW/CR

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Aug NBr

Akrotiri Marsh 1 5, 19 & 27-Aug

AG/MSS/CR

Akrotiri Marsh 2+ 21-Aug AG

Akrotiri Marsh 3 24-Aug AG

Zakaki Marsh 1 27 & 31-Aug

MSS/SC/MC/APL

NORTHERN HOUSE MARTIN *Delichon urbicum* Ασπροχελίδονο

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 5 2-Aug CR

Artemis Trail, Troodos c20 8-Aug MH

Asprokremmos Dam 190 high over dam
wall 14-Aug CR

Marathounta hills 1 24-Aug CR

Pedoulas 10 15-Aug CC

Souini 2 2-Aug JN

Troodos c100 8-Aug ABW

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW *Cecropis daurica* Μιλτοχελίδονο

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Marsh 40+ 21-Aug AG

Akrotiri Salt Lake 30+ Zakaki run off 15-Aug AG

Germasogeia Dam 20+ 28-Aug PeA

Lazania 20+ post-breeding flock 1-Aug
FGe**EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne rupestris* Βραχοχελίδονο

Kardama locality, Amiandos 3 8-Aug CC

(COLLARED) SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia* Οχθοχελίδονο

Akrotiri Marsh 1 21, 24 & 31-Aug

AG/PeA/TRe

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 21-Aug MH

Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 In off sea 07:45

5-Aug JS

Spiros Pool 140+ 27-Aug JS

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* Δασογιαννούδι

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Aug AG

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus* Θαμνογιαννούδι

Achna Dam 1 28-Aug SC

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 17-Aug JS

Agia Varvara 3 28-Aug CR

Akrotiri 2 28-Aug AG

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 28-Aug AG

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1 31-Aug PeA

Armou Hills 2 28-Aug CR

Armou Hills 1 juv 29-Aug CR

Kamares (Tala) 1 25 & 28-Aug DJW

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 21-Aug JS

Minthis Hills 1 16-Aug CR

Pervolia fields 1 21-Aug JS

Potamia 1 21-Aug FGe

EURASIAN BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla* Αμπελοπούλλι

Armou Hills 1 f 28-Aug CR

Armou Hills 2 29-Aug CR

BARRED WARBLER *Sylvia nisoria* Γιαλλούρα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 16-Aug FGe

Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 Both juvs

seen coming to eat berries then flying into
olive trees. Could possibly have been three.
17-Aug JS

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 juvenile 27-

Aug SC with F Georgiades

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 28-Aug AG

EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER *Sylvia crassirostris* Θαμνογιαλλούρα
Agia Napa Sewage Works c6 16, 17 & 23-Aug FGe/JS/SC
Agia Napa Sewage Works c8 27-Aug SC with F Georgiades
Armou Hills 1 13, 19 & 28-Aug CR
Armou Hills 2 22-Aug CR
Minthis Hills 1 16-Aug CR

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca* Συκαλλίδι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 12+ 16-Aug FGe
Agia Napa Sewage Works c15 17-Aug JS
Agia Napa Sewage Works c6 23-Aug SC
Agia Napa Sewage Works c14 27-Aug SC with F Georgiades
Armou Hills 1 8-Aug CR
Armou Hills 2 13, 22 & 28-Aug CR
Armou Hills 6 19-Aug CR

CYPRUS WARBLER *Sylvia melanothorax* Τρυπομάζης
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 9, 16 & 17-Aug JS/FGe
Kritou Tera 2 2-Aug LSa
Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 30-Aug NBr
Secret Valley Golf Club 2 23-Aug PBr
Secret Valley Golf Club 1 25-Aug PBr
Thalassines Spilies, Cape Greco 2 15-Aug FGe

GREATER (COMMON) WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis* Ασπρόλαιμο Συκαλλίδι
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 9-Aug JS
Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 16-Aug FGe
Agia Napa Sewage Works 2 17, 23 & 27-Aug JS/FGe/SC
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 10-Aug JS
Marathounta hills 1 8-Aug CR
Mia Milia Water Treatment Plant 1 8-Aug AC/IT

SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER *Certhia brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης
Artemis Trail, Troodos 7 8-Aug MH
Pedoulas 1 15-Aug CC
Troodos Forest IBA 2 17-Aug MH

NORTHERN WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes* Τρυποκάρυδο
Artemis Trail, Troodos 6 8-Aug MH

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Pastor roseus* Ακριδοπούλλι
Agia Varvara 1 Juvenile 26-Aug MSS
Akrotiri Marsh 1 Juvenile 5-Aug AG

EURASIAN BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula* ♂
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)
Largest counts:
Almyrolivado 4 3m and 1f 18-Jun JS
Atalante Trail, Troodos 4 3-Jun DJW
Dyo Moutes trail 4 27-Jun MH
Livadi tou Pashia, Troodos 4 9-Jun JS

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata* Μουγινοφάς
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 31-Aug PeA
Artemis Trail, Troodos 5 8-Aug MH
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 26-Aug MSS
Pittokopos to Androlikou road 1 24-Aug JS
Polis Chrysochou Bay 1 23-Aug JS

RUFIOUS-TAILED SCRUB-ROBIN* *Cercotrichas galactotes* Κουφαρηδόνι



Rufous-tailed Scrub-Robin, Agia Napa Sewage Works, 9th August. Photograph by Jane Stylianou

Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 Flew down from olive tree onto ground. Managed to get a few photos. Flew over area and could be heard calling but not seen again 9-Aug JS

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra* Βοσκαρούδι
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 1 29-Aug AG
Akrotiri Marsh 1 28-Aug AG
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 21-Aug JS

NORTHERN WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe* Σταχτοσκαλιφούρτα
Mandria, Paphos 1 26-Aug MSS

ISABELLINE WHEATEAR *Oenanthe isabellina* Αμμοσκαλιφούρτα
Agia Napa Sewage Works 1 16-Aug FGe

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 2 28-Aug AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 31-Aug SC with M
Charalambides & A P Leventis
Larnaca Salt Lake 1 13 & 16-Aug JS
Meneou Pool 1 10-Aug JS
Pervolia fields 1 14-Aug JS

CYPRUS WHEATEAR *Oenanthe cypriaca*

Σκαλιφούρτα

Largest counts:

Artemis Trail, Troodos 7 8-Aug MH
Lazanias 6 1-Aug FGe
Mavrokolymbos Dam 8 18-Aug DJW

WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL *Motacilla*

flava Τζιτρινοζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Larnaca Sewage Works c60 21 & 26-Aug
MH
Potamia c150 21-Aug FGe
Spiros Pool 120+ In area next to sewage
pools fence 19-Aug JS

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava flava*

Γαλαζοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης

Agia Varvara pools 2 21-Aug ABW

*Yellow-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*

lutea *Κιτρινοκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης*

Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri Reed-beds) 1
appeared to be flavissima, green/brown
back, greenish cap, yellow eyestripe, no
photographs 18-Aug CR (Rare Bird Report
required)

Black-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

feldegg *Μαυροκέφαλος Ζευκαλάτης*

Max count per location:

Achna Dam 2 18-Aug JS
Akrotiri Marsh 14 5-Aug AG
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki run off 15-Aug
AG
Germasogeia village 1 6-Aug AG
Prodromi, Polis 1 Male sitting on wire next
to road 24-Aug JS

GREY WAGTAIL *Motacilla cinerea*

Σταχτοζευκαλάτης

Troodos Forest 1 17-Aug MH
Upper Caledonia Trail 1 8-Aug ABW

CITRINE WAGTAIL *Motacilla citreola*

Κιτροζευκαλάτης

Agia Varvara 1 in remaining water in east
soakaway, juv 14-Aug CR

Akrotiri Marsh 1 juv 15, 27 & 31-Aug

AG/MSS/NBr

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 juv, with yellow
wagtails, but perched on dead branches
23-Aug CR

Polis campsite, Chrysochou river 1 juv 11-
Aug CR

Spiros Pool 1 Juv. In area near fence of
Sewage Pools 15-Aug JS

RED CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούττης

Artemis Trail, Troodos 7 8-Aug MH

BLACK-HEADED BUNTING *Emberiza*

melanocephala Τιρίλινγκος

Akrotiri Marsh 2 24-Aug AG

ORTOLAN BUNTING *Emberiza hortulana*

Τσακροπιτίλλα

Agia Napa Sewage Works 3 23-Aug SC

CRETZSCHMAR'S BUNTING *Emberiza*

caesia Σιταροπούλλι

Agios Epifanios 1 22-Aug MH

Lazanias 1 1-Aug FGe

Mavrokolymbos Dam 4 30-Aug NBr

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MONTHLY WATERBIRD COUNT

August 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 August, 8 recorders covered 13 wetlands across the island, where a total of 2,111 waterbirds, of 50 different species were recorded.

The most abundant species was the Mallard with 576 individuals. The second most abundant species was the Kentish Plover with 208 individuals. The third most abundant species was the Spur-Winged Lapwing with 190.

The wetland holding the most birds, was Larnaka Sewage Works with 576 individuals. Akrotiri Lady's Mile was second in terms of number of individuals recorded with 324 individuals, followed by Athalassa Dam with 286 individuals.

Larnaka Sewage Works was the most species rich site with 21 different species being recorded there. Achna Dam was the second most species abundant site with 20 different species being recorded there. Akrotiri Marsh was the third most species rich site with 16 different species being recorded there.

Site coverage for the August 2021 International Waterbird Count

Site	Recorder	Date
Akrotiri Marsh	Markos Charalambides, Nikos Kassinis, Enrique Blauert	31/8/21
Akrotiri Meras, Salt Lake & Lady's Mile	Markos Charalambides, Nikos Kassinis, Enrique Blauert	31/8/21
Bishop's Pool	Markos Charalambides, Nikos Kassinis, Enrique Blauert	31/8/21
Zakaki Pond	Markos Charalambides, Nikos Kassinis, Enrique Blauert	31/8/21
Larnaka Salt Lake	Jane Stylianou	16/8/21
Larnaka Sewage Works	Jane Stylianou	16/8/21
Strakka Pools	Markos Charalambides, Enrique Blauert	27/8/21
Athalassa Dam	Martha Petrou	17/8/21
Achna Dam	Martha Petrou	14/8/21
Paralimni Lake	Anders Grey & Antaia Christou	26/8/21
Oroklini Marsh	Martin Hellicar	15/8/21

Number of waterbirds recorded across all sites

Family	Species	Scientific name	Number recorded
Flamingos	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	42
Ducks	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	576
Ducks	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	8
Ducks	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	8
Ducks	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	6
Ducks	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	5
Ducks	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	3
Ducks	Red-Crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	2
Ducks	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	1
Rails and Crakes	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	105
Rails and Crakes	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	46
Gulls and Terns	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	164
Gulls and Terns	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	3
Waders	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	208
Waders	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	190
Waders	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	58
Waders	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	32
Waders	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	26
Waders	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	12
Waders	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	11
Waders	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	11
Waders	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	6
Waders	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	3
Waders	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	3
Waders	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	2
Waders	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1
Waders	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	1
Waders	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	1
Waders	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1
Waders	Wader Spp		1
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	155
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	99
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	68
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Black-Crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	63
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	29
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	9
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	5
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	2
Hérons, Storks & Ibisses	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	1
Grebes	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	73
Grebes	Great-Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1
Kingfishers	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	9

Family	Species	Scientific name	Number recorded
Birds of prey	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco Eleonarae</i>	7
Birds of prey	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2
Cranes	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>	3
Cormorants	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	9
Wagtails	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	29
Warblers	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	9
Warblers	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	1
Warblers	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	1

Total numbers of waterbirds and species recorded at each site

Site	Number of individuals recorded	Number of species recorded
Larnaka Sewage Works	576	21
Akrotiri Lady's Mile	324	8
Athalassa Dam	286	15
Akrotiri Marsh	237	16
Akrotiri Salt Lake	188	9
Achna Dam	178	20
Oroklini Marsh	106	15
Larnaka Salt Lake	95	8
Bishop's Pool	43	9
Zakaki Pond	40	7
Paralimni Lake	18	4
Strakka Pools	14	7
Akrotiri Meras	6	3



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