

CYPRUS

23–28 April 2024

Participants:

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Leader: Colin Richardson

ITINERARY 760 km.



2024 Cyprus Birdfinders, l to r: Dave, Colin V, Colin R, James and John in the Ezousas valley.

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Tuesday 23 April

Arrive Paphos International Airport, Mandria, Anarita Park and Agia Varvara soakaways
Transfer to Dionysos Central Hotel, Paphos

Wednesday 24 April

Kensington Cliffs, M1 soakaways, Akrotiri Marsh, Bishop's Pool, Lady's Mile and Akrotiri Salt Lake

Thursday 25 April

Mavrokolymbos Dam, Akoursos, Kathikas, Neo Chorio - Agios Minas, Smygies trail, Baths of Aphrodite cliffs, Polis campsite river, Minthis hills

Dinner at Armou, followed by owl hunt

Friday 26 April

Diarizos valley, Agios Nikolaos – Omodos, Mandria – Troodos, Troodos Met. Stn, Livadi tou Pasha, Troodos Botanical Garden, Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria

Saturday 27 April

Acheleia cement factory site, Agia Varvara motorway pools, Agia Varvara, Mandria and Paphos Sewage Plant fields

Sunday 28 April

Paphos Lighthouse, Agia Varvara, Nata Bridge and Episkopi

Back to hotel, check-out for the late afternoon transfer to Paphos Airport (flight 20.30h)

DIARY

Tuesday 23 April - PAPHOS

After picking up John from the hotel we met the rest of the group, who arrived on time at Paphos airport, before heading for some afternoon birding at the coastal hotspot of Mandria. Here we found our first Laughing Doves, Zitting Cisticolas and Sardinian Warblers. A recently seeded irrigated field held a number of interesting migrants, including several Black and Blue-headed Wagtails (races *feldegg* and *flava*), Red-throated Pipits, Whinchats and Northern Wheatears. Then it was on to 'Anarita Park' an area of wild hillside and rocky outcrops, ideal for Little Owl (of the pale race *indigena*) and hunting Long-legged Buzzard, both of which were on show. But the highlights were several Cyprus Warblers on territory and popping up amongst the gorse bushes, and a recently arrived and very dapper Cyprus Wheatear perched on the overhead wires nearby. Interesting migrant shrikes Red-backed and Woodchat were seen too, and an Ortolan Bunting quickly flew past, seen by some of the keen-eyed members of the group. An unfinished house hosted several pairs of European Rollers, sharing the many available holes with a small group of Spanish Sparrows and good views were had by all. Our last stop of the day was in the Ezousas Valley, where the soakaways at Agia Varvara enabled us to add Squacco and Purple Heron to our list, while overhead a Red-rumped Swallow made a brief appearance. A few European Turtle-doves also sat on the power lines. An olive grove was sheltering a pair of Stone Curlews, which everyone finally managed to see helped by visual guidance from James and Colin V.

It had been a good start to the tour, and it was soon time to head into Paphos for the group to check in at the Dionysos Central Hotel for their first night in Cyprus.

Wednesday 24 April – KENSINGTON CLIFFS & THE AKROTIRI PENINSULA

An 8.15h departure allowed us time for a quick stop at the supermarket for some more bottled water and snacks, then a 30-minute drive found us on top of Kensington Cliffs, high above Quarry beach. At least eight Eleonora's Falcons were putting on a good display, rising and stooping past the cliffs, while a resident Peregrine looked on and a couple of Alpine Swifts soared around at higher level. Then on to the 'M1 soakaways' a revived site which has attracted many birds this spring. The four main pools and runoffs were situated next to the dry Kouris River valley, so providing a north-south flyway for many migrants. Just to prove the point, when we arrived eight Purple Herons flew over in formation heading north, while several Cattle Egrets stood motionless and a handful of Squacco Herons stalked around the pools. We added several other good species to our list, including Curlew and Wood Sandpipers, Greenshank, Ruff, European Turtle-dove, Northern Wheatear, Zitting Cisticola and several races of Yellow Wagtail: Blue-headed (*flava*), Black-headed (*feldegg*) and Grey-headed (*thunbergi*). After an hour we made our way to the nearby Akrotiri Marsh, a Ramsar site and the most productive wetland on the Akrotiri Peninsula. Here we added many more species to our list, including Glossy Ibis, Black-winged Stilt, Common Snipe, Marsh Sandpiper and most importantly, over 30 Spur-winged Lapwings, a Middle East speciality. Three White-winged Terns, in full breeding plumage made a brief but impressive appearance, before we settled down at a convenient spot beside the marsh for our picnic.

On to Bishop's Pool, reached by a short walk from the car park at Saint Nikolas 'Monastery of the cats'. During our walk to the pool, we added Common Redstart and Eastern Olivaceous Warbler to our growing list. On reaching the pool we found our target species amongst the Little Grebes, Moorhens and Coots: four Ferruginous Ducks, which have become a reliable breeding resident here for over 15 years. Also present we saw single Squacco & Purple Herons, joined by a group of 12 Black-crowned Night Herons, which on landing were quickly absorbed by the reedbeds. Our next stop was at Lady's Mile, reached by driving over the flat salt flats surrounding the Salt Lake. When we reached the shallow brackish pools we were greeted by large flocks of waders, including over 400 Ruff, 140 Little Stint, 50 Kentish Plover, 40 Common Ringed Plover, four Greenshank, 35 Black-winged Stilt and a single Dunlin. A surprising find were eight Broad-billed Sandpipers, in two groups spread amongst the flock of waders. Other top species included a hundred Greater Flamingos, two Curlew Sandpipers and four Little Terns. All-in-all an impressive sight. It was late afternoon, so our last site was a visit to the edge of the Salt Lake. Not too much on show, except for a distant flock of seven Black-tailed Godwits heading north. It was a nice end to the day's birding. We were soon on the motorway for the 70 km journey back to the hotel for a well-earned rest and a sumptuous buffet dinner.

Thursday 25 April – AKAMAS PENINSULA



After the usual 8.15h start, we set off north for the Akamas peninsula, first stopping at the 'Tomb of the Kings' *Sunfresh* bakery for supplies. After a 30-minute drive along the coast road, we were at the Mavrokolymbos Dam. Usually a migration hotspot, but rather quiet today, although we did get good views of several Cyprus Wheatears and Cyprus Warblers. We then drove steadily up the winding road to Kathikas, first stopping at the wooded ravines of Akoursos to check the area. We counted four Long-legged Buzzards on the way, clearly these gorse covered hillsides suited them. There was an interesting passage of hirundines, mainly House Martins, but also seven Red-rumped Swallows, some of which were probably local breeders. Here we also had good views of a Cetti's Warbler, normally a real skulker, and a pair of Peregrines. We drove up to the vineyard area of Kathikas, at an altitude of around 650 metres, where we spent some time watching two Great Spotted Cuckoos chasing and calling, while a pair of European Rollers displayed, both attracted by a farmer ploughing a field disturbing all the insects. Back on the main road to

Polis and Latchi, we passed at least 200 Red-rumped Swallows, which were steadily heading north over the peninsula. We headed for Neo Chorio and on the way to the small chapel at Agios Minas we logged over 60 European Bee-eaters, two Hoopoes and a Red-backed Shrike, while a Common Redstart flew on to the road. When we reached the chapel, we parked in the shade of the pines and had our lunch. A couple of Eleonora's Falcons passed by, while the nearby spring attracted Wood Warbler, Spanish Sparrows, Blackcaps, European Serin and other finches. After lunch we drove on past Smygies and followed the ridge track towards the cape and found a Spotted Flycatcher and had views of a few more Bee-eaters flying over. We returned to sea level and headed for the Baths of Aphrodite, where the lightly wooded area of the glampsite provided a shady spot to look at the distant island Yellow-legged Gull colony. On the island we could also see a few 'Mediterranean' Shags and a large flock of swirling swifts, difficult to be certain of the species, but the island is known for its colony of Pallid Swifts.

We then headed east through Latchi and stopped at the Chrysochou River bridge opposite the Polis campsite. The perennial river held two Night Herons and a Squacco Heron, while the good growth of reeds held a few breeding 'Caspian' Reed Warblers (the local darker race) and at least one migrant Sedge Warbler. It was already late afternoon, so we headed for Minthis in the foothills above Paphos, where the golf course provided a number of good habitats. The irrigation reservoir and ornamental pond were perfect habitats for seven more Black-crowned Night-herons, a Grey Heron, and Common, Green and Wood Sandpipers. The fairways were scattered with feeding Eurasian Hoopoes and European Turtle-doves were calling nearby. Away from the golf course we went to a quiet area of gorse-covered hillside, where we had a singing Corn Bunting, a Tree Pipit and good views of a pair of Chukars. The key species was yet to come, and after a careful search we managed to find a male Spectacled Warbler near its nest. The species is slowly declining in the west of Cyprus due to habitat loss and development.

A short drive took us to Armou, where we had booked a table at the Platiala (village square) tavern. Here we chose from a selection of traditional Cyprus dishes, including mixed grill platter, moussaka, chicken and pork kebabs, accompanied by Greek salad, dips and hot pita bread. As we finished our dinner it was nearly dark, and we heard a Cyprus Scops Owl calling, only a few steps from the entrance of the taverna. Soon two birds flew past in the gloom and one perched on a lamppost. With help of our torches, we managed some good views. This village holds one of the highest densities of this endemic, so the plan worked well and we headed back to the hotel at around 9.30pm after a long, but productive day out.

Friday 26 April – TROODOS AND FOOTHILLS

The usual routine, up and out after breakfast at 8.15am, a stop for sandwiches, and today up the Diarizos valley towards the Troodos mountains. We turned off at Agios Nikolaos for the grape vine route to Omodos, where at an altitude of around 900 metres we heard the songs of our target birds, and soon had great views of Black-headed & Cretzschmar's Buntings and several Masked Shrikes, all on breeding territory. There were over a dozen pairs of Cyprus Wheatears along this road and everywhere we stopped Eastern Olivaceous Warblers were in song, while in the distance a pair of adult Bonelli's Eagles sailed past, plus a Sparrowhawk seen by John. We climbed steadily up through Kato Platres hearing the songs of Common Nightingale in the wooded valley below, and within half-an-hour we were parked in Troodos village. At 1,700 metres the air was clear and fresh and near the weather station we quickly found the three endemic subspecies, 'Dorothea's' Short-toed Treecreeper, 'Cyprus' Jay and 'Cyprus' Coal Tit. Dozens of Common Swifts raced around over-head and we managed to pick out several Pallid Swifts, before we headed to the extensive picnic site of Livadi tou Pasha (Pasha's 'damp meadow'). During our picnic we watched a pair of Masked Shrikes and several very obliging Eastern Olivaceous Warblers, while Common Blackbirds and Chaffinches sang everywhere in the forest. We were pleased to see a Northern Goshawk fly over, a local speciality. Down to the Troodos botanical garden, where a Blue Rock-thrush was guarding the entrance from high up on the cliff. Inside the garden we had a few locally nesting Red-rumped Swallows and more of the local finches.

We then decided to head back down the mountain, as a party of Cream-coloured Coursers had been reported at Mandria. But two hours later, on reaching the coastal site, unfortunately the key birds had long gone, but we were able to add Greater Short-toed Lark to our list. It was time to head back to the hotel, with the usual log compilation during 'happy hour' in the bar, followed by a great buffet dinner.

Saturday 27 April - PAPHOS

Today we would concentrate on the top sites in the Paphos area. We first visited a colony of European Bee-eaters, where about 10 birds were actively guarding and excavating nest holes. At least one pair of Hoopoes and a Roller were also making use of the older nest holes, dug over previous years, and by now big enough for these larger species to use. Two Great Spotted Cuckoos were also flying around, it was good to see them again. We then visited the lower Agia Varvara pools near the motorway bridge, and found a few goodies, including two male Little Crakes and two Little Bitterns. Also present at the pools, including the upper soakaways, were several Night Herons, Squacco and Purple Herons, Little Egret and Grey Heron. In the shallows there were Black-winged Stilt, Common and Wood Sandpipers, plus half-a-dozen Yellow Wagtails of various races. Meanwhile overhead, a local Long-legged Buzzard made a brief appearance. We made a return visit to Anarita Park, where we found seven European Rollers still present competing for nest sites at the deserted villa. Then to Mandria to look at the 'Black-headed' and 'Blue-headed' Yellow Wagtails and Red-throated Pipits for the last time, before making our last port of call for the day at the Paphos Sewage Plant fields, where we had more Yellow Wagtails, Spur-winged Lapwings, a Green Sandpiper and four Cattle Egrets.

It was our last evening together, so we celebrated in the bar while doing our penultimate log of the tour.

Sunday 28 April – PAPHOS LIGHTHOUSE

On our last day we walked the few hundred metres from the hotel to the archaeological site at the Paphos Lighthouse, which we hadn't yet visited. A migrant hotspot in high spring, although many migrants had already moved through. We did find a good selection however, including European Bee-eaters, a Whinchat, single Northern & Eastern Black-eared Wheatears, many Spotted Flycatchers, lots of Sardinian Warblers, Zitting Cisticolas and both a Red-backed & a Woodchat Shrike. A 'fly-past' Golden Oriole was seen by one of our members, but it elusively kept out of view for the rest of us. On to Agia Varvara again – always worth a visit daily, being the only wetland near Paphos – but nothing new for us here, although a Little Owl was very obliging. Another check of the European Bee-eater colony, where all was well and numbers were up to 14 birds. We headed inland to Nata Bridge, where the river had reducing to a trickle in the drought conditions, but still supported a Little Egret and a couple of Blue-headed Wagtails. The view of the Paphos forest upstream were worth the journey though. We drove back via Episkopi, nestled in the Ezousas valley, where the river bridge hosted a pair of Red-rumped Swallows, and the reeds held several pairs of noisy Cetti's Warblers.

We were back at the hotel by 16.30h to freshen up, and soon we checked out and headed for the airport at 17.30h for the group's early evening flight to the UK, ending a very enjoyable tour.

SYSTEMATIC LIST 113 species

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

23 including 12 chicks Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr

22 including pair with 10 ducklings Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
1 m Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*

1 m Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

4 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr

Chukar Partridge *Alectoris chukar*

2 incl 1 tiny chick running across road Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr

2 Minthis Hills 25-Apr

Black Francolin *Francolinus francolinus*

1 calling in salt lake scrub Lady's Mile 24-Apr

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

3 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr

26 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr

6 incl 3 young chicks Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus*

100 Akrotiri Salt Lake 24-Apr

55 incl 45 flying over in formation Lady's Mile 24-Apr

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*

1 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

15 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr

Black-crowned Night-heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

12 migrants dropped in to roost Bishop's Pool 24-Apr

7 Minthis Hills 25-Apr

2 ad, juv Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr

1 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

4 incl 1 juv type Agia Varvara 27-Apr

2 imms Agia Varvara 28-Apr

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

1 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
1 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
1 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
3 M1 Pools 24-Apr
1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
1 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
3 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
14 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 28-Apr

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

20 also in fields near M1 pools Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
10 M1 Pools 24-Apr
3 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
1 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 27-Apr

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

2 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
4 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
1 over Akrotiri Salt Lake 24-Apr
1 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
8 flying north M1 Pools 24-Apr
2 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
5 singles on ground in odd places, under trees, away from water Agia Varvara 28-Apr

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

7 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
6 Lady's Mile 24-Apr
5 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
1 Nata Bridge 28-Apr

European Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

2 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
5 breeding on island Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
4 Mandria 27-Apr

Bonelli's Eagle *Aquila fasciata*

1 ad, juv Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

1 reported Nata Bridge 28-Apr, but not seen by all of group

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

1 male over at high level Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr

Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

1 imm Asprokremmos Dam 26-Apr

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

1 pale imm. Anarita Park 23-Apr
4 Akoursos 25-Apr
1 Kathikas vineyards 25-Apr
1 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
1 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

Little Crane *Zapornia parva*

2 males Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

7 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
2 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
1 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
19 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
2 Agia Varvara 28-Apr
1 heard Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

17 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
1 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr

Eurasian Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*

2 Agia Varvara 23-Apr

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

48 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
27 Lady's Mile 24-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 27-Apr

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus*

32 at least 2 sitting on scrapes Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
10 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr

Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*

39 Lady's Mile 24-Apr
1 on beach Mandria 26-Apr

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

50 Lady's Mile 24-Apr

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

1 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

7 flying high over salt lake Akrotiri Salt Lake 24-Apr

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

1 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

4 Lady's Mile 24-Apr
2 M1 Pools 24-Apr
1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

1 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
1 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

13 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
16 M1 Pools 24-Apr
1 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
4 Agia Varvara 27-Apr

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

3 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
3 M1 Pools 24-Apr
3 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
6 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 27-Apr

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*
150 Lady's Mile 24-Apr

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
2 Lady's Mile 24-Apr
1 M1 Pools 24-Apr

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
1 Lady's Mile 24-Apr

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus*
8 two loose groups of 4, 100 metres apart Lady's Mile 24-Apr

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
24 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
15 flying Akrotiri Salt Lake 24-Apr
410 2 large groups of 150+ Lady's Mile 24-Apr
1 M1 Pools 24-Apr

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*
30 flying west over Anarita Park 23-Apr
1 Mandria 23-Apr
1 ad Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
8 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
20 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
65 Asprokremmos Dam 26-Apr
7 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
3 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*
4 ads Lady's Mile 24-Apr

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*
3 ad plumage, dropped in then away Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr

Rock Dove *Columba livia*
several Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
6 genuine wild birds, amongst colony on cliff Akoursos 25-Apr

Common Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*
seen Agia Varvara 23-Apr
seen Mandria 23-Apr
10 Akoursos 25-Apr
6 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
seen Minthis Hills 25-Apr
seen Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
40 Smygies Trail 25-Apr
3 Troodos 26-Apr
10 Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
800 on wires, some say 1000+ on 100m stretch of power lines Mandria 27-Apr
60 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
3 Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr
10 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

European Turtle-dove *Streptopelia turtur*
5 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
1 M1 Pools 24-Apr
heard Akoursos 25-Apr
8 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
2 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
1 calling Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr

1 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
2 Agia Varvara 27-Apr

Eurasian Collared-dove *Streptopelia decaocto*
seen Mandria 23-Apr
6 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
2 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
2 Akoursos 25-Apr
2 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
seen Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr

Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis*
6 Mandria 23-Apr
1 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
3 en route Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
1 at Neo Chorio Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
4 Mandria 27-Apr
4 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius*
2 calling and chasing Kathikas 25-Apr
2 Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr

Cyprus Scops Owl *Otus cyprius*
3 calling, two flew over square, one landed on top of lamppost, 30 mins after sunset Armou 25-Apr

Little Owl *Athene noctua*
1 Anarita Park 23-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 28-Apr

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*
2 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr

Common Swift *Apus apus*
4 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
12 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
2 M1 Pools 24-Apr
30 Akoursos 25-Apr
6 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
6 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
4 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
30 Mandria - Troodos 26-Apr
100, estimate Troodos 26-Apr
6 Troodos Botanical Gardens 26-Apr
4 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
2 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
4 Anarita Park 27-Apr

Pallid Swift *Apus pallidus*
10 not counted Troodos 26-Apr

Apus sp.
swift sp. 60 over island, probably included many Pallid, but too far away to ID Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr

European Roller *Coracias garrulus*
3 at unfinished house Anarita Park 23-Apr
2 Kathikas vineyards 25-Apr
2 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
2 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 using one of old bee-eater holes Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr

9 incl 6 around deserted house Anarita Park 27-Apr
2 at nest hole Acheleia Cement Works 28-Apr

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

heard Agia Varvara 23-Apr
4 Akoursos 25-Apr
9 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
65 passing over Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
9 Smygies Trail 25-Apr
heard Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
8 excavating and entering nest holes, in gravel cliff Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
3 on wires Lower Ezousas Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
14 active colony, lots of nest excavating and holding territory Acheleia Cement Works 28-Apr
2 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

3 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
2 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 calling Troodos 26-Apr
2 at nest hole, seen flying out Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
1 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

1 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
2 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
2 Akoursos 25-Apr
5 Kathikas vineyards 25-Apr
1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
1 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
1 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
2 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
1 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
2 Anarita Park 27-Apr
2 Mandria 27-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 28-Apr
1 Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae*

8 diving and displaying Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
5 en route Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

2 Akoursos 25-Apr
1 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr

Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

1 m Anarita Park 23-Apr
2 m Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 m Anarita Park 27-Apr
1 fem Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

1 Anarita Park 23-Apr
1 at entrance drive Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
1 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*

3 at least 2 pairs on territory Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
2 on nest Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr
2 Troodos 26-Apr
2 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

Two reported by John on 28-Apr, not seen by others

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

2 Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr
2 Troodos 26-Apr

Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*

10 Anarita Park 23-Apr
7 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
4 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
2 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
seen Anarita Park 27-Apr
seen Agia Varvara 28-Apr

Western Jackdaw *Coloeus monedula*

1 Anarita Park 23-Apr
20 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
2 M1 Pools 24-Apr
8 Akoursos 25-Apr
3 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
11 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
10 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
seen Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
4 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
10 Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr

Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*

25 Mandria 23-Apr
15 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
1 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
1 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
seen Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
seen Agia Varvara 27-Apr
seen Mandria 27-Apr
35 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
seen Agia Varvara 28-Apr
seen Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Cyprus Coal Tit *Periparus [ater] cypriotes*

5 Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr
2 Troodos Botanical Gardens 26-Apr

Great Tit *Parus major*

1 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
1 Mandria 23-Apr
2 Akoursos 25-Apr
2 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
2 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
6 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

6 Mandria 26-Apr

Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

10 Akrotiri Salt Lake 24-Apr
2 Akoursos 25-Apr
4 Kathikas vineyards 25-Apr
heard Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
2 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
4 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
1 Mandria 27-Apr
2 Nata Bridge 28-Apr
2 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

12 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 28-Apr

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

20 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
10 Mandria 23-Apr
60 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
35 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
2 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
40 M1 Pools 24-Apr
100 est Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
2 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
13 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
100 en route Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
10 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
6 Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
2 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
22 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
140 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
20 Agia Varvara 28-Apr
10 Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr
30 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*

20 Mandria 23-Apr
4 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
10 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
30 Akoursos 25-Apr
30 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
30 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
4 Agia Varvara 27-Apr

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

1 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
7 Akoursos 25-Apr
200 flying over en route from Kathikas to north coast Kathikas - Latchi 25-Apr
1 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
10 Troodos Botanical Gardens 26-Apr
2 Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr

Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*

2 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
1 heard Anarita Park 23-Apr
2 heard Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
2 heard Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
2 seen and heard Akoursos 25-Apr
2 heard Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 heard Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
1 heard Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
3 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
2 heard Agia Varvara 27-Apr
2 heard Agia Varvara 28-Apr
3 heard Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr
heard Nata Bridge 28-Apr

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

1 at spring Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr

Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus*

One heard only Agia Varvara soakaways, 23-Apr

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

1 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
1 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

heard Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
4 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
1 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr

Eastern Olivaceous Warbler *Iduna pallida*

2 heard Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
heard Akoursos 25-Apr
1 at spring Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
4 heard Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
4 Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr
heard Agia Varvara 27-Apr
heard Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr
1 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

1 heard Anarita Park 23-Apr
2 Mandria 23-Apr
heard Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
1 M1 Pools 24-Apr
2 Kathikas vineyards 25-Apr
3 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Eurasian Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

1 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
4 at spring Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr

Spectacled Warbler *Curruca conspicillata*

1 on territory, male Minthis Hills 25-Apr

Sardinian Warbler *Curruca melanocephala*

2 Anarita Park 23-Apr
2 Mandria 23-Apr
2 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
3 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
1 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
4 Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
2 Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr
2 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr
12 including several family parties of 3+ juvs Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Cyprus Warbler *Curruca melanothorax*

3 2m, f Anarita Park 23-Apr
1 fem Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr

Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

3 singing, not seen, Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr

Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*

1 heard Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr
2 Troodos 26-Apr

Common Blackbird *Turdus merula*

4 singing Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

1 Smygies Trail 25-Apr
1 Agia Varvara 28-Apr
4 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*

1 singing in valley beside Kato Platres - Pano Platres road
Mandria - Troodos 26-Apr

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

1 m Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
2 m,f Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr

Blue Rock-thrush *Monticola solitarius*

1 high on rock, male Troodos Botanical Gardens 26-Apr

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*

1 Agia Varvara 23-Apr
4 Mandria 23-Apr
1 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
1 fem Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

6 Mandria 23-Apr
1 M1 Pools 24-Apr
3 m,f Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Eastern Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe melanoleuca*

1 fem Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Cyprus Wheatear *Oenanthe cyprica*

1 Anarita Park 23-Apr
3 Akoursos 25-Apr
2 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
1 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
1 Smygies Trail 25-Apr
16 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
1 singing Troodos Botanical Gardens 26-Apr

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

seen Anarita Park 23-Apr
60 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
6 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
seen Minthis Hills 25-Apr
seen Anarita Park 27-Apr
seen Nata Bridge 28-Apr
50 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

Spanish Sparrow *Passer hispaniolensis*

seen Anarita Park 23-Apr
heard Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
seen Minthis Hills 25-Apr
7 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
3 Polis Chrysochou campsite river 25-Apr
seen Anarita Park 27-Apr

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

Not allocated to race.
5 Mandria 23-Apr
7 plus *feldegg* and *flava*, listed separately Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
1 Bishop's Pool 24-Apr
2 Agia Varvara 27-Apr

Blue-headed Wagtail *M. f. flava*

10 Mandria 23-Apr
6 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
1 m M1 Pools 24-Apr
10 Mandria 27-Apr
1 m Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
3 incl. one young-looking bird Nata Bridge 28-Apr

Grey-headed Wagtail *M. f. thunbergi*

1 M1 Pools 24-Apr

Black-headed Wagtail *M. f. feldegg*

10 Mandria 23-Apr
5 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
2 M1 Pools 24-Apr
3 Agia Varvara 27-Apr
10 Mandria 27-Apr
1 m Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

1 Minthis Hills 25-Apr

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

8 Mandria 23-Apr
4 Mandria 27-Apr

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

10 Livadi tou Pasha 26-Apr
2 singing Mandria - Troodos 26-Apr
10 singing Troodos 26-Apr
2 Troodos Botanical Gardens 26-Apr

European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*

4 Akrotiri Marsh (Phasouri reed-beds) 24-Apr
2 Kensington Cliffs 24-Apr
2 M1 Pools 24-Apr
1 Akoursos 25-Apr
1 Mavrokolymbos Dam 25-Apr
16 Smygies Trail 25-Apr
1 Acheleia Cement Works 27-Apr
5 Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
1 Acheleia Cement Works 28-Apr
heard Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr

Common Linnet *Linaria cannabina*

2 Kathikas vineyards 25-Apr
4 Minthis Hills 25-Apr
2 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
6 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

3 1 juv Akoursos 25-Apr
16 Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
5 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr
3 Ag. Varvara m/way soakaways 27-Apr
3 juv Paphos Sewage Plant 27-Apr
4 several juvs Episkopi, Paphos 28-Apr
2 Nata Bridge 28-Apr
2 Paphos Lighthouse 28-Apr

European Serin *Serinus serinus*

3 Baths of Aphrodite 25-Apr
2 at spring Neo Chorio - Agios Minas 25-Apr
1 Mandria - Troodos 26-Apr
1 Troodos Botanical Gardens 26-Apr

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

heard Kathikas vineyards 25-Apr
1 singing Minthis Hills 25-Apr
3 Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*

1 flying past Anarita Park 23-Apr

Cretzschmar's Bunting *Emberiza caesia*

4 singing and perching high Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr

Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala*
3 males Agios Nikolaos - Omodos 26-Apr